August 24, 2022

Dear Supporter,

Although our 2021-2022 membership renewal campaign and annual meeting had to be delayed until this last February, it is time to get back on schedule. So, as a supporter, I ask you to consider becoming a member of the Friends for the upcoming 2022-2023 academic year. The Museum needs your support as it not only moves forward in its service to the University and the public, but now focuses on maximizing the potential of its New Exhibition Wing with:

**FASHION RESEARCH LIBRARY**

…. renovation of the space that will become the new and larger site for the Museum’s extensive library of textile and fashion books!

“...I would come by your office about once a week while waiting for a ride, and go into this fashion dreamland where there were Lanvin, Madame Gres, Chanel, Balmain, Valentino, and all of these many different designers I’d heard of, never had the resources to explore... I moved to New York... however, I never forgot those afternoons of books.” LSU STUDENT 2017

**FRIENDS ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

In observance of Mother’s Day, the Friends sponsored a *Celebrate Mothers with Your Friends luncheon* on May 5th at the City Club of Baton Rouge. Attendees were asked to bring their moms or wear/bring a special heirloom to share as well as a framed photo to display for a fun mother-daughter matching game! A silent auction and vintage jewelry sale also contributed to the event.
2022-2023 ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendars! We are looking forward to our upcoming 2022-2023 Annual Meeting for Museum supporters as well as the general public on Sunday, September 18th, 2-4pm, on the LSU campus in the Human Ecology Building Lobby, at the corner of Tower and S. Campus Drives. The program will include a special presentation by Textiles, Apparel Design and Merchandising alum and well-known New Orleans’ designer/boutique owner, Yvonne LaFleur. In addition, the Museum will unveil the latest donation to its First Families of Louisiana Collection: the inaugural apparel of First Lady Donna Edwards. Attendees will be able to once more enjoy Trajé, Maya Textile Artistry, the Museum’s twenty-sixth exhibition since 1992 but the first in the new exhibition wing.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

In closing, I urge you to continue to give your support to the Museum by becoming a 2022-2023 member and returning the enclosed form today. **Friends’ monies:**

- provide competitive scholarships for LSU fashion students
- assist the Museum in covering its general operating expenses required in caring for its collections
- allow the Museum, through donations to the Museum Exhibition Space Support Fund, to augment its new exhibition furnishings and continue in its determination to provide visitors with state-of-the-arts experiences in a fully functional exhibition gallery
- if earmarked for the Fashion Library, make it possible for other students to enjoy afternoons of books—in their own fashion dreamland!

Sincerely,

Jeanne Triche
President