

Invitation

We are organizing a post-AMES visit to *The Carpet Cellar*, which is a shop specializing in fine and vintage textiles, especially carpets and shawls. We are promised an informative introduction to the world of fine and vintage textiles.

Among other things, they will showcase some very fine examples of antique Mughal Carpets, Agra Jail and *Maharaj* cashmere carpets, rare textiles and *Jamewar* shawls.

There will be snacks and wine.

- **Time.** 18:30-19:30, December 22
- **Place.** *The Carpet Cellar*, 1 Anand Lok, Khel Gaon Marg, New Delhi

The event is free and there is absolutely no obligation to buy anything. For more information about *The Carpet Cellar*, please go to www.carpetcellar.com

Logistics

AMES 2012 will organize the logistics of going to *The Carpet Cellar* provided at least 10 persons are interested in the programme. The maximum number that can be accommodated for the event is 40; allocation of spots will be on a first-come-first-served basis. So, please sign-up at the Main Help Desk in the Ground Floor Foyer of the Economics Building.

The Carpet Cellar

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Dear Friends ,

I am writing to you to offer an unique opportunity for a carpet education and orientation workshop with illustrative examples from important carpet weaving regions around the world for your forthcoming conference.

I started collecting carpets almost 37 years ago and have bought at auction in Europe and America and as far away as New Zealand, Australia and South America and have encountered numerous carpet dealers , academicians and experts from around the world. Unfortunately there is a lot of ambiguity and misrepresentation in the carpet and old textile trade in India .

As you are aware we have one of the largest collection and variety of old and important carpets from around the world starting with the very well known Persian , Kashan ,Isfahan ,Tabriz and Kirman workshop carpets ,Afshaar , Shiraz, Kashgai, Tribal Carpets and the various famous Turkman Tekke, Yamud, Saroukhi and lesser known Afghan , Uzbek and other beautiful Central Asian weaves.

However most importantly , we have the single largest collection of antique Mughal jail carpets some dating back to the 16 and 17 th century which have a very unique identity neither Persian where the sensibility originated nor geometrical but a fascinating fusion .

In addition, we have exquisite Indian textiles from as far and wide as Rajasthan, Gujarat ,South India and Kashmir.

I would like to arrange with your help a series of educational interactive talks touching on carpet weaving in different parts of the world dying techniques ,cultural and sociological norms and prevalent practices in Society amongst other factors that influence design ,constructions and usage of what are now floor coverings.

There is no obligation or compulsion to purchase or be interested in buying a carpet in the future nor are there any participation fees etc.We will be happy if you would kindly intimate a time period that is workable after consulting with your friends and compatriots at the embassy and advise.

I propose to conduct such sessions on any day of the week as may be mutually convenient. Since we are open every day even the weekend is possible.

I look forward to hearing from you.

With best regards

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