

The Kentucky Weaver from

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... about our rich weaving and fiber arts history

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... our unique collection of weaving and historic looms

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Fall 2023



The Lou Tate Gallery Presents ...



edgework/pattern

an exhibition of prints on handmade paper

Aug 26 - Oct 21

Opening Reception, Free and Open to the Public, Saturday, Sept 16, 2pm-4pm

The archives are cool from tree shade on Kenwood Hill, even in the summer heat. This summer as the Artist in Residence, I surveyed the Little Loomhouse archives to research Lou Tate's weaving drafts in order to digitize and carve them into stamps. We also held two lovely workshops: papermaking with 3D printed mould and deckle, and stamping Lou's lasercut patterns. As a result, I present this exhibition. -Jenna Richards

These two series are presented in tandem, **edgework** is a series of original works by Richards while **pattern** is a series that draws inspiration from Lou Tate's drafts, drafting style, drawing, and linework.

All **edgeworks** are made from handmade paper that is 100% recycled pulp, made from personal belongings, CNC stamp on handmade paper, glitter ink, lasercut stencil used to apply holographic heat foil, emboss of cnc stamp, CNC cut wood frame (purpleheart or red cedar). In these works, two primary patterns remain constant: tessellated pyramids and twisted stitch. The tessellated pyramids began as a 3D steel 'room corner'. Twisted stitch pattern is a technically incorrect knit stitch, embracing the incorrect way Richards initially learned to knit. Pattern is used here as a homonym meaning a collection of shapes repeated on a surface, and as a guide, instruction, or blueprint for creating 3D forms from sewing patterns to building schematics. Form is repeated over and over.

*CNC stands for Computerized Numerical Control.

pattern is a series of prints created from linoleum stamps, lasercut from Lou Tate's weaving drafts.

To learn about Jenna Richards visit www.JennaLeighRichards.com.



Save the date!
September 14, 2023

The area's most generous day of giving hosted annually by the Community Foundation of Louisville is set to return.

We hope you join us!

Upcoming Classes and Workshops



Intro to Weaving Class
\$30 from 12:30 - 2:00

Intro to Spinning Yarn
using a drop spindle
\$30 from 2:30 - 4:00

All supplies are included.
Ages: 13 years to adult

Pick one of four
Saturdays:

September 2nd
October 7th
November 18th
December 2nd

Join us for either class or
both classes:

Register online at <https://www.littleloomhouse.org/classes-and-upcoming-events>

**Please like our
Facebook page**

Letter From Our Board Chair

Greeting Friends,

It's that time of year again, when the children return to school and the adults work to establish new routines. I am loving that so many of you are adding attending classes at the Little Loomhouse to your busy schedules.

This summer, our board elected Layah Hodges as our Vice President and to lead our nominating committee for new board members. She brings her experience working with local non-profits, customer service, and energy to the table as we work to onboard new board members with a diverse range of skillsets and backgrounds.

The board has a new committee this year dedicated to Fundraising. This committee will plan our first annual, signature event that we are working to establish for March which is Women's History Month. More to come soon on this effort.

I want to share with you that I have joined the "Happy Birthday Circle" board. This is the group working to bring a pavilion, memorial, and picnic grove celebrating the life and legacy of the Hill Sisters to the Big Four Bridge area of Waterfront Park. With the Little Loomhouse being home to the Happy Birthday Song, I feel it is imperative that we retain our engagement with this board throughout the fundraising and installation process for the monument. Learn more and see the designs at <https://happybirthdaycircle.com/>.

We love having you in our community! Please consider donating to the Little Loomhouse on Give for Good Louisville Day as we will have opportunities for matching funds. Save the date September 14, 2023 and look for the Lou TateFoundation/Little Loomhouse

We appreciate all your support.
Rachel Roarx

28th Annual Weaving History Conference



Join us this year at the 28th Annual Weaving History Conference presented by Thousand Islands Arts Center, Clayton, New York.

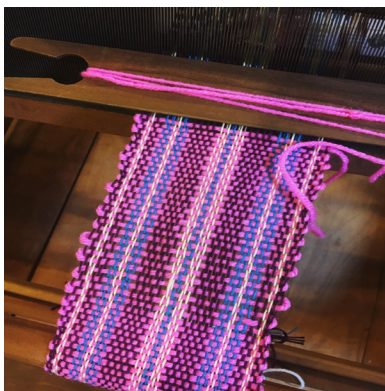
Loomhouse Executive Director, Michelle Amos will be presenting *Diversifying Our Future Bringing History Forward at the Little Loomhouse*.

