

Fabergé Symposium 2013 at the Houston Museum of Natural Science, Texas

Thursday, January 31, 2013

8:00 a.m. Registration, breakfast and welcome

9:00 a.m. Presentations

- The Fascination of Presentation Gifts and the Russian Imperial Award System by Dr. Ulla Tillander-Godenhjelm, Finland
- Dresden Influence on Fabergé and the 1893 Statuette by Tatiana Fabergé, France
- Fabergé Jewelry in the McFerrin Collection by Alice M. Ilich, Australia
- Rediscovered Heirlooms of Grand Duchess Maria Pavlovna and Grand Duke Vladimir by Galina Korneva, Russia

12:00 p.m. Lunch served

1:00 p.m. Presentations

- From Rocks to Hardstone Figures: An Overview of Gem and Minerals in the McFerrin Collection by Christel McCannless, Tim Adams (USA), and Annemiek Wintraecken (Holland)
- Houston Museum of Natural Science docents - *The HMNS Rock Stars* - together with Houston Gem and Mineral Society members will demonstrate metal smithing (enameling, chasing and repoussé) and gemstone cutting (carving, faceting and cabochon cutting) techniques.
- Tours of the Cullen Hall of Gems & Minerals and the Smith Gem Vault, Master Docents of the Houston Museum of Natural Science Museum Guild
- The Artie and Dorothy McFerrin Collection open until 6 p.m. Museum Guild Docents

Friday, February 1, 2013

9:00 a.m. McFerrin Exhibition opens to the public

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

- Unveiling of the McFerrin Exhibition Catalog, *From a Snowflake to an Iceberg: The Artie and Dorothy McFerrin Collection* with informal comments by the collectors reflecting on their collecting journey
- Book Signing by the contributors to the McFerrin catalog, symposium speakers who are published authors and other invited authors relating to Imperial Russia

After the symposium events close, participants are encouraged to visit related exhibitions at the Houston Museum of Natural Science:

- Gemstone Carvings: The Masterworks of Harold Van Pelt showcases the art of carving quartz, rock crystal and agate gemstones
- Gems of the Medici - 150 objects from seven Italian museum features precious gems, paintings, sculptures and other works of fine art from the extensive collection of the Medici family (Admission fee)