

Persian Art Described by Dr. Khan in Gallery Talk at Herron Museum

Lecturer Points Out That Ancient Books Form Basis for Beautiful Work in Rugs, Pottery and Other Objects.

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WE will view Persian art with deeper understanding now that we have heard Dr. Ali-Kuli Khan, Washington scholar and lecturer, describe its significance. He spoke yesterday at one of the gallery talk hour of the John Herron Art Museum.

Dr. Khan, who has had numerous important governmental appointments, described his native art vividly. Just as he told us, most of us agreed that the fame of Persian rugs was due to the fact that their design was the most important of Persian arts. In spite of this fame, Dr.

Khan reminded us that these beautiful rugs are only one of the many by-products of the art. "The greatest art is that of book making and in it is the inspiration of design and color, which is expressed in the lovely Persian books, rugs, pottery, etc." he emphasized.

He told us that the ancient books are the treasure of Persian art and explained the care with which the paper was made by hand of silken materials; how the ink was made of substances to endure for many years; how the illumination or illustrations depicted the subject matter and served as a frame for the masterpiece of the books, the calligraphy, and lastly how the leather covers were tooled by hand.

It was Dr. Khan's description of the importance of design and color in Persian art which stirred our appreciation. We had noticed that most of the design is floral, but didn't know that these floral designs were the Persian artist's tangible expression of their conceptions of the wonders of the invisible God, responsible for all the holy things of life.

The cypress tree, so prevalent in the symbolism of the art, represents the tree of life. With color the artists expressed the salient attributes of excellence, goodness and God. These salient attributes are represented by the colors of the wonders of the universe: Loftiness is represented by the turquoise blue of the sky; depth by the dark blue of the sea; glory by the yellow, gold and orange as seen in the luminosity of the sun; love by crimson color of the heat of the elements; and creative energy by green, color of growing vegetation.

We glanced to one of the hangings on the wall, detected the coloring and recalled reverently how the artist designer must have conceived the arrangement.

Interprets Symbols

Dr. Khan directed our attention to a print. He pointed out the symbols and then described their significance. The lion overcoming a weaker animal represented the "might makes right" rule of the primitive state of man; the gloriously colored peacock represented the material civilization, but the ugly feet clinging to earth stood for its imperfection; the cypress tree introduced spiritual value and the birds flying above it represented human conscience soaring upward to reach the apex of life, and the serpents in their mouths revealed the overpowering of evil.

The truth of Dr. Khan's earlier observation came to us:

"A mystic once said that all that is visible is only a shadow of what is invisible." The mystic's teachings surely influenced the Persian artists' depth of feeling, which history reveals enabled the Persians with their art and culture to refine and conquer artistically the nations which conquered them, physically.

Dr. Khan's wife, formerly Miss Florence Breed, an American woman, and their daughter, Hamiedeh, were in the audience with art patrons of the city. Mrs. William Allen Moore, Miss Ruth Hodges, Miss Ernestine Bradford, Dr. and Mrs. William Leeds Richardson and Mrs. George Philip Meier were a few of those who came to learn more about Persian art.

Other Lectures Set

Mrs. Khan and Hamiedeh have been traveling this winter with Dr. Khan, who will give several lectures this week at his exhibit at the L. S. Ayres & Co. store. It was opportune to have Dr. Khan talk to us for the museum has been concentrating on collection of Persian art objects; in fact art material from all Oriental countries.

Sculpture court was arranged with Persian hangings and costumes, and as we listened to Dr. Khan's story, our observations of these hangings telegraphed to our minds approval of the Dr. Khan's words of praise of Persian art.

Club Meetings

TUESDAY

"Russia, Old and New," is the subject theme for a meeting of the Meridian Heights Inter-Club with Mrs. H. L. Mitchell, hostess.

First meeting of the year for the Fortnightly Literary Club will be held at 2:30 at the Propylaeum. Miss Helen Jacoby will present "When We Were Twenty-One" and Mrs. Allan Hendricks will talk on "Unique Avocations."

When members of the Irvington Tuesday Club meet with Mrs. Mark Reasoner at her home, 920 Campbell-av, they will hear talks on "Our Neighbors."

Frederick Burleigh, director of the Civic Theater of Indianapolis, will address members of the Alpha Latreian Club on "The Theater. Mrs. Culver C. Godfrey will entertain the group at her home, 24 E. 56th-st, with Mrs. Robert E. Gates, assisting.

Alpha Delta Latreian Club members will hear Claude Mahoney present "News Cuttings" at a meeting with Mrs. Edward Fillion, 5238 College-av. Mrs. Earl E. Moonam will assist the hostess.

Mrs. Ancil T. Brown, 4016 Guiford-av, will entertain members of the Inter Alpha Club at the regular meeting. Mrs. Eugene McIntire will talk on "Merchants of Death" and Mrs. J. Browning Gent will present "Testament of Youth."

Mrs. Ethel Lambert, assisted by Mrs. J. L. Carter, will entertain members of the Amicitia Club at her home, 2329 N. La Salle-st.

