

NEWSLETTER- APRIL 2013



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Dear Members: As always, we invite Members to suggest events or speakers or join the Board. We are looking for an enterprising member who could take on the task of President. Anyone interested in assuming this position or in joining the Board please contact Ben Banayan at benbanayan@hotmail.com or Peter Poullada at sppoullada@sbcglobal.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 8, 2013 Speaker: Walter Denny

*"Carpets, Textiles and Islamic Art:
New Museum Practice in the 21st Century"*

Krimsa: 2190 Union street, San Francisco. Tel 415-441-4320

Doors open at 6:30/ talk begins at 7:15. Members show and tell to follow.

Nearest parking : Plaza Parking at 2001 Union, 1.5 blocks away, or Lombard garage (between Webster & Fillmore) entrance on Moulton, 3 blocks away.

Walter B. Denny, Professor of Art History at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst will deliver an illustrated lecture about the planning and implementation of the new Islamic galleries at the Met., concentrating on the dramatically enhanced displays of carpets and textiles. He will also discuss the role of textiles and carpets in other new or renovated Islamic galleries, including the Museum of Islamic Art in Doha, Qatar, the Louvre in Paris, and the Detroit Institute of Arts, the David Collection in Copenhagen, and the forthcoming Aga Khan Museum in Toronto.

Walter B. Denny: Since 2007, Walter has served as senior consultant in the Dept. of Islamic Art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. His research interests in Islamic art concentrate largely on the arts of the Ottoman Empire and on the history of Islamic carpets and textiles. His publications cover the media of architecture, design and painting, carpets, silk textiles, and ceramic tiles and wares. For over forty years he has also taught, pursued research, and published on the thousand-year history of East-West artistic interchange in European art and artistic culture, and has trained generations of graduate students in the areas of art museum theory and practice. He has curated more than a dozen museum exhibitions in his areas of specialty; his exhibition *The Sultan's Garden: The Blossoming of Ottoman Art* was recently shown at the Textile Museum in Washington, D.C., chronicling how a short list of stylized plants became the "brand recognition" of the empire and a floral style that continues to impact the textile arts. In 2012 Walter was honored by the Textile Museum with the George Hewitt Myers Award for lifetime achievement in the textile arts.

Fall 2013

October 17-21,
**Antique Rug and
Textile Arts**

(ARTS) presents
the San Francisco
Antique Rug and
Textile Show at the
Capri Motel 2015
Greenwich Street,
San Francisco .

There will be a
lecture on Tibetan
rugs at Krimsa on
either the 19th or
20th plus an exhibit
on Anatolian and
Persian tribal bags.

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Sunday, June 23, 2013

ANNUAL GATHERING at JIM DIXON'S

CARPET PALACE & GARDENS: 18825 Fitzpatrick Lane
Occidental, Sonoma Country, CA (707) 874 9512

**Open House and Pot-Luck Picnic to begin at 12:30 p.m.
Show and Tell from the Dixon Collection, 2:30-4:00 p.m.**

We are delighted that Jim Dixon continues to support SFBARS by generously inviting all members, their guests and our friends from the **Armenian Rug Society** to his hill-top house located on a redwood-forested ridge with views of the Sonoma Coast for a day of fine weather, good food, gorgeous carpets and flowers.

Even if you have been to Jim Dixon's before, come out! Bring a friend. Introduce them to one of the finest collections of Oriental carpets in the world and a spectacular setting.

Please note a few points of etiquette. We do not wear street shoes in the house; socks or slippers are fine. Parking is limited so car-pooling is appreciated. We will NOT be using the bathrooms in the house but will have Port-a-potties as we did last year. We will be recycling as much as possible and will have marked containers.

In keeping with previous years, we are organizing the event as a **pot-luck**. While basic paper and plastic supplies and simple beverages will be provided, **Members** are requested to bring a savory or sweet dish: quiches, Middle Eastern foods, finger foods, dips, pasta salads, cheese, fruit, cakes or other sweets are welcome. Jim is reputed to like chocolate cake !

DIRECTIONS to Jim Dixon's House- If lost call Jim (707) 874-9512

Although there are other ways to get there, Jim recommends the following:

1. North on Highway 101 past Petaluma. Take the Railroad Avenue exit going west. When Railroad Avenue dead-ends, turn right on Stony Point Road.
2. In about 2 miles, turn left on Roblar Road, which dead-ends at Valley Ford Road. Go right on Valley Ford through the town of Valley Ford, staying to the right when the road divides. Continue on the Valley Ford-Freestone Road until it dead-ends at Bodega Highway.
3. Left on Bodega Highway for 2 miles. Watch for a sharp right turn into Joy Road. Proceed up the hill for 5 miles on Joy Road, which narrows through a redwood forest.
4. After 5 long miles on Joy Road, make a left onto Fitzpatrick Lane. Jim's house is 3 miles along the ridge on this bumpy and narrow lane. Pass over a cattle guard, then through another redwood grove, then at about mile 2, you will come to a second cattle guard. You will see a sign on the left saying "Private Road": keep going. Continue another 1 mile. As the road dwindles, look to the left. On a telephone pole you will see the number 18825. Make a left turn into the drive, for a quarter of a mile until you see a gate. Go through the gate and park, Jim's house is on the left.

To coordinate the pot-luck

Please RSVP to Nancy at (415) 315 8285. Leave her your name, number, number in your party, and what you would like to bring. You can also RSVP by email to nancy.a.sheppard@jpmorgan.com. It is helpful if earlier arrivals bring savory dishes and main courses while later comers bring desserts.

Please note that many GPS systems seem to think that Fitzpatrick Lane can be accessed from the west, but it cannot. It is a dead end accessible ONLY from Joy Road.



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Thank you for your appreciation and participation, and ongoing interest in SFBARS.

Sincerely,
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