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Fall 2022



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New Doors on Wisteria

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Wisteria with New Roof



New Chimney on Wisteria



Top House is now anchored to Bedrock

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After a two-year pause due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Little Loomhouse has resumed cabin preservation efforts.

We are so pleased to announce all the projects we have completed this year with big thanks to Dr.I.E. Bronner; The Estate, family, and friends of Ethel Schwartz; Kentucky Colonels; and our members for their support. We would also like to thank Atwell Enterprises, Wheatley Roofing, TFS, BoneDry, Bloodhound Locators, Limbwalker, Withywindle Urban Forestry, and Glasscock and Sons for their work.

Because of this generous support and hard work, we were able to ...

- put new doors and rebuild the chimney, (while preserving the original flu tiles) on the Wisteria cabin;
- anchor Top House foundation to bedrock;
- re-roof all three cabins,
- remove two dead trees in the outdoor education area,
- remove brush around the cabins, and
- put new gravel on the drive.

This work has totaled over \$54,800 in much needed repairs. But there is still more work to be done! The walk path and ramp to Top House and Esta cabin need to be repaired, Wisteria cabin foundation needs to be anchored to bedrock, and all three cabins need a coat of stain.

We will be working on fundraising over the next couple years to complete these repairs.

If you would like to help in these efforts you can make a donation to the Preservation Fund by calling our office or contributing during Give for Good Louisville.

Thank you again to all of our wonderful partners, we could not do it without you!



Support the Little Loomhouse during Give for Good on September 15!

The Little Loomhouse invites you to join our Give for Good campaign and help us reach our goal!

We need you to tell your friends and family members about the important work we do and ask them to join us in helping to make a difference.

Get ready to give!

Starting at 12AM on September 15, visit us at giveforgoodlouisville.org/organizations/lou-tate-foundation-dba-the-little-loomhouse and make a donation to us and/or to any of the great participating nonprofit organizations in the Louisville community.

You can also use the QR code above to quickly get to the Give for Good site.

You will have 24 hours to make your donation, and all giving will end at 11:59PM on September 15.

LETTER FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

Hello Friends,

Our Board of Directors is off to a great year! We are placing an emphasis on investing in our staff who make our mission real for visitors, families, and friends every single day.

I am excited for our staff to have their unique art displayed at The Little Loomhouse in our latest exhibit for The Lou Tate Gallery: Intersections. Our staff members are extremely helpful, knowledgeable, and talented. Intersections is your chance to get to know our staff as artists on a deeper level since you may not have seen their work outside of the Loomhouse Brand before. I am looking forward to showcasing our artists this fall. My hope is that the exhibit inspires you in your art no matter what your art is or how often you practice.

You can help us sustain the educational programming and preservation of our Landmark Cabins by helping us promote the good work of The Little Loomhouse on September 15th for Give for Good Louisville Day. Whether it is sharing a post on social media, making a donation, or asking a friend to donate, telling the community about why you love and support the Loomhouse helps us share our mission.

If you haven't been by the cabins in a while, I hope you will take a look at our many upcoming events this fall. There is something for everyone.

Remember to shop local this holiday season! We have options for both in person and on-line shopping so that you can get the perfect gift for your loved one. If you are looking to give experiences this year, there is no better gift than the gift of a Little Loomhouse Membership – it is the gift that keeps on giving!

See you soon.
Rachel Roarx

The Side by Side Exhibition Returns



The Lou Tate Gallery resumed hosting the Side by Side Exhibition in-person. This year's exhibition included collaborative artwork by student artists from Dreams with Wings and professional artists in the Louisville area.

This Side by Side exhibition is made up of ten groups of art –

- one made by the student artist,
- one made by the professional artist, and
- one collaborative piece.

Before they partnered with a professional artist, the student artists took a series of art classes, at Dreams with Wings, taught by Arts for All Teaching Artist Tricia Hart.

Art classes are provided free of charge as is the mentoring session with the professional artist, making this program an exceptional opportunity for participants.

Arts for All Kentucky is a statewide, nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting arts education, and creative expression for all, with an emphasis on persons with disabilities. For more information visit the website at <https://artsforallky.org/>

Dreams with Wings mission is to help empower individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and autism as they learn to recognize their strengths, contribute to their community, and pursue their dreams. For more information visit the website at <https://www.dreamswithwings.org/>

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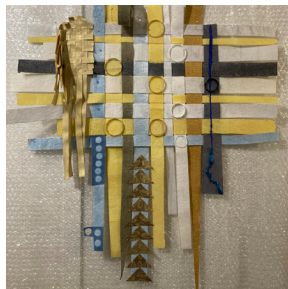
Find the perfect handwoven gift, fiber arts supplies, equipment, or kit for your loved one at our annual Small Business Saturday Sale!

Sale starts at 11am and goes to 4pm with 10% discount on all Loomhouse items and 15% discount on all Loomhouse items for members.

* Artist Consignment Pieces not included in sale.

THE LOU TATE GALLERY PRESENTS ...

Intersections



The Lou Tate Gallery is pleased to present a multi-media exhibit from the community of artists who contribute to the Loomhouse daily operations.

From the executive staff to paid assistants, contract teachers, docents and volunteers, *Intersections* will showcase the individual works of those who help the Loomhouse thrive, and celebrate the diverse influences each brings to their work.

Eleven artists have contributed to the show and include works of fine art to traditional craft. Themes range from personal expression, addressing global concerns, to technical excellence.

