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The Lou Tate Foundation Proudly Presents

The Little Loomhouse



The 6th Annual Storytelling Festival

Saturday, May 31, 2014

10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Park at DeSales H.S. 425 W. Kenwood Dr.

Ride the trolley to the Loomhouse

General Admission: \$2.00, Children six and under: FREE, Seniors 65 and older: \$1.00
Concessions available

There will be storytelling, bluegrass music, and a special appearance by Dawne Gee of WAVE 3, cabin tours, weaving and spinning demonstrations, Cherokee artifact display, silent auction, and facepainting. We have an expanded children's activity area where they can see and participate in spinning, dyeing and multiple weaving projects. The first 200 visitors will receive a free t-shirt.

Come join us for a great day!

Don't Miss Fiber Arts Camps This Summer

Summer Fiber Arts Camp -- Ages 6-12

\$175. Monday-Friday, 9am-2pm

Two sessions: June 9-13 & June 23-27

Campers will learn and experience various forms of textile art including lots of weaving on Little Looms! Supply fee is \$25. Each session limited to 12.

This year, the new H.J. Purple Memorial Educational Fund is proud to be sponsoring four children from our local community who might otherwise not be able to attend. Contributions made to the Purple Fund directly support access to the arts education programming of the Little Loomhouse. Contact Education Coordinator Stephanie Brown at (502) 367-4792 for details.



A camper from 2013 Fiber Arts Camp at her loom.

DeSales Helps Out



DeSales High School Student hard at work.

The Little Loomhouse would like to say thank you to Tom McAnally of DeSales High School. On March 26, 2014, Mr. McAnally brought 16 students to the Little Loomhouse for a day of volunteering. The young men spent the day smoothing out the gravel on our driveway that had been displaced from all of the heavy rains. Additionally, they raked, bagged and hauled off three pickup trucks full of leaves. We really appreciate all of their hard work and invite them back any time!

Girl Scouts at the Loomhouse



Sally Moss being interviewed by (from left to right) Wendy Jackson, Devin Swinney, Taylor Bates, Maeve Hartman (seated) and Sarah Jackson. Troop 1857. Cadette level which is middle school and Wendy Senior level which is high school.

Girl Scout Troop 1857 is working on their Silver Award and the project is two fold. First is a living history of the volunteers at the Little Loomhouse. The girls will produce a video and potentially a scrapbook. The second prong of the project is to develop a Girl Scout program at The Little Loomhouse for Junior level scouts. They hope to premier this in April. The girls will help with the registration of troops and also help during the actual workshop. It will be offered twice a year. The details are still being ironed out and the Little Loomhouse is really excited to see how it progresses!

Remembering Our Good Friend

Helen Wimberg was a long time volunteer at the Little Loomhouse. She was a most talented weaver and will be greatly missed by all of us.



Alice Davidson and Helen Wimberg at the Little Loomhouse.



Artists in Residence Progress

We are very proud of the work of our 2014 Artists in Residence Rachel Slaughter and Elizabeth Smith. Not only are they authoring a fiber arts curriculum together, the artists are working towards their chosen individual projects.

Rachel Slaughter is working with the idea of melding traditional ideals and modern realities into her expressive weavings. Since the beginning of her residency, her project has taken this concept one step further by seeking a way to develop photographic images directly onto her traditional overshot handweaving.

Also, at the end of March, Elizabeth advanced her textile knowledge by attending a week long workshop at the John C. Campbell Folk School on dyeing, color blending, spinning and Scandinavian knitting. As a result of the workshop she is now using copper mordants, along with the usual alum and iron, and dyeing wool in rainbow dyepots- including several different dye stuffs in one pot for surprising bursts and blends of color. Elizabeth will be incorporating these new techniques into her current residency project which will be exhibited in November during Holiday in the Woods.



Left: Handspun blends of different silks including Muga, Tussah, Honey Tussah and Cultivated.
Right: Knit Silk Swatch for Shawl.



