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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TEXTILE MUSEUM OF CANADA'S JOAN JOHNSTON WINS OAG VOLUNTEER AWARD

Toronto – The Ontario Association of Art Galleries (OAG) has awarded Joan Johnston, a volunteer at the Textile Museum of Canada, the award as Volunteer of the Year. The award ceremony that took place September 30, 2011 recognizes and celebrates Ontario's public art galleries and their achievements.

Joan Johnston has volunteered at the Museum's H.N. Pullar Library since 1996. In 2004, she was promoted to manager, overseeing a library staff of 12-15 volunteers until she retired in May 2011. Johnston's background experience as a school librarian proved invaluable as she single-handedly transformed the library into a respected and renowned resource for artists and academic researchers both locally and internationally. Her knowledge and initiative contributed to making the Textile Museum of Canada an important resource for information related to historic and contemporary textiles from around the world, encompassing over 4,500 books, 50 journal titles, periodical files, and collections of DVDs and videos. The library provides bibliographical research support, assisting curators, scholars, researchers, artists and students in reference requests, appraisals of book donations, exhibitions of new resources, and a database available for all library visitors.

The Ontario Association of Art Galleries (OAG) was established in 1968. OAG is a registered charitable organization and consists of 109 art organizations and 108 individual members. Its mission is to serve and represent art galleries across Ontario. This is the 34th year that OAG has recognized the excellence and achievements of visual art galleries and their partners. Awards are given in over nine categories, recognizing accomplishments in Exhibitions, Art Writing, Public Programming, Education, Art Publication, Design, Partnership, Colleague and Volunteer roles.

The Textile Museum of Canada has a collection of over 12 000 objects from over 200 countries and regions. The Museum offers a broad variety of exhibitions based on its permanent collection and the contemporary work of Canadian and international artists. Programs bring artifacts and art practices to the public in engaging and interdisciplinary ways that connect art and design, tradition and innovation.

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