

MEMBERS' WEEK

15-21 MAY 2010

V&A



Join us for a thrilling week of events, activities, discounts and offers to celebrate all that Membership contributes to the life of the V&A. Over the last 34 years, V&A Members have generously supported the Museum's work from acquisitions and scholarships to the current exhibition Quilts: 1700-2010.

To say thank you to existing Members and to show others what they could enjoy, Members' Week will showcase all that Membership has to offer. This brochure includes the week's events plus special promotions. Read on for more details. If you're not a Member, join now and get more from the V&A.



"V&A Members provide vital support for our work. I hope you'll enjoy your visit and the special events of Members' Week"

Mark Jones, Director



The Victoria and Albert Museum, Grand Entrance

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Special Offer - join during Members' Week and we will deduct your ticket cost*

LECTURES AND CONCERTS

'The Queen Must Die': Victorian Dress

Saturday 15 May, 14.00-15.30

Lecture Theatre

£12 (including refreshments)

Hear author Kimberly Quinn read from her lively children's book *The Queen Must Die*, a time-travelling adventure to Queen Victoria's court, and discover the intricacies, variety and rituals of Victorian dress and what life would have been like as a Victorian child. Children aged 9-13 and adults of all ages welcome.

The Music of Walpole's London

Sunday 16 May, 14.00-14.30 (talk); 15.00-16.00 (concert)

Lecture Theatre

£12 (talk and concert)

Experience musical life in Walpole's London, from Mozart's first symphony to the gothic magnificence of the G minor symphony by the 'London Bach', Johann Christian, performed by The Orchestra of St Paul's. Before the concert, BBC Radio 3's Anthony Burton will draw together the V&A's Walpole exhibition and the music in this programme. See the V&A's exhibition *Horace Walpole and Strawberry Hill* for free - join today.

*Applies to the price of one ticket for an event listed in this brochure, deductible from one V&A Membership purchased within Members' Week, 15-21 May 2010.



See The Music of Walpole's London, Sunday 16 May

The Orchestra of St Paul's © Emily Quinton Photography

LECTURES AND CONCERTS (continued)

Liberty of London: Contemporary Quilting

Monday 17 May, 19.00-20.45

Lecture Theatre

£15 (including wine reception)

Join Liberty Art Fabrics Head of Design Emma Mawston, and Sharon Brant from Rowan Fabrics for this exclusive evening to celebrate the design of contemporary Liberty Art Fabrics and to explore the design practices and approaches of freelance quilt makers such as Kaffe Fassett and Roberta Horton.

Fine Cell Work: Needlework in Prisons

Wednesday 19 May, 14.00-15.30

Hochhauser Auditorium, Sackler Centre

£12 (including refreshments)

Hear more about the unique and inspiring work of charity Fine Cell Work who train prisoners to do professional embroidery and quilting in their cells. Their work is sold to top designers and English Heritage, and the V&A HMP Wandsworth quilt (supported by the Friends of the V&A) is exhibited in the V&A's current exhibition Quilts 1700-2010. See Quilts 1700-2010 for free - join today.

Fashion Show: A Musical Revue

Friday 21 May, 19.00-21.00

Lecture Theatre

£18 (including wine reception)

As a dedicated follower of fashion don't miss this stylish finale to Members' Week. Featuring songs by Sondheim, Berlin and Kern, and performed by a West End cast, this witty cabaret show, inspired by the glitz and glamour of Grace Kelly, will reveal the heady world of fashion through the art of musical theatre. See the V&A exhibition Grace Kelly: Style Icon for free - join today.



See Liberty of London: Contemporary Quilting, Monday 17 May

V&A limited edition quilting fabric, a collaboration between the V&A Shop and Liberty Art Fabrics

EXTERNAL VISITS

Monday 17 May - Friday 21 May

Meeting point: Membership Desk

£10 (booking required)

Monday 17 May	Albertopolis Walking Tour	11.00-12.30 or 14.00-15.30
Tuesday 18 May	The Lansdowne Club*	10.30-11.30
Wednesday 19 May	St Paul's, Knightsbridge*	10.30-12.00 or 14.00-15.30
Thursday 20 May	The Brompton Oratory	14.00-16.00
Friday 21 May	The Royal College of Music	10.45-12.15 or 14.15-15.45

**meeting point at the venue, details on ticket*

Try a taster of one of our many external visits for Members with these tours to local landmarks. Throughout the week there will be visits to: the Brompton Oratory with the Oratory Ceremoniere; the Museum of Instruments at the Royal College of Music, with its curator; St Paul's, Knightsbridge with ecclesiastical expert Ayla Lepine, not to mention walking tours of Albertopolis with guide Molly Rumbelow and a visit to the nearby private Lansdowne Club. Educational and entertaining, these visits are not to be missed. Open to all.

