



*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 coming 2017-2018 academic year. The Museum needs your support as it moves forward in its continuing service to the University and the public and as it prepares for a **new much-enlarged home for the Museum's exhibition gallery!**

Join us on **Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**, as we celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with birthday programming at 10 a.m. followed by the option to volunteer and shop as we prepare for the Friends' largest fundraiser, the ***Your Friends' Closet Sale***. Then, mark your calendar for **Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** and the Closet Sale's 9 a.m. opening for early bird shopping before 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. general admission. With widely-available weekend campus parking, the LSU Human Ecology Building (Tower and South Campus Drives) is the location for both events.

There is still time to view ***Lingerie Redefined: Iconic Yet Overlooked Everyday Fashions 1900s-1920s*** – the 23<sup>rd</sup> exhibition since the original gallery's inception. And, the Museum is always traveling! To view additional Museum holdings locally, check the Old State Capital's *Louisiana's First Spouses* exhibit for First Lady Patti Roemer's inaugural suit and **HAPPY BIRTHDAY! 200 Years for the Red Stick, 25 Years for the Friends** at the East Baton Rouge Parish Goodwood Library for a selection of red fashions with local provenance mounted in celebration of our city's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday. And just returning to its Museum home is another piece, an extraordinary 1980s dress created by New York designer Mary McFadden that has been featured in the Louisiana Art and Science Museum's *Polymers in Art Through the Centuries*.

Also to add to your calendar is this year's **"Tea, Fashion & Fancies"** event to be held **Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**, at the LSU Rural Life Museum. The theme "Repurpose, Recycle, Reimagine" will feature local jewelry entrepreneur Susan Davis of Grandmother's Buttons!

In closing, I urge you to please give your support to the Museum by returning the enclosed membership form today. Friends' monies provide competitive scholarships for LSU fashion students, sustain general operating expenses for the Museum in caring for its collections and, now, can subsidize renovation costs as the Museum prepares to move into the new exhibition space!

Sincerely,

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