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From Court Costume to "Cool Biz": *Bingata* in Okinawa and Beyond

Online program April 24th at 12:00 p.m.

Please join us this Friday for a lunchtime lecture about Japanese *bingata* textiles with Lee Talbot, curator of the George Washington University Museum and The Textile Museum in D.C. This complimentary program is available via Zoom, a video conferencing platform (details below). If not already done, please submit an RSVP to Anne-Lise Whitescarver by email at annelise.ny@hotmail.com or via telephone/text at Tel. 612-618-3151.

The Ryukyu Kingdom (present-day Okinawa) gained renown throughout East Asia for its superb textile production. Among the kingdom's most famed fabrics were those patterned with *bingata*, a uniquely Okinawan dyeing technique noted for colors and patterns that evoke the island's bright sun, shimmering seas, and lush foliage. An exacting technique originally associated with the Ryukyu Kingdom's ruling class, *bingata* remains a vibrant symbol of Okinawan identity, history, and culture. Illustrated with rare garments and furnishings from museum collections as well as recent works by contemporary artists and fashion designers, this lecture will explore the history of *bingata* in light of Okinawa's profound socio-historical transformations over the last two centuries.

Zoom Meeting Information for April 24th Program

Topic: Japanese Textiles Program with Lee Talbot
Time: Apr 24, 2020 12:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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- -Click the link in the meeting invitation or copy and paste it to the web browser on your computer (PC or Mac); you can also click the link from the email app on your smartphone or tablet, but you will need to download the free Zoom app first
- -Log onto the meeting a few minutes before the program start time
- -When logging in you will be prompted to enter the Meeting ID and password; you will also be prompted to enter your name and to connect to the computer audio (there is no need to sign in or sign up with Zoom)
- -Once you log on, please mute your line
- -Zoom is relatively easy, so don't let the technology keep you from joining us; we will guide you through some of the basic features (please log on 10-15 minutes early)
- -If you are unable to join using a device you can dial in by telephone

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A creative arrangement with calla lilies, carnations, and cabbage by Jenny Sun.

Coming in May

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In the spirit of Art in Bloom, we will be creating our own virtual flower show next month. The idea is to select an art work or artifact in our homes and create a complementary interpretive arrangement. Pictures of the arrangement and art will be submitted and posted to our website and Facebook page to share with the broader community. The collection may also be published in a booklet and sold to raise funds for our chapter. More details to come soon!

Thank you to all of you who have submitted photos of your spring arrangements. Let's continue to inspire one another and share our creativity and ideas. Friendship through flowers!

Have something to share? Please send an email to Myrna Little at: myrna0118@gmail.com



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