ASSISTANT CURATOR TALKS

Every day, 11.00-12.30

Meeting point: Membership Desk

Free (booking required)

Saturday 15 May	Medals at the V&A
Sunday 16 May	Modern Masters: Matisse, Picasso, Dalí and Warhol
Monday 17 May	Medieval & Renaissance Galleries, 1400-1600
Tuesday 18 May	Buddhist Sculpture
Wednesday 19 May	Medals at the V&A
Thursday 20 May	Venetian Drawings from the Eighteenth Century
Friday 21 May	Medieval & Renaissance Galleries, 1350-1600

Join the V&A's Assistant Curators for free, in-depth daily talks in the galleries. Having worked on many of the V&A's recent gallery installations, the Assistant Curators will share their specialist knowledge exclusively with Members. The talks will be followed by free tea and coffee in the Members' Room. Voucher required for free hot drink: available at the Membership Desk in the Grand Entrance. V&A Membership Card must be shown.



See External Visits, Monday 17 May - Friday 21 May

The Albert Memorial, Hyde Park

THEATRE AND PERFORMANCE FILM SCREENINGS

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 14.00-16.30

Hochhauser Auditorium, Sackler Centre

Free (no booking required)

Tuesday 18 May A Midsummer Night's Dream

Thursday 20 May The London Cuckolds

Friday 21 May The Collection*

**two screenings, 14.00-15.00 or 15.30-16.30.*

During the week, three film screenings will be hosted specially for Members by the National Video Archive of Performance (NVAP), based at the Museum. Marking the Friends of the V&A-sponsored exhibition Quilts: 1700-2010 there will be showings of recent adaptations of Shakespeare's well-loved A Midsummer Night's Dream and the 1681 Restoration comedy The London Cuckolds by Edward Ravenscroft, complete with its farcically funny bedroom scene. Friday's all about fashion when we honour another V&A exhibition, Grace Kelly: Style Icon, with a screening of Harold Pinter's powerful 1961 work The Collection. V&A Membership Card must be shown.

CRAFT DEMONSTRATIONS

Every day (except Thursday 20 May), 10.00-17.00

Members' Room

Free (no booking required)

Throughout Members' Week drop in to the Members' Room where you not only receive a free tea or coffee, but you can also chat with designer-makers associated with the V&A. On display and being demonstrated will be handicrafts including bookbinding, textile design and jewellery making. Works will be on sale and the designer-makers will be delighted to chat with you about their craft and inspirations. Voucher required for free hot drink: available at the Membership Desk in the Grand Entrance. V&A Membership Card must be shown.

QUILTS WORKSHOPS

Quilts workshop with Fine Cell Work

Thursday 20 May, 10.15-13.15 or 14.15-17.15

Members' Room

Free (booking required)

Come along to the Members' Room for the rare privilege of learning quilting and patchwork techniques for free with experts from Fine Cell Work, contributors to the V&A exhibition Quilts 1700-2010. Alongside other beginners, you will make a patchwork cushion cover to take home as well as gain an understanding of basic quilting stitches. A limited number of places are available at each three hour tutorial so book now by calling 020 7942 2271 or at the Membership Desk. Voucher required for free hot drink: available at the Membership Desk in the Grand Entrance. V&A Membership Card must be shown.



See Quilts Workshop with Fine Cell Work, Thursday 20 May

3 quilts © Derek Askern

MEMBERS' WEEK SPECIAL PROMOTIONS

Get more from V&A Members' Week by taking advantage of a range of special offers and discounts in the South Kensington area, some for V&A Members, some open to all V&A visitors.

Members' Week and beyond: V&A Members enjoy a changing variety of special offers and discounts throughout the year. For information on current offers, ask at the Membership Desk or sign up for our monthly e-newsletter at www.vam.ac.uk/membership. Ongoing Members' offers in this leaflet are marked with a ▲.



BENUGO AT THE V&A

Take a break for refreshments in the V&A Café or Members' Room - open 10.00-17.15 daily (21.00 on Fridays). Hot meals available in the Café; soup, sandwiches and cakes in the Members' Room.

Members only: get a free scone with butter and jam when you buy any hot drink, as well as the usual Members' 10% discount ▲ in V&A Café and Members' Room. Please present voucher (see back cover) along with your Membership Card at the till. Valid 15 - 21 May.

GET MORE: Members can use this offer in conjunction with the tea / coffee voucher from the Members' Room postcard - available at the Membership Desk. Get your whole tea break for free!

Subject to availability. Only one of each voucher per Member.



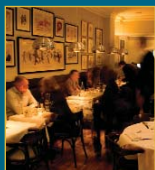
V&A SHOP

An emporium of over 2000 products of every colour, size and price, the V&A Shop responds to different sources of inspiration from across the collections of the V&A. Its stock includes a broad range of inspiring ideas to suit all ages and pockets, including jewellery, furniture, books, craft, toys, ceramics, fashion, accessories and textiles.

Members only: 20% off your basket total in the V&A Shops and online at www.vandashop.com. Valid 15 - 21 May. (Outside these dates, the V&A Shop offers Members a 10% discount. ▲)

This offer excludes books, to which the normal 10% discount will apply, and does not include p&p. Members wishing to use their discount online must enter your unique Membership number (stated on your V&A Membership Card) when you initially register - the 20% discount will be automatically applied to the basket total when you come to pay.

All offers are at the discretion of third party promotional partners, and may be withdrawn by them at any time. All information correct at time of going to press.



