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News from the Board

Two thousand-eighteen brings about exciting changes at the Loomhouse! We can greet our guests with a new driveway and a fresh coat of paint on our walk. Our programming and education has expanded with extended summer hours, additional Drop-In Weaving sessions, and new partnerships with the Beechmont and Americana Community Centers thanks to support from the Norton Foundation and Imagine Greater Louisville 2020 (a project made possible by Louisville Metro Government in partnership with The Fund for the Arts). Along with our dedicated employees, volunteers, board members, and the Mayor Summer Works Interns, this coming year is set to be our best yet.

This is my first address as your new President of the Board of Directors of the Lou Tate Foundation. I would like to thank Sara Reyna-Byler for her contribution to the Loomhouse for the past two years of service as President of the Board. Sara will stay as a member of our Executive Committee and Membership Chair. I would also like to thank our outgoing board member Sylvia Arnold-Kinsfather for her years of service and continued volunteer work at the Loomhouse. You can often find Sylvia in the Top House cabin warping, weaving, sewing, organizing and teaching. The Loomhouse is lucky to have Sylvia's ongoing support.

The new year brings two new board members, Erin Yepis and Melanie Wolkoff-Waschsman. Erin works at Scoppechio Advertising Agency and has volunteered at the Loomhouse over the past year helping us with our online presence. She joined the board at our October Open Meeting and is a member of the Marketing Committee. Melanie is the Managing Director of the online magazine Louisville Distilled, and the mother of two young children, one of whom is a Loomhouse summer camp graduate. Melanie also joined the board in October and has agreed to become our Archives Chair and work closely with Marketing to better educate the public about the Loomhouse archives.

With great honor and excitement,
Melissa Amos-Jones

President of the Board of Directors of the Lou Tate Foundation

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Join us for our
Volunteer
Appreciation
Celebration

**Saturday,
February 17,
2018
2 to 4 pm**

In Esta Cabin at
The Little
Loomhouse

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**Women in
Functional Art
Opening Reception
Saturday,
March 3
11am - 4pm**

Lecture Series:

**Sabra Lynne
Crockett - New
Cut Road Mural
Project
Saturday,
March 17, 2pm**

**Women in
Politics Panel
Discussion
Saturday,
March 31, 2pm**

Upcoming Women's History Celebrations

March is Women's History Month, an exciting time for us at The Little Loomhouse, and we will be celebrating all month long starting with the Opening Reception for Celebrating Women in Functional Art on Saturday, March 3rd, from 11am-4pm. The Lou Tate Gallery will feature the works of Judy Sharpe (Lady J), Lisa Dupree, Sherry Bratcher, Judy Goodwin, Clare Hirn and Thea Henry.

Esta Cabin will include the archives from the 2017 New Cut Road Mural Project, and the 2017 State Fair winning artists: Sylvia Arnold-Kinsfather, Debbie Striegel, Kathy McWilliams, and Violet Stines.

Exhibition will continue through March 31st, Opening Reception is free and open to the public.

In addition, The Loomhouse will host two lectures in our Top House Cabin as a part of our ongoing Lecture Series. On Saturday, March 17, 2pm, Sabra Lynne Crockett will be speaking about the New Cut Road Mural Project, made possible by Council Woman Vicki Aubrey Welch and the Center of Neighborhoods PAINT project.

On Saturday, March 31st we will host a panel of speakers on Women in Politics. Panel includes: Dolores Delanhanty, founding member of the National Women's Political Caucus, State Representative McKenzie Cantrell, and Nicole George, candidate for the District 21 Metro Council seat. Lectures are suggested donation \$5 members/\$10 non-members, with proceeds going to our restoration efforts.

Come celebrate these accomplished women with us!

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Upcoming Workshops and Camps

Drop-In Weaving Classes

Drop-In Weavings are designed for the whole family or the individual child, ages 6 up to adults. Projects include purses, bags, cats on mats, mice in a bag and more.

The cost is \$25 per session, all supplies included.

