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The Gallery of Flour Sacks Is Alive and Growing



Inside the gallery of flour sacks

When *Volkmar Wywiol*, founder of the flour art museum and owner of **Mühlenchemie GmbH & Co. KG**, first started collecting flour sacks his somewhat eccentric idea did not meet with universal enthusiasm. But its success proved him right. Over a year ago, on 10 June 2008, the world's first

flour sack museum opened its doors in the Mecklenburg town of Wittenburg. Visitors were fascinated by the unusual exhibition and arrived in their hundreds. The museum is open to the public on every first Sunday in the month. Mecklenburg-West Pomerania is a holiday region, so the exhibition

also attracts tourists, and numerous exclusive tours are arranged with millers and other customers of the Stern-Wywiol Gruppe too. But Volkmar Wywiol intends to take his brilliant idea a step further. On the upper floor of the building he hopes to set up a centre of excellence for wheat, to present cereal crops as food and demonstrate their significance for human nutrition. What are cereals? What does corn contain? What are the pros and cons of genetically modified grain, and what effect does modification have on the end product? The aim of the exhibition "Corn Worlds" is to answer these and other pressing questions about feeding the world's population and handling resources. A tour of the seven rooms with films, photographs, original exhibits, models and media stations will present suggestions and information on the properties of cereals, the history of grain growing and the products made from it. "In the Forum for Nutrition we hope to describe the greatest challenges of providing food and show that we are all dependent on each other in a globalized world", Volkmar Wywiol explains. ■