

WORLD ECO-FIBER & TEXTILE (W.E.F.T) FORUM 2008

Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia

“TEXTILES AND FIBERS-THE UNTOLD STORIES”

"I had this dream that a woman was asking me to weave a pua kumbu with the pattern of a dog. I told her I did not know how, as I've never done this pattern before. But the dream kept coming back. One day as I was on a journey, I saw this big black dog, just like the one in my dream. It was named KAYU ARU. After that, I knew I had to do the dog pattern. And so I wove this pua kumbu!"

NANCY NGALI,

Master Weaver, Rumah Garie longhouse.



BACKGROUND:

First started in September, 1999 at the International Ikat Weaving Forum held in Kuching, Sarawak, East Malaysia. Since then, the WEFT Forum has been a biennial event.

2001 (20-22 Sept):

'BASKETRY' and Natural Dye Workshop.

2003 (19-21 Sept):

'Hand Painted, Printed and Decorated Textiles'.

2006 (5-7 May):

'Textile Traditions Today'.



OBJECTIVES:

- To promote, share and acquire knowledge on the use of natural fibers and dyes.
- To Conserve and encourage the use of natural, sustainable material in the creation of arts and crafts.
- To network amongst natural-material producers and the craftspeople through the establishment of an information database.
- To develop a marketing network e.g. trade in raw materials, dye stuff etc.
- To encourage and coordinate research and study into the traditional use of natural fiber and dyes in all forms of textile weaving, basketry, mat-weaving, plaiting etc.
- To promote the development of World-Eco Fiber and Textile Art.
- To foster cultural exchange through exhibitions, conferences, international visits by the craftspeople for the purpose of study, lectures and workshops.

PROGRAMME:

- 3 day Forum with 9 main sessions
- International Exhibition/Bazaar on Eco-Fibers and Textiles
- "Pua-Kumbu" Iban Warp-ikat weaving competition/exhibition
- Gala Dinner and International Fashion Show.



WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND!

To find out the latest and unpublished information gathered through latest research, work and experiences in the stories, legends and oral history and traditions related to textiles and fibers.

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