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News from the Board

Dear Friends,

It was lovely to see so many of you during our recent Volunteer Celebration. All of our volunteers and members give so much to our organization, and I know all of the board members enjoyed the chance to sit down with you and catch up. I hope you will come out again during this wonderful weather to participate in one of our upcoming events for Women's History Month.

Until we meet again,

Sara Reyna-Byler

President, Board of Directors



Visit our Gift Shop in the Lou Tate Gallery.
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A Celebration of Women: Women's History Month



In recognition of Women's History Month, the Little Loomhouse has invited Artists Gwendolyn Kelly, Mary Yates, Carrie Ann Foster, Caitlin Kannapell and Rebecca Baldwin to share their visions celebrating women.

In conjunction with the show, there will be an interactive wall in the gallery where visitors will be invited to draw a picture or share a story about a woman who inspired them in their life. Exhibition opens March 4th, with an Artists' Reception, free and open to the public, from 11am-4pm. The exhibition will be on display through March 31st.

Top left image: Carrie Anne Foster
Left image: Mary Yates

**A Celebration of Women:
Artists' Reception
March 4, 2017
Saturday, 11am - 4pm**

See page 2 for other events

LEARN



The Hill Sisters Lecture will be
Saturday, March 18, 2017
2:00pm-4:00pm
 Reception with light refreshments and viewing of current show "A Celebration of Women" at 2:00 and lecture will begin at 2:30.

Mark Your Calendars!
Summer Camps 2017



The Little Loomhouse Lecture Series Continues

Jessica Stavros, Director at Culbertson Mansion State Historic Site and Board Member of the "Happy Birthday Park", will speak on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at the Little Loomhouse on the history of the Hill Sisters, composers of the "Happy Birthday Song."

Jessica Stavros has a BA in History from the University of Louisville and an MS in Business Communication from Spalding University. Her previous work includes Historian and Curatorial Assistant at the Portland Museum and docent training and weekend manager at Farmington Historic Home. She is a Boone Member of the Filson Historical Society, a member of the Louisville Historic League, an Organizational Member of the Kentuckiana Heritage Consortium, and member of the American Association of State & Local History.

"As an Honors student and History major, I learned the value of historical research and the incredibly rich world of Interpretation. Specifically, professors like Dr. Tom Mackey and Dr. Tracy K'Meyer taught me that when it comes to telling stories of our past, there is no substitute for passion." - Jessica Stavros

Suggested donation of \$5.00 for members, \$10.00 for non-members goes to the Restoration and Preservation Fund of the Loomhouse.



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Summer Camps 2017!

We are very excited to be hosting Spring Break Camp again this year, April 3rd-7th, for ages 6-13 years. Set in the beauty of our historic cabins on Kenwood Hill, campers will learn how to design and weave their own tapestries based on natural observation, create floral needle felt pieces, learn about natural dyeing and weave on Little Looms! Full day/half day and drop-in options are available. Please call us at 502-367-4792 for questions or to register.

Summer Camps will start the week of June 5th and continue through the week of July 31st. This year we are excited to offer two separate teen camps, June 12th-16th and July 17th-21st, for youth 12-16 years of age. Teen campers will have the opportunity to explore a range of Fiber Art process, including dyeing, felting, block printing, and weaving on various types of looms. Campers will learn about color theory and design for fiber art.

For youth ages 6-12 years we have four summer camp options on the weeks of June 5th-9th: **Weaving in the Trees**, June 26th-30th: **Weaving Fashion**, July 24th-28th: **Dreaming & Weaving**, and July 31st-August 4th: **Stories & Weaving**.

Please check our website at littleloomhouse.org for more information on each camp. There are full day and half day options. Scholarships are available.

EXPERIENCE



*Weaving Wednesday
weavers and their wares*

Youth Programs Update

Michelle Amos, Director of Programming and Education

Public Education Program

From December through February, 4th-7th grade students who attend The Islamic School of Louisville and Westport Middle School participated in an after school Fiber Residency held at The Islamic School of Louisville. This program was funded by both The Islamic School and The Norton Foundation. During the 7-week residency students learned how raw fiber is spun into yarn, and wove mini Navajo Rugs and small coil baskets.

In January, the Little Loomhouse was proud to do a fiber program at one of our neighborhood schools, Auburndale Elementary. Thirty-six pre-school students heard stories, learned how fiber is spun into yarn and about the Little Looms. Students enjoyed carding wool, finger spinning, and make *Twistie* bracelets.

