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Woven Gardens of Hope: Afghan Women’s Carpets

January 23, 2015 – March 1, 2015

Contemporary views of Afghanistan are dominated by images of strife and social breakdown. In contrast, this exhibition celebrates the area’s rich textile traditions that have contributed to world culture for centuries. This artisanal tradition is presented through; historic carpets from private collections, objects from the Helen Louise Allen Textile Collection and carpets by Afghan women participating in ARZU Hope Studio. Through their weaving, the women achieve entrepreneurial success and community sustainability.

Opening Celebration January 25, 3:30 – 6:00

3:30 - 4:30  ARZU Hope Studio: Empowering Women Through Carpets
Connie Duckworth, Founder and CEO, Winner of the Corporate Social innovation Award, YWCA, 2014. “Many women don’t realize that they can achieve their dreams and execute on their passions in business. And the beauty of having a successful business is it gives you a wonderful economic platform from which to do good.”

4:30 - 6:00  Delicacies by Kabul Restaurant
Afghan inspired music by Thomas Moore and Richard Miller

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Related Events

Wednesday February 4  5:30 – 7:30  IIDA Networking, Transforming Poverty into Opportunity

Thursday February 5  5:00 - 6:00  Carnig Minasian, Afghan Carpets: Past to Present

Thursday February 19  12:00 - 1:00  Sharon Fenlon, Small Wonders: Collectible Oriental Rugs

Sunday March 1  12:00 – 3:00  Marianne Fairbanks, Weaving for Kids! Ages 5-12

All events are located in the School of Human Ecology, 1300 Linden Drive, Madison, WI

Check web, sohe.wisc.edu/design-gallery/ or Facebook for event updates and room locations

For parking info: http://map.wisc.edu/, click on lot for real time availability.
Wheel chair accessibility is in Lot 27- Nancy Nicholas Parking Garage.

About Us
Exhibitions in the Ruth Davis Design Gallery explore themes that relate to the creative processes and products of design. We are a hub for research, education and outreach by bringing together the Helen Louise Allen Textile Collection, Ruth Davis Design Gallery and Ruth Ketterer Harris Library. It enhances undergraduate and graduate programs in Design Studies. The Gallery is free to the public.