

## International Museum week 2017

### Events dedicated to the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the State Silk Museum

**15-17 May** - Innovative TC-2 Jacquard loom workshop: The Unbroken Thread - With Vibeke Vestby, Digital Weaving Norway and Cathryn Amidei, Eastern Michigan University

**18-19 May** - State Silk Museum 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary International Conference “Tradition and Innovation” and Exhibition-manifest „Friendship with World Silk Museums“

**18-20 May** – Exhibition "Weaving stories, digital jacquard weaving”

**20 May** – City tour around Mtatsminda for international guests

#### **TC2 Jacquard workshop: The Unbroken Thread**

15-17. May, 2017 State Silk Museum, 6, Tsabadze st. Tbilisi, Georgia  
<http://silkmuseum.ge/index.php?a=main&pid=159&nid=159&lang=eng&page=0>

With **Vibeke Vestby**, Digital Weaving Norway and **Cathryn Amidei**, Eastern Michigan University

As a result of negotiations between the State Silk Museum and the Norwegian company Tronrud Engineering innovative TC-2 jacquard loom will be placed in the Silk Museum from May 15 till the end of August to introduce it to the different target groups.

Workshop “Unbolen Thread” implies programming any kind of image in Adobe Photoshop and formatting it to fit TC-2 loom. This loom weaves with any thread and can produce the most complex patterns.

The workshop will be led by Vibeke Vestby, Digital Weaving Norway and Cathryn Amidei, Eastern Michigan University. Workshop participants are already selected and include Georgians as well as foreign guests.



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# State Silk Museum 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary International Conference

## Tradition and Innovation

**Time:** May 18-19, 2017

**Location:** State Silk Museum 6 Tsabadze st. 0112 Tbilisi, Georgia

### Day 1

### May 18, 2017

10:30 - 11:00	Registration
11:00 - 11:20	Introduction <b>Nino Kuprava</b> – Director of the State Silk Museum <b>Mikheil Giorgadze</b> – The Minister of Culture and Monument Protection of Georgia <b>Inga Karaia</b> - ICOM President of ICOM National Committee in Georgia <b>Beatrijs Sterk</b> – Founder of European Textile Network
	5 minute break
I Panel – State Silk Museum – Three Centuries of History Moderator: Irina Koshoridze	
11:30 - 11:45	<b>Darejan Demetrashvili, State Silk Museum</b> – “At the beginning of the Caucasian Sericulture Station”
11:45 - 12:00	<b>Mariam Gochelashvili, State Silk Museum</b> – “Educational activity of the Caucasian Sericulture Station”
12:00 - 12:15	<b>Marina Aleksidze, professor, Tbilisi State University</b> – “Mushtaid Park “
12:15 - 12:30	<b>Irina Koshoridze, Senior professor in Tbilisi State University, Chief Curator, Georgian National Museum, Director of Georgian State Museum of decorative and Applied Arts.</b> – “Caucasian Handicraft Committee”

12:30 - 12:45	<b>Nino Satkoeva, Georgian National Museum</b> – “Tbilisi - administrative, political, economical and cultural centre of Caucasus”.
12:45 - 13:15	<b>Discussion</b> – Things to learn from the various history of the Silk Museum
13:15 - 14:00	<b>Coffee break /visiting the workshop space</b>
<b>II Panel - State Silk Museum – Current Challenges</b> Moderator: Salome Phachuashvili	
14:00 - 14:15	<b>Salome Tsiskarishvili, Art history PhD</b> – “Absurd and Paradoxes: the Story of survival and revitalization of the Silk Museum”
14:15 - 14:30	<b>Nino Kipshidze, Founder of Georgian Textile Group</b> – “GTG and State Silk Museum”
14:30 - 14:45	<b>Nino Tchachkhiani, architect, author of the State Silk Museum restoration project</b> – “Presentation of the State Silk Museum restoration project “
14:45 - 15:00	<b>Salome Phachuashvili, State Silk Museum</b> – “Challenges of Designing 21 <sup>st</sup> century visitor centered display in the 19 <sup>th</sup> century interior”
15:00 - 15:15	<b>Nargiz Baramidze, PhD, Senior Specialist of Agriculture Research Centre</b> – “A brief history of sericulture in Georgia and species of silkworm genetic material ”
15:15 - 15:45	<b>Discussion</b> – How to respond the current challenges
15:45 - 16:00	<b>Summing up</b>



## Exhibition-manifest „Friendship with World Silk Museums“

State Silk Museum contacted the world silk museums and they expressed their support towards us. The exhibition will display posters of these museums during the anniversary events.

### Exhibition "Weaving stories"

By **Monika Žaltauskaitė Grašienė, Vilnius Academy of Arts.**

May 18-20, 2017. 6 Tzabadze st. 0112 Tbilisi, Georgia

Textile has an incredible ability to be alive. What I mean by this is how it communicates a sense of substance, which is intimate to every human being. A fabric can hold both physical (heat, cold, protection) and rational (recall, memory) features. Each of us uses textile everyday in one way or other. Therefore, it is a common material that allows to combine multiple experiences and to understand the individual person.

Ten years ago I got particularly interested in digital jacquard weaving. It was and still is an incredible system that opens up for me, as an artist, new opportunities. Each graphic dot of image is created by manipulating the woven yarn and thread combinations programmed by a piece of computer software and through a system of codes it gets grafted into the looms smart "brain." I use technology in my art practice as a tool to expand the limits of my physical and mental capacities.



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