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Rug Roadshow Draws In Expert Rug Cleaners From Across The Nation

Local rug cleaner David Mavilio from REGAL FABRIC CARE joined an invitation-only group of peers at the Barry O'Connell 2012 RugLovers Tour in New York City.

Barry O'Connell is a noted textile authority and appraiser, and he orchestrated an exclusive rug educational event for a small number of top professional rug cleaners in the industry to meet with several of the top rug retailers and scholars in the field.

The tour began in the world renowned New York City "Rug District" where at Nazmiyal's Antique Rug Gallery the participants had the chance to inspect and evaluate rare antique textiles, many valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars. Jason Nazmiyal and Omri Schwartz were the hosts sharing insight on rugs from around the world and a century, or two, old.

Another session was with Mark Topalian, noted rug appraiser from the television hit "Antiques Road Show," at his gallery M. Topalian Inc. Mr. Topalian led a session on determining rugs with true age versus the contemporary knock-offs, and the factors that determine high value in antique rugs.

The group also had the opportunity to have special access to the Islamic Art Exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Priceless textiles and art dating back to the early 1500's are on display in this incredible exhibit.

In addition to having exclusive access to textiles in all of these venues, the group also engaged in intensive training for their current rug cleaning operations, from pre-inspection and evaluation of hand woven rugs to technical strategies for achieving the best cleaning and repair results for today's rugs.

Oriental and Persian hand woven rugs require specialized care by rug cleaners trained in the craft. Few cleaners attain this level of training, and even fewer are afforded the opportunity to attend the RugLovers Tours.

For more information about rug care, or for photos of some of the rare rugs viewed during this event, contact us at 781-995-0683 or helpdesk@regalfabricscare.com

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About REGAL FABRIC CARE: REGAL FABRIC CARE is trained in the care of oriental and area rugs as well as fine upholstered furniture, custom drapery and wool carpeting. The company has been in the Boston area since 1992. For more information visit their website at <http://regalfabricscare.com> .