Former Loomhouse Archives Intern, Frances Millar will present, *Medieval Resonances in Contemporary Materiality: An examination of Ebony G. Patterson's 'Tapestry' Work*.

The conference is virtual on October 23-25 with a suggested \$60 donation to attend. Register at <https://tiartscenter.org/weaving-history-conference/>

Must see exhibition ... Alma Wallace Lesch at the Speed through October 29

The Loomhouse was pleased to partner with the Speed Art Museum to provide two programs in conjunction with the Alma Lesch exhibition. Lesch was a long-time friend to Loomhouse founder, Lou Tate, and mentor to many fiber artists associated with the Loomhouse. This amazing exhibition can be found in the Kentucky gallery.



2-Hour Weaving Class

Ages 6 - adults
\$25.00

These weaving classes are designed for the whole family or the individual child, age 6 up to individual adults.

Participants create hand woven pieces to take home.

All supplies included.



Weave a Rag Runner Class \$30.00

Spend a relaxing afternoon weaving a rag table runner for yourself or a friend. Beginners Welcome.

Saturday, September 23
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Kentucky Fibers: Carrying Tradition Forward

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Artist Talk | Yeiser Art Center



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH | 4PM-6PM
200 BROADWAY ST | FREE & OPEN TO PUBLIC

KENTUCKY FIBERS: Carrying Tradition Forward

Workshop | Yeiser Art Center



- LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE
- ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED
- LUNCH PROVIDED
- \$75/TICKET (\$60 FOR YAC MEMBERS)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST | 11AM-3PM
200 BROADWAY ST | TICKETS @ THEYEISER.ORG

Location: Yeiser Art Center, 200 Broadway St, Paducah, KY

Join us for an exploration into Fibers at Yeiser Art Center with Little Loomhouse Executive Director, Michelle Amos, Yeiser Executive Director, Lexie Millikan, and Robin Verson, Hill & Hollow Farm (Edmonton, KY).

Millikan, Amos, and Verson's background in and love for textiles will be the backdrop for an informative weekend at Yeiser Art Center's historic downtown Paducah gallery.

An artist talk will be held Saturday, Sept 30th, from 4-6pm, free and open to the public (refreshments provided) with a workshop to follow on Sunday, October 1st, from 11am-3 pm.

Saturday's Artist talk will include history on natural dyes, spinning demonstrations, and regional weaving history.

Sunday's Workshop participants will learn the natural dye process before weaving a small table runner in a traditional weaving pattern, on a foot powered loom.

Cost of Sunday's Workshop is **\$60 for members** of Little Loomhouse, Yeiser Arts Center, or Hill & Hollow Farm CSA.
\$75 for non-members

The workshop is designed for adults. Beginners are welcome and encouraged. Lunch and all supplies provided to workshop participants.

To register visit:

<https://theyeiser.org/october-1st-kentucky-fibers/>

Save the date ...

Saturday , November 25th,

11am-4pm



Relax and enjoy cookies and cider while you shop during Small Business Saturday.

LLH members receive 15% off items in our gift shop. (Excluding consignment.)

Non-members receive 10% off on all Loomhouse items.

Please remember to
donate during
Give for Good -
on September 14th
... search for
Lou Tate Foundation,
DBA The Little Loomhouse

Spinning Mohair Workshop



Join The Little Loomhouse
at Breezy Hill Farm,
Simpsonville, KY

Sunday, September 17
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM EDT

We will be a shearing
Barbara Jean (pictured
above), an angora goat
who loves treats, and
learning to spin mohair
on a drop spindle.

The cost is \$50 and
includes 2oz of mohair
& a drop spindle to take
home.

Additional Mohair will be
available for purchase.

Space is limited to 10
students.

Address to the farm will
be sent in an email after
registration.

Please bring a sack lunch.

Register at <https://www.littleloomhouse.org/classes-and-upcoming-events>

Kentucky Rural Urban Exchange Leads to Program Partners



Loomhouse Executive Director, Michelle Amos is wrapping up her last year as a Kentucky Rural Urban Exchange (KYRUX) cohort member.

The two-year exchange program has led to Amos strengthening partnerships across the state and opportunities for the Loomhouse. In the first year, Amos worked with Robin Verson, Hill and Hollow Farm, Edmonton, KY, to provide a Kentucky Coverlet Sampler workshop which included fresh leaf indigo dye straight from the farm. The workshop attracted artists and educators from across the state and resulted in a KYRUX Podcast Episode, Weaving Kentuckians Together. The workshop inspired Verson's daughter, Madeline, who is also a textile artist, to do a residency program at the Little Loomhouse, where she wove a traditional coverlet in the Snail Trail Cat Track pattern, using wool from their sheep, naturally dyed from their indigo plants.