Dates: Saturday, January 27, 1:00pm - 3:00pm - ages 6 and up
Saturday, February 24, 1:00pm - 3:00pm - ages 6 and up
Wednesday, April 4th, Thursday, April 5th, and Friday, April 6th*
from 10am - noon (session 1) or 1pm - 3pm (session 2)

***Students are welcome to join us for one or all three days! They can also register for one or both sessions per day!**

Intro to Weaving

Interested in learning to weave? This beginners class is perfect for you. Work with a knowledgeable and patient instructor. The cost is \$25 for the 1.5 hour class, all supplies are included.

Date: Saturday, February 3, 12:30pm - 2:00pm - ages 15 and up

Intro to Spinning

Learn how to turn fiber into yarn on a drop spindle and begin to spin your own yarn. The 1 1/2 hour class is \$25.00 and includes supplies.

Date: Saturday, February 3, 2:30pm - 4:00pm - ages 15 and up

Please call to reserve your spot in advance at (502)-367-4792.



*Sabra Lynne Crockett
photot courtesy of
Jolea Brown at Creative
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Congratulations to the Sollee Family!

The Loomhouse would like to congratulate Development Director Caitlin Sollee, on the birth of her daughter Clara Mae, born on Oct. 5th, during the Full Harvest Moon. We wish you, Ben, Oliver, and Clara all the best!



Visit Our Gift Shop in the Lou Tate Gallery

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.



Education and Programs 2017 Report

In 2017 we saw an impressive amount of growth in large part to the support we have received from our sponsors. Here are few of the highlights.

We more than doubled our public partnerships including:

- Participation in the following city-wide programs: Cultural Pass presented by Churchill Downs, Mayor's Summer Works Program, Hometown Tourism, and I AM Ali Festival.
- The educational programs we offered in the Louisville Free Public Libraries which included new programs at the Highland Shelby-Park, Fern Creek, and Main Branch Libraries.
- The programs we offered in the Jefferson County Public Schools including new programs at Auburndale Elementary, Lincoln Performing Arts Elementary, Breckinridge-Franklin Elementary, Roosevelt-Perry Elementary, and Rangeland Elementary.

We increased:

- Our number of visiting schools to include 5 new schools/child enrichment centers, including field trips from Western High School and the West End School.
- The number of visitors attending our Lou Tate Gallery exhibitions. Two of the shows we particularly enjoyed hosting were the VSA KY Side-by-Side Exhibition with the students from the Kentucky School for the Blind and The Special Project, YouthBuild, and Mayor's Summer Works Art, Health & Hope Exhibition.

On the Horizon:

This spring semester we will be offering 8-weeks of after school programs for youth at both the Beechmont and Americana Community Centers. In addition we will be offering 12-weeks of Adult classes for the Fiber Works program at Americana, which will conclude with an art exhibition in the Lou Tate Gallery this spring.

These projects were made possible by Louisville Metro Government in partnership with the Fund for the Arts, and the Norton Foundation.

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Wakeley Purple and
Thomas Rector at the
Little Loomhouse

The Purple Fund has an Impact that Hits Home

John Wakeley Purple (featured in the Kentucky Weaver Summer 2017 issue for his volunteerism), initially established The Purple Fund in the spring of 2016 to offer summer camp scholarships to low income families.

He believed in the transformative power of art and wanted to insure the magic of a summer camp experience at The Little Loomhouse was available to all children in our community regardless of their ability to pay.

Since his initial investment he has increased the amount of his gift to include funding the expansion of our programs, and to continue to pay the salary of our Mayor's Summer Works Intern, Thomas Rector, (featured in the Kentucky Weaver Fall 2017 issue) after that program ended.

The Purple Fund's support of our camp scholarships and paid internship program has had a positive effect on a very local level. 80% of our summer camp scholarship recipients reside in South Louisville, as does our Intern. The paid internship was created based on staffing needs of the organization and the need to provide a small, part-time position to our Intern during the school year. We really appreciate Thomas's hard work warping looms, keeping the walks clear, helping with art receptions, lectures and Drop-In Weaving classes.

We also want to thank Wakeley Purple for his continued commitment to The Purple Fund and for all he does to support our programs. If you would like to offer support for one of our programs or a restoration project, send a message to thelittleloomhouse@gmail.com.