Topics to be discussed by members of the Hoosier Tourist Club include "To Have and to Hold" by Mrs. C. W. Roller; "Tales of Bre'r Rabbit" by Mrs. C. E. Day, and "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come" by Mrs. D. T. Brownlee. Mrs. K. F. Fatou, 3107 Ruckle-st, will entertain the group.

"Spanish Tapestries and Lace" will be Mrs. Henry Cochrane's topic for a meeting of the To-Kalon Club with Mrs. Harriet Burcht, hostess.

G. M. Davis will talk on "Behind the Scenes" at a meeting of the Alpha Beta Latreian Club at the home of Mrs. Harold Victor, 3954 Kenwood-av. Mrs. Robert Mack will be assistant hostess.

Marion County chapter, American War Mothers, will meet at 1:30 at the Columbia Club.

"Skyward" will be reviewed by Mrs. A. Williams, and "North America," by Mrs. G. C. Bosley at a meeting of Irvington Epsilon Sigma Omicron at the home of Mrs. C. L. Withner, 26 N. Arlington-av.

Musical program will follow the 1:30 business meeting of the Delta Zeta Mothers Club of Butler University at the home of Mrs. John M. Smith, 53 Audubon-rd.

WEDNESDAY

Mrs. T. A. Fegan, 3315 N. Illinois st, will entertain members of the ZetaTheta Club, "Accumulated Buying Power" is the subject to be discussed with Mrs. D. A. Graw talking on "Should It Be Safe to Buy" and Mrs. A. J. Hueber, "Banks, Cus-todians of Buying Power."

Regular meeting of the Wednesday Afternoon Club will be held with Mrs. A. F. Walsman and Mrs. P. C. Nicolas, hostess.

Club Schedules Party

Mother's Club of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority of Butler University will entertain its friends at a bridge party at 2 Wednesday at the active chapter house, 329 W. Hampton-dr. Mrs. E. A. Ford will be hostess.

Luncheon Arranged

Paul Coble unit, American Legion Auxiliary, will hold a luncheon Friday at the home of Mrs. Louis D. Beiden, who will be assisted by Mesdames Chester Stayton, Ernest Rupel, Lyman Pearson and Foster Hudson.

W. C. T. U. to Meet

Frances Willard W. C. T. U. will meet at 10:30 tomorrow at the home of Mrs. Howard Smith, 1130 W. 35th-st. A covered dish luncheon will follow the morning business session. Mrs. Floyd Knight will lead devotions and Mrs. T. A. Berry will preside.

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Resumes College Studies



After spending the holiday season with her mother, Mrs. Donald Morris, Miss Mary Wildack has returned to Briarcliff Junior College at Briarcliff, N. Y., where she is president of the college dramatic club and a member of the student council.

Miss Mary Wildack

Manners and Morals

BY JANE JORDAN

The leading letter today should give rise to an interesting discussion. Read it carefully and then put your opinions in a letter to the column. The most interesting ones will be published.

Dear Jane Jordan—In a recent letter to you I said that women fail to realize that they must take the bitter with the sweet in their battle for equality. Take a minor issue but a good example. A woman leaves her place of business, the street car is crowded. Should a man who has worked as hard, if not harder, give his seat to her? Has he not the right to take advantage of the equality which has cost millions of men their self-respect, the loss of their homes and God only knows what?

Nearly 17 years ago our fathers, husbands and brothers were sent to Europe to fight and to die horrible deaths for our country and our womanhood. Thousands of them came back to find their jobs gone and none to be had. The glory which had been theirs was trampled into oblivion by the women for whom they had fought.

The women were forced to take the soldiers' jobs and then would not give them up. Their wages were lower because they would accept less. Consequently, production was speeded up as the profit was greater.

Answer—I am glad to have the names of these two books for the benefit of the Catholic woman who wrote for information. Thank you.

Personals

Mrs. Paul Coble, who landed recently after a trip to South Africa, is visiting in New York.

Miss Marjorie Jean Wise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orville W. Wise, left yesterday for Fairmount School, Washington.

Mrs. Edgar Gorrell, with her son Peter, and mother, Mrs. John Paton, have gone to Palm Springs, to remain for several weeks.

Mrs. H. C. Churchman is spending some time in New York.

Miss Anne S. Elliott is vacationing at Miami, Fla.

Card Parties

Woman's Benefit Assn. No. 140 will sponsor a noon luncheon and card party at 2:30 Wednesday at 230 E. Ohio-st, with Mrs. Josephine Coblon in charge of the dinner and Mrs. Hannah Hiatt, chairman of cards. The public may attend.

Marion Council No. 738 Security Benefit Association, will entertain with a bingo, euchre and bunco party at 8 Wednesday night at Castle Hall, 230 E. Ohio-st. The committee includes Alfred Crumbo, Mrs. Ross Chapman and Mrs. Florence Mescal.

Junior Order, United American Mechanics, and Daughters of America will hold a chicken supper and card party tomorrow night at 210 E. Ohio-st. Supper will be served from 5:30 to 7:30.