This year the Loomhouse hosted all fifty-five KYRUX cohort members from twenty-two counties in a folk arts exchange, which included an album release celebration for the Louisville Rapper, Ekknoknowledge. We collaborated again with Hill & Hollow Farm to provide two workshops in natural dye and weaving, which have continued to attract artists and educators from across the state to engage in this exchange. New this year will be the Loomhouse, along with Hill & Hollow Farm, participating in two-days of programs at the Yeiser Art Center in Paducah, KY, funded in part by a grant from KYRUX. We hope this to be the beginning of deeper collaborations with our friends in the western part of our state.

To hear the KYRUX podcast, featuring the KY Coverlet Workshop visit:
<https://www.kyrux.org/blog/> for "Podcast Episode 2: RUX Collaborations Weave Kentuckians Together."

New Tour Offerings and Updated Pricing

The Loomhouse has updated tours to reflect new discoveries connected to our story and the growing interest in fiber arts.



HerStory Tour:
Evolution of the
Loomhouse &
Lou Tate's Legacy

**Historical Tour
of Land &
Buildings**

**Fiber &
Spinning
Tour**

Starting
Sept 1, 2023,
our tour price
schedule:

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**Members
are
always
FREE!**

**\$10 for
adults,(13+)**

**\$5 for children
(5-12 yrs)**

**free (5 and
under)**

save the date ...
**Holiday in the
 Woods,
 Saturday,
 November 4th,
 6 pm - 9 pm**



Join us for an evening of
 art, featuring works by
 local artists, shopping,
 and merriment at our
 Little Loomhouse Open
 House event,

***free and
 open to the public***

Parking will be at DeSales
 High School,
 425 W. Kenwood Drive
 with a shuttle up
 Kenwood Hill.

Education Program Update

We closed out our fiscal year end 6-30-23 having served over 6,170 students in educational programs. 82% of the total number of people we served are local, with 18% out-of-town guests.

Our programs include sites across the city in eight public schools and one private, five different community centers, five public libraries, one YMCA site, four public festivals, a historical lecture at the Okolona Woman's Club, and two programs at the Speed Art Museum in conjunction with the Alma Lesch exhibition.

Our programs in the region include connecting agriculture to art in our partnership with the Harrison County/Purdue University Extension office and classes in Berea for the Berea Learnshops.

This year we hosted five interns interested in fiber arts studies, which include one Master of Fine Art and one Bachelor of Fine Art student from the University of Louisville, and three high school students.

We also hosted two Artists-in-Residence this year. One, a fiber artist from Edmonton, KY; and the other Jenna Richards, who has a MFA Indiana University and BFA University of Louisville.

We want to thank our partnerships with Fund for the Arts, Norton Foundation, Louisville Metro, John Wakeley Purple, Evolve502, Louisville Free Public Libraries, YMCA of Louisville, Harrison Co.-Purdue University Extension, J.B. Speed Art Museum, and our members for their support toward these programs, and are happy to announce our new partnership this year with the Kentucky Arts Council.

The Loomhouse Would Like To Thank The Following Partners:

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 \$10,000 -
 \$20,000

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Membership Level

- ☐ Individual \$35 ☐ Sponsor \$250 (family membership plus \$200 donation)
☐ Family \$50 ☐ Patron \$500 (family membership plus \$450 donation)
☐ Business \$100 ☐ Founder \$1,000 (family membership plus \$950 donation)

☐ Check here to receive a printed copy of our newsletter, The Kentucky Weaver

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- ☐ I would like to make an additional donation in the amount of \$ _____
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If you prefer to pay by credit card, please call us to arrange a secure transaction.

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DISCOUNT ON CAMPS
AND WORKSHOPS!**

**Renew or
become a LLH Member
and enjoy the benefits today!
Go to www.littleloomhouse.org
click on "Participate" then
"Become a Member"**

WE OFFER MANY ADULT WORKSHOPS TOO!

For more information on tours,
upcoming shows, and class
schedules, visit
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\$35 Covers the
cost of supplies for
community events
and classes

\$100 Helps put an
artist in a school
or community center

\$250 Pays for our
participation
in a community
event

\$1,000 Helps pay an artist
residency in a school or
community center
for one semester