In February, forty-five first grade students at Kentucky Country Day School participated in Little Loomhouse fiber workshops to begin their unit on weaving. Students carded wool, learned how to spin yarn, plied *Twistie* bracelets and started weaving on cardboard lap looms. It was a pleasure to partner with their teacher Rebecca Gallion, and we look forward to working with her again.

In March, the Little Loomhouse will be doing a sheep to shawl fiber program at the Highland Shelby Park branch of the Free Public Library as a part of their STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) after-school education hour. In late spring, we will also be doing Fiber Residencies at Lincoln Elementary, Chenoweth Elementary, Islamic School of Louisville, and Wilkerson Elementary. All of these special programs are possible by the generous grant from the Norton Foundation to help us expand our Off-Site Education Program.



Public Summer Programs and Partnerships

The Little Loomhouse is excited to announce we will be participating in three city-wide partnerships this summer, *The Cultural Pass 2017*, *The Mayor's Summer Works Program* and the *I AM ALI Festival*.

For the Cultural Pass 2017 program we will be offering self-guided tours, seek-n-finds with an art experience and discounted weaving tours for \$7, where participants weave their own souvenir to take home. The Cultural Pass program is open to anyone ages 0-21 years, who are eligible for a Louisville Free Public Library Card. Program runs June 3rd-August 12th, with the Little Loomhouse participating on Wednesdays 10am-2pm and Saturdays 11am-4pm.

For the first time this summer the Little Loomhouse will be partnering with the Mayor's Summer Works program as a Champion Employer. We will hire one youth intern, from June 12th to July 28th, between the ages of 16-21 as a Camp Counselor/Loomhouse Intern to aid in the summer camps, Cultural Pass program and daily operations. The Mayor's Summer Works will subsidize the program

through payment of wages to the youth, payroll administration, and placement support. We are truly grateful for this opportunity and look forward to this collaboration.

The Muhammad Ali Center, Louisville Convention & Visitors Bureau, Kentucky Exposition Center, OhioBasketball.com, Louisville Bats, City of Louisville, and other "community ambassadors" are collaborating on a "grassroots" citywide 6-week long celebration of Muhammad Ali's global impact and legacy, from June 3rd to July 15th, called the *I AM ALI Festival*. As community ambassadors participating in this program, the Little Loomhouse will be offering an arts activity, free and open to the public on Wednesdays - Fridays 10am-2pm and Saturdays 11am-4pm. Each week we will focus our art activity on one of the "six core principles" that guided Muhammad Ali throughout his life: *Confidence, Conviction, Dedication, Respect, Giving, and Spirituality*.

For more information about the festival go to www.gotolouisville.com/ali



Join us on
Friday, March 24, 2017
at 5:00pm
for the dedication of the
Fenley Cemetery Historic
Highway Marker
Details above

Fenley Cemetery Historic Highway Marker

On Friday, March 24th, 2017, at 5:00pm the Caretakers of the Fenley Cemetery request the honor of your presence at the dedication ceremony for the Fenley Family Cemetery Historic Highway Marker. The ceremony will take place at the original entrance of the Fenley Cemetery location at 7515 Third Street Road. Beck Riddle, Kentucky Historical Marker Coordinator will preside over the dedication ceremony. Immediately following, we invite you to join us for a reception at the Little Loomhouse, 328 Kenwood Hill Road, where we will have light refreshments, live music and the opportunity to learn the history of the Fenley Cemetery and its residents.

Upcoming Events

Please visit our website and click on the event title for more information:

March 2017

DATE/TIME

03/04/2017

11:00 am - 4:00 pm

03/04/2017 - 03/31/2017

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

03/11/2017 - 03/12/2017

10:00 am - 6:00 pm

03/18/2017

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

03/24/2017

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

EVENT

A Celebration of Women Artists' Reception
The Little Loomhouse, Louisville KY

Women's History Show: A Celebration of Women
The Little Loomhouse, Louisville KY

Weekend-long Handwoven Clothing Class -Intermediate Level
The Little Loomhouse, Louisville KY

Lecture Series: Jessica Stavros on The Hill Sisters
The Little Loomhouse, Louisville KY

Women Organize Restoration:
Celebration of Highway Marker for Fenley Family Cemetery
Fenley Cemetery and The Little Loomhouse, Louisville KY

April 2017

DATE/TIME

04/01/2017

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

04/01/2017

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

04/03/2017 - 04/07/2017

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

04/15/2017

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

EVENT

Intro to Weaving
The Little Loomhouse, Louisville KY

Intro to Spinning
The Little Loomhouse, Louisville KY

Spring Break Weaving in Nature Camp -Ages 6-13 years
The Little Loomhouse, Louisville KY

Indigo Dye Workshop
The Little Loomhouse, Louisville KY

May 2017

DATE/TIME

05/05/2017 - 05/06/2017

All Day

EVENT

Happy Oaks and Derby! We will be Closed for these historic events.
The Little Loomhouse, Louisville KY



Hours:

Wed-Fri 10:00-2:00

Sat 11:00-4:00

Please Note:

Because we are operated by a volunteer staff, we ask that you contact us in advance to ensure that someone is here to greet you.

