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UPDATE

COVID-19 Response

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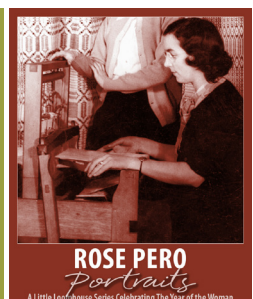
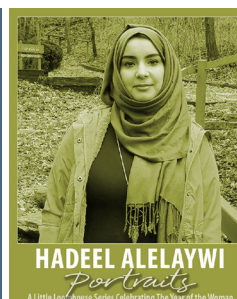
We are open typical operating hours for tours and mini weaving lessons one couple or family group at a time. Our camps and classes are operating at 50% capacity. In Top House weaving studio, our looms and work spaces are 6' apart with a HEPA filter running, and masks available to guests at check in. We will continue to do online sales, shipping and curb pick-up for gift shop items, fiber arts kits, Camp in a Box, supplies, and historic publications. We want you to be safe and have the ability to engage with us at the level you are comfortable with.

We would also like to thank the Community Foundation One Louisville: COVID-19 Response Fund, Delta Dental of Kentucky COVID-19 Emergency Fund, John Wakely Purple, Vicki Aubrey Welch, Karen Abney, Leslie Millar, Terry Burt & Patrick Donley, Stefanie & Tony Buzan, Kathy & David McWilliams, Robbie & Margaret Merrick, and so many of our member donors who have provided operating support during this time. You, along with our amazing staff have enabled us to adapt to the changing needs of our community, allowing us to continue our mission to ensure the preservation of The Little Loomhouse landmark cabins and educate students of all ages about the history of weaving and textile arts through diverse programs, residencies, and community partnerships.

CELEBRATE WITH US!

"Portraits" is a year-long Little Loomhouse Series Celebrating the Year of The Woman

Please join us on our social media platforms as we continue to Celebrate the Year of the Woman. Specifically, those who have had a positive influence on The Little Loomhouse, The Lou Tate Foundation, and Weaving in The Woods over the years.



Introducing Our Spring-Summer Studio Intern Blake Millwood



Blake Millwood applied for a Loomhouse Studio Internship position to gain knowledge about working at an Arts nonprofit organization, and to further challenge their creativity after studying art at LVA and in their classes at St. Francis High School. Millwood's Spring Internship was extended into the summer due to a temporary break during the COVID-19 initial closure. Since arriving at the Loomhouse, Millwood has learned to warp and weave on a 2-harness loom, wove items for the gift shop, helped design graphics for art kits, and participated as a Camp Assistant.

Letter from the President

Dear Members,

My last letter to you was written in February of this year. My, how the world has changed! There was no predicting what would transpire in the following months and perhaps it is better that way. All I can say is that I am so proud of our staff, volunteers, and supporters who have risen to the occasion and helped the Loomhouse thrive under such difficult circumstances.

I want to specifically call out Michelle Amos, our Director of Programming and Education, and Ruth Goodhart, Instructor and Intern for their amazing creativity and vision in developing programs and products that have not only virtually kept our doors open (even when physically they were closed) but also provided free or low cost instruction and supplies to our community.

Starting in March, just days after the COVID-19 closures the Loomhouse launched free online programming on our social media accounts. Fiber arts kits and an online store soon followed. Our Fiber Arts Kits, with full picture instruction and all supplies needed to create finished works, have been donated throughout the community. To our supporters – your donations have made this possible and will continue to support our efforts to have a positive impact during these unusual times and allow us to continue to offer both virtual programs and individual fiber arts kits for hands-on student participation.

Lastly, I can't help but think about our Founder – Lou Tate. She was a powerful, resilient woman who saw much change and adversity in her lifetime and rose to the occasion every time! We have learned a lot from her and especially want to honor her legacy of inclusion, creativity and using the arts as a constructive way to handle the stress of difficult situations.

Thank you, I hope we can all stay safe and help support each other.

Karen Abney

President, Board of Directors of the Lou Tate Foundation

PLANNING AHEAD

Virtual Holiday in the Woods

Held the first Saturday evening in November, Holiday in the Woods is an evening of art, enchantment, and merriment at The Little Loomhouse!



In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, we will be hosting our Holiday in the Woods virtually this year. We will kick-off the event with a holiday video tour of our grounds on the first Saturday in November, and throughout the month of November we will be featuring different Artists from our Gift shop each week. Follow the action on our Facebook or Instagram pages or visit our online store to view or make a purchase of our featured Artists or Loomhouse items.