Right: Natural dyed shetland wool, hand carded, blended and spun
Left: Rainbowdye pot- madder root, cochineal bugs, logwood chips and marigolds on Shetland wool



Curriculum Project Progress

Lots of work in progress on the curriculum project! Our Artists in Residence, Rachel Slaughter and Elizabeth Smith, have been working with Louisville Collegiate School, Chance School, Anchorage Public School and Jefferson County Public Schools, to craft a series of integrated lessons that make the fiber arts more accessible in the elementary classroom. Students will learn about fiber types and sources, natural and synthetic dyes, embroidery, quilting, and of course, lots of weaving.

As part of the curriculum launch, a new Visiting Artist Program will be up and running for the 2014/2015 school year. Each Visiting Artist Project incorporates multiple lessons from the curriculum, building upon themselves toward a final individual or class piece. Project themes are Fiber and Dye, Dream Weavers, Stitching Stories, Navajo Connections, Kentucky Coverlet Trail, and Paths to Freedom.

Also, for the remainder of this school semester, Rachel and Elizabeth are available as visiting artists to test run these projects in classrooms.

Tree Removal



You may remember in our previous edition of the Kentucky Weaver we told you about the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels awarding the Little Loomhouse a grant to remove an old growth oak tree that was deteriorating the structural integrity of the Wisteria Cabin. Additionally we could use the funding to remove dead wood from other old growth trees, lurking high up over our cabins.

We must admit this is something we were not looking forward to because our old growth, oak trees are as much a part of the history of the Loomhouse as the cabins themselves. John Ridgell, owner of Louisville Tree Service and his crew spent two days at the Loomhouse site, carefully removing and pruning the trees that were a threat. Their crew should be commended on the professional job. In just two short days the work was complete and the site was thoroughly cleaned. Thank you to John Ridgell and his crew at Louisville Tree Service for taking care of the Little Loomhouse.

Spring is Finally Here

Spring and the daffodils finally emerged. Thanks to Stefanie Buzan for capturing spring at the Loomhouse with her camera.



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Arts Day in Kentucky



Furniture craftsman, Mark Whitley, whose work will be represented in the prestigious Smithsonian Craft Show this year, is one of Kentucky's treasures.



Lonnie and Twyla Money, well-admired folk artists of Laurel County, demonstrated their process in the Rotunda.

The Kentucky Arts Council hosted Arts Day in Kentucky on Tuesday, January 28, 2014. Each year, the Arts Council invites legislators, artists, teachers and arts organizations across Kentucky to join in Frankfort for a public celebration of the arts in our state. It is an opportunity to create deeper connections within the arts community and to acknowledge the importance of public support for the arts. Kentucky places a special and unique emphasis on the value of arts in the larger community making this a great state to be living, working, and weaving in.

Our Education Coordinator, Stephanie Brown, represented the Lou Tate Foundation this year. The Foundation recently applied for the Arts Council's Kentucky Arts Partnership Grant which provides operating support to arts organizations to ensure year-round arts access. Our 2014 arts access goals are to increase field trip participation by 30% to 370 students, to support our 2014 Artists-in-Residence, Rachel Slaughter and Elizabeth Smith, in the realization of their residency projects, and to write and publish a classroom-ready fiber arts curriculum.

The development of this curriculum is the community project that Rachel and Elizabeth have boldly embraced during their residency. They are both investing long hours of writing, fine-tuning and repeated in-class trial runs for each of eight lessons which include an introduction to fiber, wet-felting, embroidery, quilting and multiple weaving projects. Art teachers from local school partners, Louisville Collegiate School, Chance School, Anchorage Independent Schools, and Jefferson County Public Schools, are generously supporting this project with their insight, knowledge, and class time.

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Monday	By Appt.
Tuesday	10 am - 3:30 pm
Wednesday	10 am - 3:30 pm
Thursday	10 am - 3:30 pm
Friday	By Appt.
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	every 3rd Sat.
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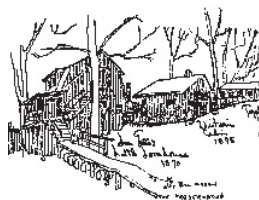
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