Visit Our Gift Shop in the Lou Tate Gallery

Did you know that LLH has a wonderful gift shop on the campus grounds that is open during regular business hours and for special events? We have fiber-related items ranging from hand-made wearables, scarves, throws, towels and weaving supplies to hand-made jewelry, ceramics, assemblages and paintings.

Most artwork displayed during the Gallery shows is also for sale. Join us for a unique shopping experience and support the "Buy Local" movement!



Kroger Community Rewards

You can now help support The Little Loomhouse through the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Please follow the instructions below:

1. Visit www.kroger.com/communityrewards
2. Scroll down to find your location and click "Enroll Now"
3. Sign in to your account or create an account
4. Find and select our organization - **The Little Loomhouse Is #14073** - and click "Save"

You'll start earning rewards for us right away on qualifying purchases made using your Kroger Plus Card!

Learn more at www.kroger.com/communityrewards and thank you for your support!

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Restoration and Preservation Update:

In late January the Restoration and Preservation Committee hired H2O Service to replace the water heaters in the Esta and Top House cabins. We would like to thank H2O Service for their timely and professional work on our historic cabins.

The new stairs and rails at the Loomhouse are a great improvement to the property. The Restoration and Preservation Committee have started ordering the memorial plaques that will be placed on the new railing. The plan will be to paint the new and old railing in late spring when the weather permits and allow the paint to dry and then place the memorial plaques. We are currently still taking orders for memorial plaques that start at \$150 to help raise funds for further restoration projects.

Melissa Amos-Jones
Restoration and
Preservation Chair



Please consider supporting our ongoing preservation efforts by donating to our Stair Rail Memorial. In return you'll receive a memorial plaque permanently placed on our railing.

Contact us for more information: (502) 367-4792 or visit our website: littleloomhouse.org

Little Loomhouse Volunteer Kathy McWilliams Wins the Lou Tate Memorial Award at the Kentucky State Fair

By: Caitlin Sollee



It is with great pleasure that on behalf of everyone at the Little Loomhouse, I would like to bid our long-time volunteer

Kathy McWilliams congratulations on her huge winnings at the 2016 Kentucky State Fair. Kathy's hand-woven works won a total of 6-first place ribbons, 1-third place ribbon and 3 Rosettes. An overshot table runner won her the annual Lou Tate Memorial Award Rosette and Blue Ribbon along with a free 1 year membership to the Little Loomhouse. We are so proud of Kathy and her amazing accomplishments! Please drop by the Little Loomhouse and see some of Kathy's amazing work for sale in our gift shop!





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Weaving In Nature Spring Break Camp 2017 **April 3 - 7, 9am - 4pm**
Ages 6 to 13 **Cost: \$200 full day / \$125 half day (9am-12pm or 1pm-4pm)**
\$50 one day / \$25 one half day

Please circle which camp: FULL DAY-week / HALF DAY: week / ONE DAY / ONE HALF-DAY:
Morning or Afternoon Morning or Afternoon

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Please describe any allergies or other special things we should know about your child:

I, _____, Parent/Guardian of _____ hereby authorize and consent to the use of his/her visual image by the Lou Tate Foundation for appropriate purposes, including but not limited to: still photography, videotape, electronic and print publications and websites. I give this consent with no claim for payment.
Signature _____ Date _____

I, _____, Parent/Guardian of _____ hereby authorize the Little Loomhouse staff and volunteers to seek medical attention for my child in the case of an emergency.
Signature _____ Date _____

Register Early!

- Bring a sack lunch and drink each day. Afternoon snacks will be provided.
- Campers will be both inside and outdoors, please remember to wear sunscreen and bring bug spray/protection of choice.
- We will be working with dyes, please wear old clothes!
- Payment in full secures your spot.

MAIL COMPLETED FORM & PAYMENT TO:

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OR CALL TO REGISTER:

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