

Azerbaijani Rugs: Gifts to the World

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Washington, D.C. October 28, 2011— On Sunday, November 6, 2011, David Lotfallahi, owner of Lord Oriental Rug and Carpet in Falls Church, Virginia, will open his showroom to share insights into the traditions of Azerbaijani weavers in Tabriz and elsewhere in “South Azerbaijan.” Admission to “Azerbaijani Rugs: Gifts to the World” is free, but reservations are recommended. To reserve tickets, visit <http://azerbaijanirugs.eventbrite.com>.



Few Americans know that Azerbaijani weavers are responsible for a huge portion of the world’s “Oriental carpets.” Tabriz carpets are in a class of their own not only because of their dazzling motifs but because of the confluence of Eastern traditions they embody.

More than a rug lecture, the program will enable participants to see and touch Azerbaijani carpets from Tabriz in Mr. Lotfallahi’s shop. The informal setting also will facilitate discussion among collectors and other interested participants. Dinner at a local restaurant, at each participant’s expense, will follow the program.

The Karabakh Foundation’s Azerbaijani Rug Initiative represents a long-term effort to provide proper attributions to the world’s Azerbaijani carpets in showrooms and in museums.



About the Karabakh Foundation

The Karabakh Foundation is a U.S. 501(c)(3) cultural charity foundation based in Washington, D.C., that seeks to increase awareness and understanding in the United States of the cultural heritage and traditions of the country of Azerbaijan, the Caucasus area, and the Karabakh region of Azerbaijan. While coalescing significant artistic and scholarly talent, the Foundation is nurturing a new generation of artists

and scholars toward important accomplishments.

The Foundation serves as a dynamic facilitator and clearinghouse raising the public profile of Azerbaijan, its Karabakh region, and the Caucasus region in general. Main activities include preserving and disseminating cultural content via archival collecting, public programs, publications, exhibitions, speaking forums, international collaborations, scholarly exchange, artistic sponsorship, and related venues.

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