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Frida Kahlo Artifacts Uncovered

Renovation of artist's home reveals treasures

(AP) - A two-year renovation project at the home-turned-museum of legendary Mexican painter Frida Kahlo has uncovered a vast wardrobe of previously undiscovered clothing and other valuable artifacts.

Commonly known as the Blue House because of its indigo external paint job, Kahlo and her husband, famed muralist Diego Rivera, lived in the home in the Mexican capital's fashionable Coyoacan neighborhood until her death in 1954.

Rivera turned it into a museum where seamstresses often tailor four years after his wife's death, fashions according to centuriesbut it wasn't until work to re- old Indian tradition. Kahlo was store private areas began last especially inspired by artistic trasummer that officials found the ditions of Oaxaca's Tehuantepec, 180 articles of clothing - which where women continue to handincluded traditional Mexican embroider traditional dresses acdresses depicted in Kahlo's fa- cording to Zapotec Indian tradimous self-portraits, as well as tions, said Hilda Trujillo, the Blue shoes, shawls and pre-Hispanic House's coordinator. jewelry that belonged to her.

earrings believed to be a gift from said. Picasso.

dimensions of this treasure," said - famous for her marriage to Ignacio Custodia, an administra- Rivera as well as her commutor of the Kahlo museum. The nist ideals and her celebration artifacts were found when work- of native Mexican dress and ers "opened spaces that were jewelry. After her death, her closed for many years," he said. fame grew in this country and

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for the Frida Kahlo Museum, arranges some of her dresses that were recently found inside a bathroom at Kahlo's home, now the museum in Mexico City. (AP photo)

Ignacio Custodio, an administrator

Many of the dresses recently discovered are from the south-

The painter looked up to the Also discovered were photo- women of Tehuantepec, who graphs taken by Kahlo's father, often served as the head of their Wilhelm, a Hungarian photogra- households, following strong pher. There is also a pair of matriarchal traditions, Trujillo

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enjoy a home stay with a local

portunity to put classroom les-

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ern Mexican state of Oaxaca, of Mexico's most-visited museums. Rivera ordered any artiered clothing will be on display. and personality."

Museum officials expect a spe-The Blue House is now one cial exhibition featuring the finds to be ready in about a year.

"This should attract more facts recovered in the house to people to the museum," Trujillo remain there - making it the said. "The articles are a very only place the newly discov- important part of her artistic life

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