

Goldstein Museum Visit, November 7, 1-2:30 pm

In keeping with the Cabinets of Curiosity theme of exploration, we will visit the somewhat hidden small museum and much larger collection of design artifacts on the St. Paul Campus of the University of Minnesota. With a history deeply embedded in McNeal Hall, this UMRA tour will reveal an array of familiar and rare objects that reflect the innovative spirit



of what Walter Lippman named the American Century. The collection suggests the many ways that human imagination, scientific and technological expertise, and interdisciplinary collaboration intersect to produce entirely new objects. Design is the organizing principle at the heart of this collection that holds hundreds of designer dresses and handbags, indigenous rugs and fabrics, and molded plastics housewares.



The Goldstein Museum, now part of the College of Design, had its origin in textiles collected for teaching and research by two world-traveling sisters, Harriet and Vetta Goldstein. Today the collections encompass the original base of international fabrics and textiles and more. Researchers find materials for their studies in unexpected treasures as well as on historical meaning. Our expert describe the museum's origin and bringing out significant but rarely seen examples from storage for us to see and touch. We will have time to discuss them before we tour the exhibition gallery to see the newly installed designed display of World Fairs in America curated by Professor Dingliang Yang.



both rare and representative history, art, and culture. We will see familiar objects that have now taken current collecting principles by

Please [register](#) to join us on November 7, 2023, from 1 to 2:30 in McNeal Hall 274. After that, some of us will meet at Nico's tacos on Como Avenue for snacks and conversation. The group size at the Goldstein is limited, so be sure to sign up soon if you are interested in joining this tour of hidden treasures.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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