



FRIENDS OF THE LSU TEXTILE & COSTUME MUSEUM

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Dear Friend,

On behalf of the Friends of the LSU Textile & Costume Museum, I extend a personal invitation to you to become a member of the Friends of the Museum for the 2014-2015 academic year. We are excited about upcoming events and need your support as the Museum moves forward in its continuing service to the University and public.

Joy Smith
President

The Friends Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon, held September 12th at the Governor's Mansion, was an exciting beginning to this past membership year. For the first time, a very special exhibition of the Museum's *First Families of Louisiana Collection* included the Jindal family's inaugural apparel!

Diane Deaton
Vice President

In the Museum's gallery, the exhibition *In the Couture Tradition: The Gowns of Suzanne Perron*, opened in November and featured the special occasion gowns of the New Orleans couture designer and LSU alumna. Programming included a campus-held workshop in couture techniques conducted by Perron and her studio for the school's apparel design students. Its replacement, *Knot Just Beads: Works by Bead/Fiber Artist Jane Olson-Phillips*, included over 100 works by the local Baton Rouge resident as well as antique and vintage jewelry donated to the Museum by the artist. *Hemline@LSU: Students Promoting Fashion and Philanthropy* was mounted this summer and highlights the student organization's participation in the American Heart Association's *Go Red For Hearts* campaign and the group's production of its annual runway show and student design competition. Artifacts from the Museum's collections were also part of other area exhibitions this last year, including two at West Baton Rouge Museum, *A Louisianan's Grand Tour in the Belle Époque* and *100 Years after the War to End All Wars: 1914-2014*.

Dusty Manson
Secretary

Melinda Mooney
Treasurer

It has been a busy year for the Friends, too. Not only was the 2013 "Your Friends' Closet Sale" a success but also the third annual *Tea, Fashion & Fancies* fundraiser held in partnership with LSU Rural Life Museum in February. Now, it is almost time for our ninth **"Your Friends' Closet Sale" on Saturday, November 15th**, at the LSU Mini-Farm! Sale donations continue to be accepted at Friends' Sale partner **Mignon Faget** during its retail store hours at Town Center.

Pat Alford
Elise Blewster
Susan Hidalgo-Smith

Brenda Hutchinson
Jessy Hutchinson
Tatsy Jeter

Nell Dougherty
René Nevils

Beth Phillips
Connie Smith

Jeanne Triche
Evva Wilson

And, make your reservations now for the 2014-15 **Friends' Luncheon** to be held October 24th at Juban's Restaurant. The event does not require membership and will feature guest speaker and **local women's apparel designer Pedram Taheri**. For more information, see the included invitation or call 225-578-2281.

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Pam Rabalais-Vinci
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Yet another opportunity to assist the Museum is included in this annual membership request – the opportunity to **"sponsor" a new addition to the Museum's Louisiana Collection** that preserves our state's history through the "clothes we wore." With your help, each of the featured garments can become a part of this collection of artifacts, each from West Feliciana's Cottage Plantation and the Judge Thomas Butler family.

In closing, I urge you to please give your support to the Museum by returning the enclosed membership form today. It is Friends' monies that make possible not only the mounting of Gallery exhibitions but also provide general operating expenses for the Museum in caring for its collections.

Sincerely,

Joy Smith
President