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Present an exhibition

«The Orenburg down shawl»

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The Orenburg regional museum of the fine arts widely practises display of museum collections in the cities of Russia, and beyond its limits. One of projects is the mobile exhibition «The Orenburg Down shawl».

Since the end of 18th century in the Orenburg region there's an old wide-known Russian handicraft «The Orenburg down shawl». The term itself encompasses warm dense and heavy shawls and soft and delicate lace-patterned scarves, either, tenderly called «cobwebs».

As well as it was 200 years ago, every stage of shawls making is carried out manually. By their own hands women hackle a goat with special combs and spin a fine yarn by the distaff and then knit scarves with knitting needles.

For the first time Orenburg downy shawls were presented to the Europeans at the first World's Fair in London in 1851. And there they were appreciated very well by the European public and they were awarded with special prizes. In 1862 at the second World's Fair in London and then in Chicago in 1897 Orenburg downy shawls were awarded with medals. In Brussels in 1958 scarves knitted by Orenburg knitters won the Big Silver Medal.

Also, Orenburg downy shawls were exhibited at the World's Fairs in Canada (Montreal, 1967) and Japan (Tokio, 1968), then at the International Fairs in Algeria (1969), Syria (1975), Greece (1976), France (1977), England (1979), Austria (1980), Spain (1981, 2012), India (1982), Germany (1985, 2012), Switzerland (2012), Malta, Denmark (2013), UK (2014), Norway, Armenia, Nepal (2015).

If you are interested in our offer and you want to get exhibition

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