BROMPTON BAR AND GRILL

243 Brompton Road, 020 7589 8005, www.bromptonbarandgrill.com

After your visit, why not enjoy a delicious meal at the Brompton Bar and Grill, just across the road from the V&A? To celebrate Members' Week, the Brompton Bar and Grill has created an exclusive Members' Week set lunch menu, great value at just £16 for three courses and coffee. Plus, you'll have the chance to win a year's free V&A Membership - see back of menu for details. If you'd rather eat à la carte, V&A Members get a 10% discount on this during Members' Week and throughout the year. ▲ Set lunch available 15 - 21 May 2010.

Open to all: special set lunch.

Members only: 10% discount on à la carte dining.



THE DOYLE COLLECTION

www.doylecollection.com

The Doyle Collection hotels are all unique, handpicked for their quality of location and uniqueness of character, and offer the very best in memorable luxury. During Members' Week, The Doyle Collection are offering V&A visitors a complimentary glass of champagne when you enjoy afternoon tea (£23 per person) at The Kensington Hotel, ideally located close to the V&A. Members can enjoy an additional offer, valid at all three London hotels in The Doyle Collection from 15 May to 15 June: book the Best Available Rate and receive a 20% discount on food in your hotel's restaurant, plus a complimentary room upgrade (subject to availability).

Open to all: champagne with afternoon tea.

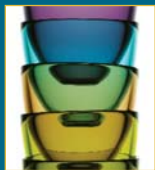
Members only: 20% discount on food, plus room upgrade (subject to availability).

See voucher on back page for conditions of champagne offer. For Members-only offer, call your chosen hotel to book, and quote 'V&A'. V&A Membership Cards must be shown on arrival and in the hotel restaurant to redeem offer.

The Kensington Hotel +44 (0) 20 7589 6300

The Bloomsbury Hotel +44 (0) 20 7347 1000

The Marylebone Hotel +44 (0) 20 7486 6600



SKANDIUM

247 Brompton Road, SW3 2EP, 020 7584 2066, www.skandium.com

Skandium presents Scandinavian lifestyle products, well manufactured, to enhance the quality of everyday life - from design classics to contemporary items, furniture, lighting, fabrics, table top, gift items and much, much more. Skandium offer all V&A visitors a 10% discount on all Orrefors - Kosta Boda glassworks during Members' Week, 15 - 21 May 2010.

Open to all: 10% discount on glassworks.

This offer is valid both in the Marylebone and Brompton stores, and on all orders placed (online, in store, or by phone) during the time period.

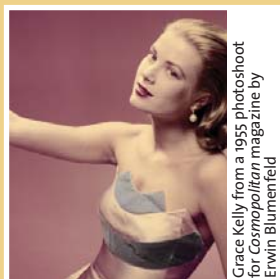
If you're not a Member, what are you missing?

Being a Member of the V&A gives you quite a different perspective on the Museum. You'll enjoy free entrance to all exhibitions, a personal tour when you join, previews of new galleries and a stylish magazine and much, much more.

In other words, a wealth of privileges and benefits.

So don't miss out – JOIN TODAY!

Enjoy some of the world's greatest treasures and a wealth of Member benefits



Members' Preview Days

As a Member, you'll enjoy previews of new galleries and all major exhibitions.



Stylish Magazine

Covering everything from design to architecture, photography to fashion. Illuminating, inspiring and stimulating.



Elegant Members' Room

After a few hours viewing the collection, sit back and relax away from the crowds in this nicely secluded room.



Members' Events

Enjoy a constantly changing programme of special events arranged for you throughout the year.



Members' e-newsletter

The latest news on upcoming events, special offers and discounts delivered straight to your inbox.



V&A Support

Your support is vital to the Museum, helping to fund new acquisitions and other important work.

**JOIN TODAY by visiting the V&A Membership Desk
or by calling 020 7942 2271**



See Assistant Curator Talks, Saturday 15 May - 21 May

The Medieval & Renaissance Galleries © V&A Images



SPECIAL OFFER – JOIN DURING MEMBERS' WEEK AND WE WILL DEDUCT YOUR TICKET COST*

Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling 020 7942 2271, or on the day of an event at the Membership Desk.

Free events are available to Members only.

Members enjoy free priority entry to all V&A exhibitions, a personal tour when joining, exhibition and gallery previews, the V&A Members' Room, exciting events and a free subscription to V&A Magazine.

How to join

- Visit the V&A Membership Desk
- Call 020 7942 2271
- Visit www.vam.ac.uk/membership

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The Doyle Collection – complimentary glass of champagne with afternoon tea

Voucher entitles the bearer to a complimentary glass of champagne at The Kensington Hotel, when afternoon tea is purchased. Afternoon tea must be booked in advance - phone The Kensington Hotel on 020 7589 6300. Bring this voucher on the day. Valid from 15 - 21 May 2010.

Benugo – free scone with hot drink

Voucher entitles V&A Member to a free scone with butter and jam, with any hot drink. May be used with 'free drink' voucher, available from Membership Desk, but not in conjunction with any other offer. V&A Membership Card must also be shown. Valid in V&A Café and V&A Members' Room from 15 - 21 May 2010.