Welcome

Frances Millar, our new
Archives Intern



Frances Millar has joined The Little Loomhouse team this summer as an Archives Intern. Ms. Millar completed her first year of general classes at Bryn Mawr College and is interested in pursuing art therapy or using her arts experience with a psychology degree. She brings her experience of working with non-profit organizations, having volunteered in several different positions at The Speed Art Museum, including art instructor, teen docent, camp assistant, at KMAC as an assistant camp teacher, and as Vice President of Dupont Manual's Knitting Club where high school students knit with residents in retirement homes. Ms. Millar has a special interest in archival preservation and textile patterns. She will be working to create an exhibition installation for The Little Loom House from our collection of Cross Country Weavers Guild weaving samples. We are excited to welcome Millar for the summer and support her educational goals.

CREATE

Upcoming Classes

Please call 502-367-4792 or email thelittleloomhouse@gmail.com to register.

Drop-In Weaving Sessions

Designed for the whole family!

Drop-In Weavings are designed for the whole family or the individual, age 6 years to adults. Participants create hand woven pieces to take home. Projects include purses, bags, cats on mats, mice in a bag and more. Drop-In Weaving sessions are hosted Tues-Fri 10am to noon (session 1) or 1 pm- 3pm (session 2), and cost \$25 per 2-hour session all supplies are included. Due to COVID-19 outbreak, classes will be limited to 5 students per session and all guests will need to wear a mask. You must call to schedule a session or go to our website if you would like to purchase a date in advance. Our Covid-19 response includes students and instructors wear a mask, looms are spaced 6' a part, and we will be running a hepa filter in the weaving studio. We will be sanitizing all high touch and high traffic areas.



Drop-In Weaving Session too Long?

We offer mini-weaving lessons

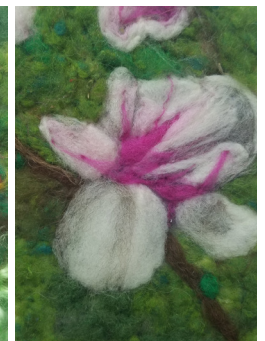
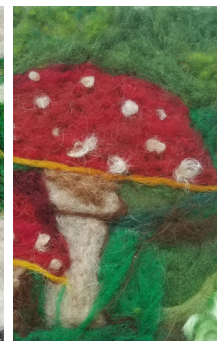
Mini-Weaving Lessons are available during our open hours. The cost is \$7/person for the 20-minute session. You can expect to weave a "mug rug"/coaster souvenir to take home. Due to Covid-19 outbreak, classes are limited to 5 weavers, for larger groups please call for a reservation.



Needle Felt Classes

Beautiful and fun!

The Loomhouse offers Needle Felt Classes and supplies. Needle Felt Classes typically last 2-hours and you can expect to make a 5"x7" piece for your wall. The cost is \$25, all supplies included. To find the next available class please visit our website at www.littleloomhouse.org.

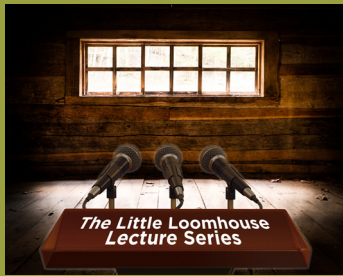


Camp in a Box and More!

Have you ever heard: Mommy/Daddy I'm bored?

In May, the Little Loomhouse launched Camp in a Box, for ages 6 - 15 yrs, which included 15 projects, typically done at a Loomhouse camp. All projects included instructions, picture samples, and the supplies needed to create the project. The cost is \$100.00 and they are still available at our online store. In November, we will announce a fall/winter themed Camp in a Box and individual fiber arts kits for families wanting just one or two of the projects. These will be announced on our social media and available for purchase at our online store.





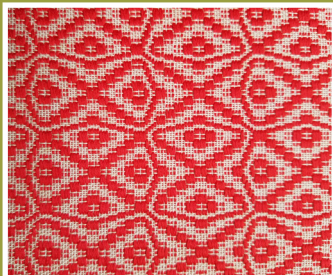
The Little Loomhouse Lecture Series:

Women of the Ohio Valley Weavers

Our Postponed Lecture on the Women of the Ohio Valley Weavers took place outside of Top House Weaving Studio on Saturday August 15th.