Thank you to all of our incredible sponsors!

Because of the support we've received from our incredible sponsors we saw a 42% increase in the number of people we served in 2017. We were able to make some amazing and much needed improvements to the cabins which will help us to increase our services.



The Purple Fund



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upcoming shows and class
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or facebook.com/littleloomhouse.

The Little Loomhouse 2018 Membership & Donations

Member Name _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Membership Level

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

☐ Check here to receive a printed copy of The Little Loomhouse/Kentucky Weaver newsletter.
Otherwise, we'll email you an interactive copy.

☐ 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 \$ _____

If you prefer to pay by credit card, please call us and we'll arrange for a secure transaction.

PRESERVE

Hours:

Wed-Fri 10:00-2:00
Sat 11:00-4:00

New Summer Hours

begin June 1 - August 11:

Tue-Fri 10:00-3:00
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.

Please support 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

Restoration and Preservation Update:

The Honorable Order of the Kentucky Colonels Good Works Program continued its support of the restoration and preservation of The Little Loomhouse this year. With the Colonel's help, the Loomhouse was able to enhance accessibility to the property through needed updates to our driveway.

The Kentucky Colonels have partnered with the Loomhouse since 2011 on restoration and preservation efforts, enabling us to improve safety through the addition of new stairs between the cabins, ability to exhibit our coverlets and archives with custom display cabinets, and improve protection with the purchase of a security system. Additionally, they have helped to fund the removal of threatening trees, provided heating/air conditioning units and continue to help us create digital archives.

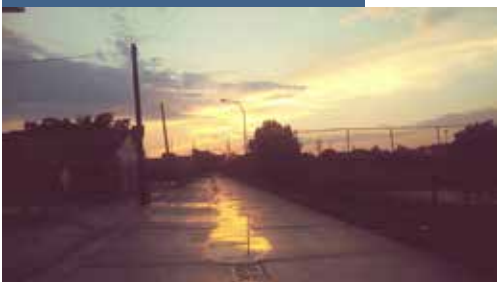
The Colonels donated \$1.5 million to nonprofits across the state in 2017. Please thank a Kentucky Colonel today for their generous donations to the Good Works Program which enriches the lives of all Kentuckians.

A huge THANK YOU from,
The Board of Directors of the Lou Tate Foundation



Young Visionaries at the Little Loomhouse

From Jan 6th - Jan 31st the Lou Tate Gallery at The Little Loomhouse is hosting a multi-media show of Artists under the age of 30, that live, work and create art in the Louisville area. The six participating Artists come from various backgrounds and attracted one of our largest crowds for the opening reception on Jan 6th. Artists include Julia Bays, a 19-year-old graduate of Floyd Central High School currently studying 2D art at the University of Louisville, Lafayette Mitchell (Grimlokk), an alumnus of YouthBuild of Louisville, who has been focused on photography for the past two years, Kasey Scarbrough, a 21-year-old graduate of Dupont Manual Visual Arts program, currently studying applied sciences as an automotive technician at Jefferson Community and Technical College, Brianna Harlan, a Louisville native with an art degree from Hanover College, working in printmaking, photography, and multimedia and Jessie Lane, a 23-year-old native of Louisville, recent graduate of the University of Louisville, working at the Speed Art Museum, who uses the arts as a means to quell the pain he suffers from Sickle-Cell disease. Also, Thea Henry, a 19-year-old graduate of Dupont Manual Youth Performing Arts School, currently a sophomore BFA Acting student at Marymount Manhattan College, gave a solo performance piece in Top House Studio on Opening Day. The Loomhouse would like to thank all of the participating Artists and patrons of the show. We look forward to seeing more from these young adults.





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**Volunteers do not necessarily have the time;
they just have the HEART!**

Thank you to all the volunteers that have shown love to The Little Loomhouse throughout our 78-year history. Now let us show YOU a little love!

All past, present, and future Little Loomhouse volunteers are invited to our appreciation celebration and open house on:

Saturday, February 17

2pm - 4 PM at The Little Loomhouse

How do your donations help The Little Loomhouse?

\$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

\$1000

Helps pay an artist residency in a school/community center for 1 semester