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Come Experience the Beauty of the Hill

Make us part of your summer adventures and see what's old - and new -
at The Little Loomhouse



Inside:

Summer Camps, Education Updates, GlobaLou Festival,
"I AM ALI" Celebration, Wakeley Purple, Cultural Pass Days, and more!

News from the Board

Dear Friends,

Summer is right around the corner, and we have a lot of exciting programs going on at The Little Loomhouse. We're offering several summer camps, drop-in weaving sessions, Cultural Pass tour days, adult classes, our Artist of the Month series, and a lot more. It's going to be a busy, exciting summer and I hope you'll stop by to be part of it. Have a great summer!

Sara Reyna-Byler

President, Board of Directors

Students from DeSales
High School clean-up the
LLH grounds.



Students and professional
artists collaborate on
weaving pieces for the
Side by Side Exhibit.

**Mark Your
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Summer
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Youth and Family Programs Update

By Michelle Amos

Education Programs

In April, The Little Loomhouse once again hosted students from DeSales High School for their annual field trip and volunteer clean-up. Nineteen students walked up the hill to learn about the history of The Loomhouse, weave souvenir mug rugs, and spend a couple of hours cleaning up the grounds. We loved hosting the students and really appreciate all of their hard work.

On April 29th, The Little Loomhouse once again partnered with the Iroquois Branch of the Free Public Library to provide family friendly fiber activities for their Dia Celebration. *El día de los niños/El día de los libros* (Children's Day/Book Day), commonly known as *Día*, is a celebration of children, families, and reading that culminates annually on April 30. The celebration emphasizes the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

The first week in May, a Little Loomhouse Visiting Artist taught four classes of kindergarten and 1st graders about fiber, spinning and weaving at Breckinridge Franklin Elementary. This program was made possible through a generous grant from the Norton Foundation.

April 19th-May 20th, The Little Loomhouse's Lou Tate Gallery will host Side by Side: An Exhibition of Artistic Collaborations. This Side by Side exhibition is made up of sixteen groupings of art – one made by the student artist, one made by the professional artist, and one collaborative piece. Side by Side is an annual program offered by VSA Kentucky in partnership with The Kentucky School for the Blind, and The Little Loomhouse this year. The participating students joined us for the Artist Reception on May 11th for activities and light refreshments.

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Summer Programs at the Little Loomhouse

Summer Camps are back! This year we will be offering four summer camps for ages 6-12 years and two camps for ages 13-16 years. Camps are \$200 a week for full day and \$125 a week for half day. Please check our website: littleloomhouse.org to find a camp that fits your family.

We will once again be offering Drop-In Weavings during the summer. Drop-In Weavings are designed for the whole family or the individual child, age 6 and up - to adults. Projects include purses, bags, cats on mats, mice in a bag and more. The cost is \$25, with all supplies included, for this two hour class. Check out our website to find one to fit your family or give us a call to schedule one.

We will be offering an arts activity in the Lou Tate Gallery, free and open to the public, on Wednesdays - Fridays from 10am - 2pm and Saturdays 11am - 4pm as a part of the **I AM ALI Festival**. Each week we will focus our art activity on one of the "six core principles" that guided Muhammad Ali throughout his life. See page 4 for more details about this event.

Spotlight on Artist Chris Doerflinger

The Little Loomhouse would like to thank Artist Chris Doerflinger for her contribution to The Women's History Month Exhibition. Chris created and displayed three memory boxes celebrating the lives of three different women. These boxes served as the catalyst for our interactive wall in the gallery, where visitors could create their own works celebrating a woman who influenced their life.



Chris Doerflinger pictured with the memory box of her mother and the interactive gallery space.

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Cultural Pass is Back!

The Cultural Pass Program is open to anyone ages 0-21 years, who is eligible for a Louisville Free Public Library Card. The Program runs June 3-August 12, with the Loomhouse participating on Wednesdays, 10am-2pm and Saturdays, 11am-4pm. We will be offering self-guided tours, seek-n-finds with an art experience and discounted tutored weaving tours where participants make their own souvenir.

End of Spring Teen/Adult Classes

For any of the classes listed, give us a call at (502) 367-4792 to get registered. Full or half payment will secure your spot in the class:

Intro to Weaving, Saturday, May 20, 12:30-2pm, ages 15 years and up. This beginners class is \$25 a person, all supplies are included.

Intro to Spinning, Saturday, May 20, 2:30-4pm, ages 15 years and up. Learn how to turn fiber into yarn on a drop spindle. This class is \$25 a person, all supplies included.

Soap Making, Saturday, May 27, 1-5pm, adults, cost: \$75 per person. Participants will receive a soap making kit as a part of this class. Please consult our webpage about this class: littleloomhouse.org

Upcoming Programs and Partnerships

Starting May 10th through May 31st residents that show a Kentucky, Indiana, local military or student ID can receive a free Historical Tour during our regular business hours as a part of **Louisville's Hometown Tourist Celebration** held in conjunction with the United States Travel Association's National Tourism Week. To kick off the event the Loomhouse will be participating in the May 9th Press Conference & Attractions Showcase demonstrating how to process and spin wool.

On June 3rd from 1pm-10pm The Little Loomhouse will be participating in **GlobaLou, an event sponsored by the Americana World Festival** at the Iroquois Amphitheater by offering family-friendly fiber activities at our booth. Come out and join us at this free, family-oriented event that celebrates the exciting multiculturalism that enriches the Louisville Metro area.