To view this event online please visit:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZBYWtpN_gA7klyHN1YnPmcZN--tEOd9M/viewcom/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdrive



Turntable by Doris Tipton

Please Note:

The Little Loomhouse Current Hours:

Tues-Fri 10am-3pm
Sat 11am-4pm

**Due to the COVID-19 outbreak reservations are recommended.*

EXPERIENCE

In The Lou Tate Gallery

As many scheduled events have been cancelled or postponed, we wanted to use our space to support artists affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

We are planning a Covid-19 Response Exhibition beginning Sept 1 and ending on Oct 24th. Our goal is to highlight both artists who have lost exposure and revenue due to the pandemic and artists who have responded directly to the pandemic with art.

We plan to have an outdoor reception on September 5th, 2-4 pm. We will be offering refreshments outside of Wisteria cabin on the Loomhouse grounds; capacity will be limited inside the cabins to 5 persons at a time. We will be posting more information about the exhibition on our website and social media outlets.

Items will be available for purchase through our online store for curbside pick up.

GENEROSITY



The Community Foundation of Louisville's Give for Good Louisville is Thursday, September 17 and you'll have 24 hours to support your favorite nonprofit (we know that's us!).

Last year you blew our fundraising goals out of the water. Please help us do it again this year by heading to <https://www.giveforgoodlouisville.org/organizations/lou-tate-foundation-dba-the-little-loomhouse> and making a gift that will enable us to continue to share the art of weaving through diverse programming and community partnerships.

Your support is more important than ever. Starting in March, just days after the COVID-19 closures, the Loomhouse launched free online programming and released Fiber Arts Kits with full picture instruction and all the supplies needed to create finished works. These kits have been distributed across the community through our partnerships with Americana Community Center, Backside Learning Center, South Louisville Community Ministries, the Shawnee Boys & Girls Club, Louisville Family Justice Advocates, and Open Doors Youth Services.

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Your Give for Good gifts will help us cover the cost of more community art kits and allow us to continue producing artist videos to share with our community schools.

RESTORATION & PRESERVATION

The Restoration and Preservation Committee would like to recognize Susan Winter, Joel Schwartz, the Estate of Ethel Schwartz and Steve Singery with D. D. Williamson and Company for their generous donations towards fully funding phase one of our Wisteria Cabin Restoration Project and funding towards beginning phase two. Phase one will be to replace the rotted framework to the entrance to the Wisteria Cabin and restore the double doors. Phase one will be completed in 2020. Look for upcoming information on Phase two of replacing the siding to the Wisteria Cabin in 2021-2022.

Melissa Amos-Jones / Restoration and Preservation Chair



Wanita Ann Wolfe Binder 1936-2020

The Little Loomhouse would like to recognize the passing of Wanita Ann Wolfe Binder on June 10, 2020. She was a long-time member of the Little Loomhouse and fellow neighbor on Kenwood Hill. She was completely devoted to her family, a coach, teacher, counselor at Holy Rosary for 40 years, and a wonderful steward to her community. Among many of her accomplishments, she and her colleagues were instrumental in moving women's sports from intramural to competitive play. We thank Wanita Binder for her years of membership and service to community, may you rest in peace.

2019 Program Report

In 2019 we served over 6,600 people through 323 cultural offerings with 311 of the offerings including creative participation. Of the 12 offerings that did not include creative participation, 6 were exhibitions, 2 were lectures, 2 were musical performances, and 2 were demonstrations. We hosted these offerings at 26 regional locations including on-site, 5 public schools, 4 different library branches, 4 private schools, 2 community centers, 2 museums, 2 restaurants, 3 parks, The Louisville Visitors Center, The Fair Grounds, and the Broadway Center in Berea. Part of our cultural education offerings included 10 extensive training programs. We hosted and trained 2 Mayor Summer Works Interns, 1 college Summer Intern, 4 adult independent study students, and 1 fall college Intern. For summer 2019 Cultural Pass we hosted 1,336 visitors who participated in seek-n-find historical tours, weaving activities, and twisting yarn into bracelets free of charge.

AVAILABLE NOW!



The Little Loomhouse Coloring and Activity Book

The book includes information and coloring pages for all three cabins, Lou Tate, Eleanor Roosevelt, the Hill Sisters, the Happy Birthday Song, natural sources of fiber, and more.

They cost only \$5.00 and can be picked up in the gift shop or ordered at our online store.

The Little Loomhouse would like to thank the following partners:



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Mimi Zinniel

Memorial Gifts

in honor of Ethel Schwartz:

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Chris Doerflinger

Memorial Gifts in loving memory

of Ilse & Hartley Arnold:
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- ☐ I would like to make an additional donation in the amount of \$ _____
- ☐ I do not wish to be a member. Enclosed is my donation in the amount of \$ _____

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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 littleloomhouse.org
or facebook.com/littleloomhouse.

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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

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