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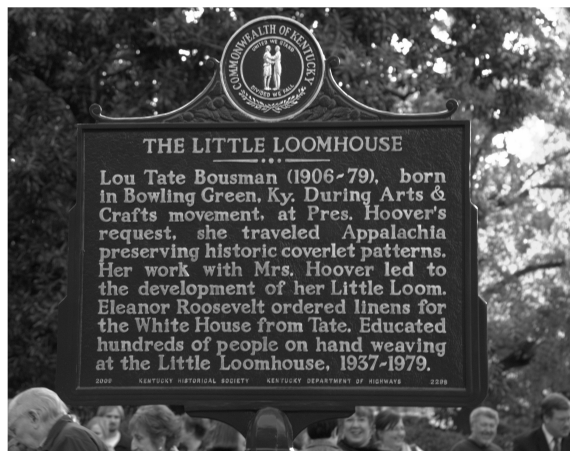
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Little Loomhouse Hours

Monday	By Appt.
Tuesday	10-3:30 pm
Wednesday	10-3:30 pm
Thursday	10-3:30 pm
Friday	By Appt.
Saturday	10-3:30 pm every third Sat.
Sunday	Closed



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The Little Loomhouse and Happy Birthday to You Gets A Historic Highway Marker

Monday, October 19, 2009, the Little Loomhouse and the Kentucky Historical Society hosted over 75 guests for the unveiling of the Little Loomhouse/Lou Tate and Happy Birthday to You/Mildred and Patty Hill Historic Highway Marker. Opening remarks were provided by Stefanie Buzan, Rosemary McCandless of the Little Loomhouse and Becky Riddle of the Kentucky Historical Society.

The honor of the official dedication of the marker was delivered by 21st District Councilman, Dan Johnson, who was also the financial benefactor for the marker. Mary Lou Northern represented Mayor Jerry Abramson.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat, Nov 14, 11am-4pm, Mona Cattan-Lewis will teach a soap making class at the Little Loomhouse. The \$30 enrollment fee includes soap making materials- each student will make 1 pound of soap using all vegetable oils. Please bring your own essential oils (1 ounce) to scent your soap. The soaps are great for personal use or as Christmas gifts. Space is limited. To enroll contact Mona at 451-6662 (451-MONA).

Beginning Tuesday, March 16, 2010, Sally Moss, Master Weaver and longtime student of Lou Tate, will teach a 10 week beginning weaving class. Create your own projects/designs (scarves, table runners, etc) at the historic Little Loomhouse, Tophouse Cabin. 10 weeks — Tuesdays — 6 to 8pm, Tuition \$135.00 includes membership in the Lou Tate Foundation, To enroll, call Sally Moss at 502-239-7382. Class size limited to 8 students. Your paid tuition ensures your place.

HAPPENINGS

Riverside Heritage Festival



Councilwoman Vicki Aubrey Welch tries her hand at weaving while Jean Randles assists.

On Saturday, October 10, the Little Loomhouse had the opportunity to join our friends at Riverside , Farnsley Moremen Landing for the annual Riverside Heritage Festival. The Little Loomhouse provided weaving and spinning demonstrations and exhibited our hand crafted wares alongside other artisans and craftsman. While we were there, Councilwoman Vicki Aubrey Welch and Councilman Bob Henderson stopped by our booth to say hello.

The Little Loomhouse Gift Shop Branches Out

This year, in each newsletter, we have been featuring a different gift shop item. In this newsletter, we would like to draw your attention to the fact that the Little Loomhouse has been working to make our one of a kind merchandise available in the gift shops of some of Louisville's other great destinations; **Riverside, the Farnsley-Moremen Landing, Locust Grove and the Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft.** We are proud to partner with these Louisville Treasures.

Flash Flood Takes Louisville by Surprise



The intersection of Kenwood Drive and Kenwood Hill Road

I am sure that the majority of our readers are aware that on August 4, 2009, Louisville was surprised by a flash flood. Churchill Downs, the Main Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library, the University of Louisville and the Iroquois Amphitheater are just a few of Louisville's historic sites that suffered significant damage from the flash flood.

Despite the elevation of Kenwood Hill, the excessive amount of water rushed downhill like rapids, creating deep trenches in the steep gravel drive at the Little Loomhouse; but thanks to our good neighbor, Robbie Merrick and a friend, the drive has been nicely grated and is back to normal. While Esta Cabin did sustain some damage, it was minor in comparison to the previously mentioned sites.

MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer Spotlight on Ethel Schwartz

Ethel Schwartz has been coming to the Little Loomhouse since 1962. Her daughter Susan was only 4 or 5 at the time and Lou Tate gave her weaving lessons. You could bring your children to the Loomhouse and for \$.25 Lou would keep them all day and teach them weaving.

Susan became very proficient with her weaving over the years and would demonstrate weaving in nursing homes or even in the windows of downtown department stores like Bacon's.

When Lou Tate died and the Foundation was started, Ethel became involved. She has been on the Board of Directors from the beginning, having served as the treasurer and as the secretary some years. She continues on the Board today and is our Membership Chairperson. When you get those handwritten notes thanking you for a donation,

that's our Ethel writing and sending them. She also has learned to be quite a weaver and makes most of our bookmarks that you see in the Gift Shop.

When asked what she loves about volunteering with us she said she enjoys teaching the children about cloth making and where they get clothes.

She said she likes weaving because she can do it at home and it has a certain rhythm and feeling. It's relaxing.

She also loves the atmosphere of the Little Loomhouse, the woods, the wildflowers, the 100 year old oak trees. "There's just something about the quiet and

nature." She summed up her volunteering with how she just wants to see this place keep going. You can come meet Ethel on most Tuesdays. She'll give you a tour and weaving lesson.



Ethel Schwartz in the Esta Cabin standing by the Lou Tate prototype loom.

Kentucky State Fair Success

Once again, the Little Loomhouse was well represented in the textile competition at the 2009 Kentucky State Fair. We are pleased to announce that weaving novice, Tony Buzan, after taking only one of Sally Moss' weaving classes, took third place in the State Fair, woven, scarf category. Check out Tony's cat, Wink,



Wink models the scarf

modeling his award winning entry. Thank you to all of our volunteers who participated in the 2009 Kentucky State Fair.

State Fair Winners

Cheryl Lee Wiseheart,

Lou Tate Memorial Award

Donna Starcher,

Handwoven stole, shawl or scarf

Barbara Shirley, Weaving sweepstakes

Linda Donahoe, Handwoven dish

cloth, tea towel and any other article

Linda Gentry,

Handwoven household article

Teresa Pettit, Handwoven table runner

They each receive a free membership to the Little Loomhouse along with the ribbon and prize.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Historic Highway Marker continued



Ethel Swartz and Barbara Villanova unveil the Historic Marker

Barbara Terranova unveiled the newly dedicated marker and everyone sang Happy Birthday to Lou Tate as it was her 103rd birthday. Birthday cake, cookies, coffee, tea and hot chocolate were promptly served at DeSales High School after the ceremony.



Councilman Dan Johnson and Mary Lou Northern at the dedication

She presented the Little Loomhouse with a Proclamation from the Mayor, officially declaring the day as Little Loomhouse Day. Beverly Wheatley led everyone in a benediction. Ethel Schwartz and



Before



After

The Little Loomhouse Gets New Signage

The Little Loomhouse has been awarded a shiny, new, bronze, historic, marker that should last forever. It made us realize that our current highway signage was not made to last and the highway department agreed. In an effort to keep up with the shiny, new, bronze historic marker, the highway department was kind enough to update the existing Little Loomhouse highway sign. We have included before and after photos, so you can share in our excitement.



A Self Guided Walking Tour of Louisville's Iroquois and Kenwood Hill Neighborhoods Now Available!

Last year, we told you about the Louisville Historical League visiting the Iroquois and Kenwood Hill Neighborhoods to embark on a historic walking tour of the area.

Recently, the Little Loomhouse was awarded a grant from the Kentucky Historical Society and matching funds from Councilman Dan Johnson to develop a self guided walking

tour booklet, which incorporates the historic sites and points of interest, of the neighborhood. Now, the booklet is complete and available for a minimum donation of

\$1.00, to the Little Loomhouse. The

booklet includes historic facts about the area and many, never before seen pictures from private collections. We would like to thank the Kentucky Historical Society and Councilman Dan Johnson for their support and Miriam Forinash, Rosemary McCandless and Stefanie Buzan for generously volunteering their time and resources to make this publication possible.



Adoptable Sheep



We have a charming new item in our gift shop, adoptable sheep.

Each sheep has its own name and comes complete with an individualized fact sheet. The sheep are wearing a hand woven snuggle band, woven right here at the Little Loomhouse.

Adoptable sheep are \$15, while supplies last.

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