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LLH partners with the Mayor's Summer Works Program

For the first time The Little Loomhouse will be partnering with the Mayor's Summer Works Program as a Champion Employer. We will hire three youth interns as Camp Counselors/Loomhouse interns to aid in the summer camps, Cultural Pass Program and daily operations. We are grateful for this opportunity and look forward to the collaboration.

Hannah Purdy, 17 attends Male High School, is a former summer employee and volunteer at LLH. Her primary responsibility will be assisting with the Cultural Pass and the "I AM ALI" Festival. Her secondary responsibility will be in assisting in the gift shop and gallery.

Thomas Rector, 16 attends Iroquois High School, studying plumbing and carpentry. His primary responsibilities will include groundskeeping, assisting with Cultural Pass, and secondary focus on assembling education kits for the gift shop.

Rebecca Hager, 20 attends Campbellsville University, studying early childhood education. Her primary responsibilities will be to assist with summer camps, and secondary focus on the Cultural Pass program.

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I AM ALI FESTIVAL

June 3 - July 15

This community-wide festival is a 6-week celebration of Muhammad Ali's global impact and legacy.

As one of the community ambassadors, LLH will be offering free art activities that will focus on one of six core principles that guided Muhammad Ali throughout his life.

Visit our website for more information:

littleloomhouse.org

and the event's website:
gotolouisville.com/ali

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!

Volunteer Spotlight on Wakeley Purple

By Caitlin Sollee

Most every Wednesday, you can find Wakeley Purple teaching, tinkering or weaving at The Little Loomhouse alongside fellow volunteer Sally Moss. Wakeley has been a staple volunteer for 5 years now, discovering the Loomhouse once he had retired. After 20 years of passing by "the little brown sign at the bottom of the hill" on his regular commutes from his former home in the area, he decided to venture onto the grounds to see what it was all about. In his time with us, he has worn many hats including teacher, equipment mechanic (he is our lone person who can fix all the old machines we have), treasurer and pretty much anything else that is asked of him.

In his childhood, Wakeley received some education on weaving from his father who was a linen-yarn salesman who took him to visit several spinning and weaving mills that were once abundant in this country. Although he wove some looper potholders for his mother in the 1950's, it was not until he began his work at the Loomhouse that he really learned the craft of weaving. Studying with some of our best weavers, including Sally Moss and Mona Cattan, Wakeley began making handwoven goods to donate to the Loomhouse to be sold, with the profits helping to keep the Loomhouse open and operating.

On one particular occasion, Wakeley had woven some rag rugs which he later noticed had been sold in the gift shop. Full of pride that someone had appreciated his handiwork, he later discovered that his wife, Mary, had purchased them to give to family members. For a bit, he felt somewhat disappointed by this until one day he discovered one of them hanging on his mother's front door.

Wakeley continues to volunteer at the Loomhouse and loves doing it because he likes "to help people get in touch with our collective history - the way we did things in the past. [The Little Loomhouse] helps me connect history with contemporary life. Not just the buildings and landscape, but also the way mingling a few pieces of fiber puts you in touch with thousands of years of human history and skills. I feel humbled and honored to be involved."

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Wakeley for all of his many years of dedicated work here at The Little Loomhouse. He makes so many things possible and is a great friend to us all.

If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities at The Little Loomhouse, please give us a call!

Wakeley Purple in the last stages of warping a loom



P R E S E R V E

Restoration and Preservation Update:

Dear Members,

The Restoration and Preservation Committee, along with the help of the Mayor's Summer Works Program, plans to give a facelift to the outdoor railing and walkways at the Loomhouse this summer. We will be cleaning, tightening boards, painting all outdoor rails and walkways, and installing memorial plaques. Another issue that will be addressed are the windows which are in desperate need of attention this year. We are taking donations of Deck Wash, window glaze/putty, paint scrappers, paint brushes for deck work and scrub brushes in time for our June Summer Works helper. Donations can be dropped off at the Loomhouse during open hours. Please come visit us in late summer to admire the progress.

Thanks,
Melissa Amos-Jones
Restoration and
Preservation Chair



Donated Materials
Wish-list:
Deck Wash
Window Glaze/Putty
Paint Scrappers
Paint Brushes
Scrub Brushes

Visit us at **GlobaLou**,
an event sponsored by
the Americana World
Community Center.
Saturday, June 3, 2017
9am to 9pm
Iroquois Amphitheater

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

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!



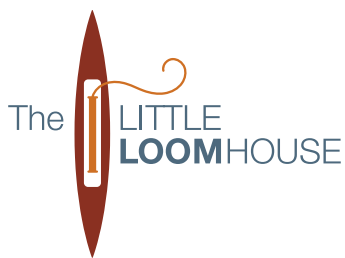
Hours:

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.



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Fiber Arts Summer Camps 2017 at LLH

Cost: \$200 full day / \$125 half day
Scholarships available. Register early!
Call 502-367-4792 for more info
Visit our website for session descriptions:
littleloomhouse.org

June 5th-9th, 6-12 yrs - *Weaving in the Trees*
June 12th-16th, 12-16 yrs - *Teen Fiber in Nature*
June 26th-30th, 6-12 yrs - *Weaving Fashion*
July 17th-21th, 12-16 yrs - *Teen Fiber Arts*
July 24th-28th, 6-12 yrs - *Dreaming & Weaving*
July 31st-Aug 4th, 6-12 yrs - *Stories & Weaving*

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:

328 Kenwood Hill Rd.

PO Box 9124

Louisville, KY 40209

OR CALL TO REGISTER:

(502) 367-4792

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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 _____



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