Benefit card party of the Daughters of Isabella will be held at 8 Thursday at the Knights of Columbus hall. Mrs. Anna M. King is chairman of the party, the third of a series of bridge parties in a tournament. Winners will be announced in March.

MISS COX, PERU,

TO WED JAN. 12

Mr. and Mrs. William Cox, Peru, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Louise Graham Cox, to Walter E. Crow, Peru. The wedding will take place Jan. 12.

Miss Cox is a graduate of Butler University and the Arthur Jordan Conservatory of Music and Mr. Crow is a graduate of Indiana University.

PARTY ARRANGED BY PROPYLAEUM CLUB

Propylaeum Club's morning contract bridge party and luncheon will be held Wednesday with Mrs. Frederick E. Matson, chairman, to be assisted by Mrs. William Perry Hahn, Mrs. John M. Shaw and Mrs. Frank F. Powell.

Chapters Will Meet

Miss Carolyn Greenlee will present Russian dances and Mrs. S. R. Artman will lecture on "The Re-building of Russia" at the regular meeting of the Alpine and Edelweiss chapters of the International Travel-Studio Club, Inc., at 8 tomorrow night at the Washington.

Music Group to Meet

Executive board meeting of Zeta chapter, Sigma Alpha Iota, national professional musical sorority, will be held at 11 tomorrow at the Arthur Jordan Conservatory of Music. The regular business meeting and luncheon will follow.

Church Club to Meet

Mrs. Kathryn Turney Garten will review "Cleopatra's Daughter" by Channer and "Lust of Life" by Stone at a meeting of the Business Women's Club of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church at 7:45 Wednesday. Dinner will be served at 6:15.

Following a business meeting at 2

... with medication proved by 2 generations of mothers ...

Attendants Selected by Bride-to-Be

Eunice Mae Howell Will Be Wed Feb. 10 in Church Rite.

When Miss Eunice Mae Howell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Howell, becomes the bride of G. William Raffensperger in a ceremony Feb. 10 at Broadway M. E. Church, she will have Mrs. Melvin Robbins as her matron of honor. H. Howard Raffensperger will be his brother's best man.

Miss Dorothy Mae Glosson, cousin of the bride-to-be, will be a bridesmaid with Misses Virginia Holt, Alberta Alexander and Waneta Graves. Guests at the wedding to be at 2:30 will be seated by the ushers, David Burns, J. Russell Townsend, Byron Rutledge, Terre Haute, the bride's-to-be cousin, and Mr. Robbins.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception will be held at the home of the parents of the bridegroom-to-be, Mr. and Mrs. Hiriam T. Raffensperger.

Mrs. Robbins will entertain with a liner shower in honor of Miss Howell Thursday, Jan. 17, and Mrs. D. W. Mussman, the bride's-to-be aunt, Miss Holt and Miss Graves have not announced dates for their parties.

GUILD OF HOSPITAL WILL HOLD MEETING

All-day meeting is scheduled tomorrow by the Grace M. E. Church White Cross Guild at the White Cross headquarters of the Methodist Hospital.

Other sewing guild meetings this week include the Propylaeum Guild meeting this Friday at the Boardwalk M. E. Church group, Wednesday and the Temple Sisterhood Guild Thursday, Meridian Heights and Central Avenue. M. E. Church guilds sewed today in the headquarters.

GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL MEETING SET

January meeting of the Indianapolis Girl Scout Council will be held at 10 tomorrow morning at the headquarters in the Board of Trade Building with Mrs. Charles F. Vories, commissioner, presiding.

Other meetings for tomorrow include the luncheon meeting of the Northwest Leaders' Association at 12:30 at the former home of Mrs. William B. Schiltges, 3643 Weston-Dr. Plans will be presented for Needwork Guild contest by Mrs. C. K. Calvert. Mrs. Fritz Schaeffer, president, will be in charge of the meeting.

The Southeast Leaders will hold their January meeting at 7:30 tomorrow night at headquarters with Mrs. Carl Major presiding.

Mrs. Vories, leader of our Scouts, Mrs. Vane Treadt, Mary Lou Over, Betty Ann Ginnery and Jane Thomas and a Brownie, Susanne Reeder, will be hostesses at the exhibition house at 5 tomorrow when W. D. Flanders, Washington, director of the field division of the Federal Housing Administration, and Percy L. H. Smith, director of the Chicago regional director, inspect the modernized home. Members of Girl Scout Troops 31 and 46 will act as ushers at a mass meeting to follow at 8 in Tomlinson Hall.

SHOW SCHEDULED FOR LAMBS' EVENT

Romney Willson will direct a show to be presented by members at the Little Lambs' frolic Saturday night, Jan. 19, at the Columbia Club.

Literary Club to Meet

Members and guests of the Indianapolis Literary Club will hear Josephine J. Daniels present "Two Views of Certain Gentleman Named Stuart" at a meeting tonight at the D. A. R. chapter house.

Mrs. Rice Entertains

Alumnae Association of Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority met Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Richard R. Rice, who was assisted by Miss Wilma Wolf. Mrs. O. K. Gaskins gave a book review.

Announcements