Year of Peru Art Exhibit

“Engaging History: Continuities of Textile Traditions in the Andes”

Curated by Cathie Joslyn, Professor of Art, Clarion University & Nilda Callañaupa Alvarez, Director, Center for Traditional Textiles in Cuzco

Location: Sturgis Library Gallery

(Gallery hours: M-Th 11am-3pm, Wednesday and Thursday evening 7-9pm, and Saturday, 1-4pm.)

Dates: Jan 30 - March 13 (Reception Feb. 16 @ 2-4pm)

Center for Traditional Textiles of Cusco (CTTC) Since 1996, the CTTC has fostered the preservation and continuation of ancient textile traditions that are the life blood of Andean highland communities. CTTC works to ensure that Cusco textile traditions are carried on, taught by elder generations to youth. In the Andes of Peru weavings are important to every Inca family. Every village has its own weaving patterns and traditions. There are thousands of techniques, layouts, styles, and practices associated with Peruvian weaving. We draw on a tradition of over 2000 years. The Center's approach is to visit, establish and maintain reciprocal relationships with selected weaving communities in the Cusco region. Through newsletters, publications, exhibits, lectures, school presentations, teacher seminars, a traveling museum, and weaving demonstrations, the Center creates opportunities that communicate knowledge about the lives and achievements of Andean weavers.

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