



Philadelphia Rug and Textile Society



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Next Meeting:

Friday, March 24th, 2006 at 7:30 PM

***“Turkomen of the Middle Amu Daraya.
- The Weavings of the Ersari”***

**at Focus Pointe, Robert Morris Bldg, 3rd Floor
100 North Seventeenth Street
(NW Corner, 17th & Arch Streets)
Philadelphia, PA
Tel: 215-561-5500**

Parking is available next door.



*an Ersari chuval, Rippon-Boswell, May 2004,
from the collection of Leslie and Robert Pinner*

Admission: \$ 15.00 at the door, unless you are a member and have paid your dues. Non-members and renewing members, please make your check payable to "Aron Fisher, Treasurer. The admission fee may be applied toward new membership.

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Central Asian weavings have fascinated collectors and anthropologist for a very long time. It is easy to be confused with these eclectic weavings from the Turkmen tribes of the Middle Amu Darya (The Oxus River). Often called "Ersari" or "Beshir", the exact terminology can be confusing and/or misleading.



*a middle Amu Darya Carpet
from the collection of Dennis Dodds*

Erik Risman is a collector of the Middle Amu Darya weavings, President of the Indianapolis Rug Society, as well as playing an active role in organizing the ACOR Conferences.





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a Beshir rug
approx. 6 ft. 3 in. by 3 ft. 4 in. (160 by 102 cm)



an Ersari chuval
from the collection of Jon Thompson

Mr. Risman is also compiling an extensive, comprehensive catalogue of all Amu Darya tribal weavings in museum and private collections in the USA and Europe. This is a not-to-be-missed lecture, especially if you want to learn more about Turkmen weavings.



an Ersari gemetsch, Rippon-Boswell, May 2004
from the collection of Leslie and Robert Pinner

We will have also hold a show-and-tell after the talk. Bring your pieces, especially if you have questions on what to call them. Are you sure that it's a Tekke, Salor, Saryk, Yomud or maybe it's an "Ersari"? Bring it in and let's decide together.





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*detail of a Beshir main carpet, Rippon-Boswell, May 2004
from the collection of Leslie and Robert Pinner*

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Coming Events:

Thursday, March 30 at 5:00 PM

“Flowers of the Mountain: Anatolian Rugs Today”
at The Arthur Ross Gallery
220 S. 34th Street
Philadelphia, PA

In connection with the ongoing exhibit:

“Antique Anatolian Carpets from Philadelphia Area Collections”

This lecture is sponsored by the Graduate Program in “Folklore and Folk life”, at the Middle East Center and the Arthur Ross Gallery, at the University of Pennsylvania. Henry Glassie will give a lecture about Anatolian Carpets at the ARG, followed by a guided walk through the exhibit.

Monday, April 10 at 3:00 PM

Peter Pap highlighting trends in collecting
(as part of the Philadelphia Antique Show)
at the 103rd Engineers Armory
33rd and Market Streets
Philadelphia, PA

As a special presentation for the Philadelphia Rug and Textile Society, at 3 PM on Monday, April 10th noteworthy dealer Peter Pap will highlight the strengths and weaknesses of the current Oriental rug market at his booth at the Philadelphia Antique Show. This show, which benefits the University of Pennsylvania Health System, is held at 103rd Engineers Armory, 33rd and Market Streets. Usual entrance fees for the show will apply.

And for all the Balouchi-philes in our group, we’re going to have a Balouch-centric meeting:





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Friday, May 12 at 7:30 PM

**De Witt Mallory will present:
"Balouch Rugs"**

at Focus Pointe

Please enroll me as a PRTS member, as follows:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (\$ 50) | <input type="checkbox"/> Couple (\$ 80) |
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For those of you who would still rather prefer to receive your newsletter by the paper route, PLEASE let us know. Otherwise keep your eyes open to some major enhancements in the form of a new and expanded PRTS newsletter about to hit your email inbox. We would forward to hearing comments and feedback from everyone! And don't forget to visit our website (www.geocities.com/jbulyk) for even more information. Thank you, from your friends at the Philadelphia Rug and Textile Society.

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