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Celebrate Craft: Handmade Textile Demos and Workshops A Part of From the Heart, Made by Hand: Treasures from the Women of Sweden Textile Demonstrations, Saturday, January 12th 12-4pm Textile Workshops, February 23, 10am-1pm



Philadelphia, PA-As a part of our ongoing celebration of *hemslojd* (home craft) and our exhibit *From the Heart, Made by Hand*, the ASHM is offering two opportunities to learn more about the art of handmade textiles. One will feature artisans stationed throughout the museum doing demonstrations and the other will offer two workshops to try your hand at weaving.

On January 12 from 12-4pm, artisans will be stationed around the Museum galleries demonstrating tapestry weaving, embroidery, knitting, and spinning techniques. Textile experts will also be giving talks throughout the day and artist's pop-up shops will be open. Activities on this day are free with general museum admission.

And on February 23rd, from 10am to 1pm, choose from two different workshop options; create a wall hanging on a rigid heddle loom with Philadelphia Guild of Handweavers or learn the basics of wheat weaving and make a plait design with Linda Beiler. Space is very limited for each class, so make sure to sign up in advance, either by calling the museum or signing up online. \$30 member, \$35 non-member.

Tickets may be purchased at the door for January 12th Demonstrations and in advance for February 23rd's workshops at <u>www.americanswedish.org/events</u>. Call 215-389-1776 or email <u>info@americanswedish.org</u> for more information.

The American Swedish Historical Museum is located in FDR Park at 1900 Pattison Avenue in South Philadelphia, five blocks west of the Sports Complex. The Museum is easily accessible from Route 95 or 76 and has free parking. For those taking public transportation, the Broad Street subway NRG/Pattison Ave stop, or SEPTA's Route 17 bus is within walking distance of the Museum.

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