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**DISCOVER AND "DOCUMENT DUPONT" THIS JUNE
AT THE FREE DUPONT-KALORAMA MUSEUM WALK WEEKEND**
Including NEW Member National Geographic Museum
Saturday, June 2, and Sunday, June 3



May 1, 2012, Washington, D.C. - Washingtonians and visitors to our nation's capital are invited to discover and document the city's exciting Dupont Circle-Kalorama neighborhood on the first weekend in June. Nine diverse museums of the Dupont-Kalorama Museums Consortium (DKMC) will be opening their doors to the public free of charge during the 29th Annual DKMC Museum Walk Weekend (Saturday and Sunday, June 2 and 3, 2012). This year's theme, "Documenting Dupont," encourages visitors to capture the many details that make one of D.C.'s most beautiful neighborhoods unique, including its many museums. While documenting the exteriors, step into the interiors to discover the Anderson House, Dumbarton House, Fondo del Sol Visual Arts Center, Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site, National Geographic

Museum, National Museum of American Jewish Military History, The Phillips Collection, The Textile Museum, and the Woodrow Wilson House, all open free of charge June 2 and 3, 2012.

DKMC Museum Walk Weekend is an opportunity for locals to travel in their own neighborhood, and for visitors to explore D.C.'s "off-the-Mall" museums. A wide variety of exhibitions are featured, such as Anderson House's *The American Revolution at Sea*, and The Textile Museum's *Dragons, Nagas, and Creatures of the Deep*, a celebration of the Chinese Year of the Dragon. New on the 2012 Museum Walk is the addition of the National Geographic Museum, hosting three exhibitions, including *Titanic: 100 Year Obsession*. Many sites are offering special programming, including The Phillips Collections' *Jazz 'n Families Fun Day* event, The Textile Museum's annual *Celebration of Textiles*, the Woodrow Wilson House's *Electric Car Rally*, the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site's panel discussion, musical performances, and book lecture, and the National Museum of American Jewish Military History's Family Stories (see below for each museum's exhibition and programming details).

Local restaurants and shops will offer discounts to Walk Weekend participants, including 10% off at Firehook Bakery and at Teatism, as well as 15% off purchases at Looped Yarn Works. Enter your Walk Weekend photos in Washington City Paper's photo contest for a chance to win a DKMC prize pack and exposure on FotoDC's online galleries. More information at www.washingtoncitypaper.com/promotions.

The 29th Annual DKMC Museum Walk Weekend media sponsor is Washington City Paper. Additional support is provided by FotoDC, GoDCGo, and Cultural Tourism DC.

TO NOTE: The Museum Walk event is held rain or shine. Open hours at each museum vary each day. The National Museum of American Jewish Military History is open Sunday only. Photography may not be permitted inside all participating sites, per individual collections policies. A free shuttle service is offered between sites.

For more information or images, visit www.dkmuseums.com or contact Missy Groppe at missygroppe@dumbartonhouse.org.

About the Dupont-Kalorama Museums Consortium

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NEW THIS YEAR! National Geographic Museum

17th & M Streets, NW
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www.ngmuseum.org

Exhibitions: Samurai: The Warrior Transformed; Titanic: 100 Year Obsession; Beyond the Story: National Geographic Unpublished 2011.

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