Exhibition includes the work of Hadeel Alelayawi, Michelle Amos, Norma Drish, Gwendolyn Kelly, Sylvia Kinsfather, David Lotspeich, Frances Millar, Sally Moss, Amy Sloboda, Kadijatuh Tal, and Jordan Witherspoon.

Exhibition runs September 3 through October 15

Gallery hours

Tuesday - Friday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm &

Saturday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Meet-Celebrate-Weave Member's Event



**Come celebrate our Founder
Lou Tate's Birthday with us!**

Saturday, October 22, 4:00 to 6:00 pm

Enjoy chili, snacks, and birthday cake while meeting other members and weaving. One of Lou Tate's favorites, the rainbow warp, will be set up on our studio looms so you can weave your own small table runner souvenir to take home.

Loomhouse Partners with Sisters of Charity of Nazareth

This spring the Loomhouse partnered with the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Bardstown, KY to teach them weaving on an upright loom and loan equipment for their Western Providence Assembly Opening.

"The Opening Ritual was led by the Prayer Committee, who weaved in the Assembly theme in a creative way. A "wise weaver woman" used her loom as her "apprentices" danced with yarn throughout the room, weaving the attendees together," posted Dana Hinton about the Assembly Opening on the SCN website.

Introducing ...



The Little Loomhouse welcomes Gwendolyn Kelly to it's staff.

Gwen is an arts educator, visual artist, and lifetime Louisville resident. She has a MA in Fine Arts and a BFA, with a concentration in fiber, from the University of Louisville.

Gwen has served in a number of cultural institution roles, working with The Speed Art Museum, KET, and 1619 Flux: Art + Activism.

She currently serves on the boards of The Community Foundation of Louisville and The West Louisville Women's Collaborative.

UPCOMING CLASSES

Please consult our website for the most up-to-date schedule of classes offered. You can also register for classes through the site.

2-Hour Weaving Sessions

Designed for the whole family, age 6 years to adults. Participants create hand woven pieces to take home. Sessions are hosted Tues-Fri 10am-noon (session 1) or 1 pm-3 pm (session 2) and cost \$25 per 2-hour session, all supplies included. You must register in advance!



Intro to Weaving

Interested in learning to weave? This beginner's class is perfect for you. Work with a knowledgeable and patient instructor. The cost is \$25 a person for the 1.5 hour class, all supplies are included. Ages: 12 years and up.

Class is offered once a month on Saturdays.



Intro to Spinning

Learn how to turn fiber into yarn on a drop spindle and begin to spin your own yarn.

This one and half hour class is \$25.00 and includes supplies.

Ages: 13 years – adult.

Class is offered once a month on Saturdays.



Hours: Tues-Fri 10am-3pm & Sat 11am-4pm

Arts Enrichment to Summer Programs Across the City

This summer the Little Loomhouse provided multiple arts enrichment opportunities at 10 different Jefferson County Public School Backpack League sites throughout the city, and 6 different libraries across the city as a part of the Louisville Free Public Library Summer Reading program.

We engaged 386 different students and families in hands-on arts programs. These opportunities were made possible through our partnership with Evolve502, Norton Foundation, and Louisville Free Public Libraries.

SUMMER CAMPS CONTINUE TO BE A BIG HIT



The Little Loomhouse provided 4 week-long camps serving 42 different students.

There were full-day, half-day, and scholarship opportunities available.

Little Loomhouse summer camps are announced each year on the website by mid-February.

Members receive a 10% discount.





Little Loomhouse Classes Return to Berea

For the first time since the COVID-19 outbreak the Little Loomhouse returned to Berea, Kentucky to offer two full days of back-to-back class as a part of the Berea Festival of Learning this July.

Students were able to take Weaving Basics and Weaving Plaid.

"It was wonderful to be back in Berea meeting folks from all over who come to this little town in Kentucky to do what many call adult summer camp," said Teaching Artist and Loomhouse Director, Michelle Amos. "Loading and setting up eight looms is a lot of work, but I truly love this annual program."

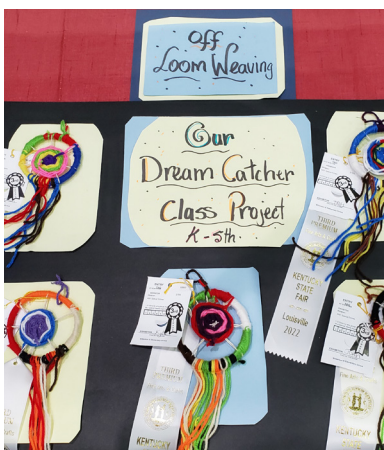
Twenty-eight students were able to attend Loomhouse classes this year and we are already looking forward to participating in 2023.

State Fair Winners! LLH students, camper, volunteer, and supporter

Students who participated in a Loomhouse virtual-hybrid off-site program at **Wilkinson Elementary**, during the 21-22 school year, have won ribbons in the Kentucky State Fair.

Thanks to their teacher **Judy Layne-Banks** for submitting their work. Ms. Layne-Banks has also won a first place ribbon for her tie-dye piece, and long-time volunteer **Sylvia Arnold Kinsfather** has won a second place ribbon for her mango jam.

Congratulations to the all.



Little Loomhouse camper, Josephine Mattes, won two blue ribbons AND Best in Show for Junior Textiles at the KY State Fair!



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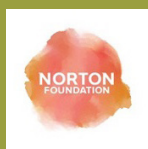
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