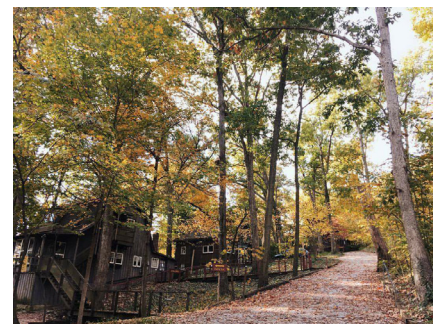


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THE LITTLE LOOMHOUSE PRESENTS

In the Lou Tate Gallery Norma Drish: From St. Croix to South Louisville

A St. Croix Native and now long-time South Louisville resident, Artist, Norma Drish, will be exhibiting work from her Residency at the Little Loomhouse this summer alongside other works, including some of her favorite pieces.

As a new artist I find myself continually learning and evolving. Although I have worked on other mediums including pastels, graphite, ink and watercolors, oil painting has become my dominant media. I am fascinated with the everyday life of the islanders, most specifically those whom I am closely related to and who have lived in St. Croix all their lives. I am also inspired by the peaceful balance and coexistence our islanders achieve with nature as they take only what they need, and creatures take advantage of our presence as depicted in "King Terns on South Shore". By using texture and light I seek to capture the everyday aspect of life of the people I come across and their relationship with nature and draw the viewer into this experience. - Norma Drish



Exhibition runs September 4 – October 23, Gallery hrs Tues-Fri 10 – 3 & Sat 11 – 4
Opening Reception, Free and Open to the Public, Saturday, Sept 4 from 2pm-4pm

Facebook: Norma Drish Art

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ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

This summer the Loomhouse took a break in our typical fiber artist residency to welcome painter Norma Drish. This was Drish's first residency and the first time exhibiting her work in the Lou Tate Gallery. The Loomhouse will accept Artist Residency proposals for winter/spring by December 1, 2021; and for fall 2022 by August 1, 2022. If you'd like to learn more please visit our website at www.littleloomhouse.org or email us at thelittleloomhouse@gmail.com.





Support the Little Loomhouse during Give for Good on September 17!

The Little Loomhouse invites you to join our Give for Good campaign and help us reach our goal! We need you to tell your friends and family members about the important work we do and ask them to join us in helping to make a difference. Get ready to give! Starting at 12AM on September 17, visit us at <https://www.giveforgoodlouisville.org/organizations/lou-tate-foundation-dba-the-little-loomhouse> and make a donation to us and/or to any of the great participating nonprofit organizations in the Louisville community. You will have 24 hours to make your donation, and all giving will end at 11:59PM on September 17.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Members,

My name is Rachel Roarx (she/her) and I am the new Board President of the Little Loomhouse. I am a lifelong Southerner and I love getting to work alongside amazing women. Currently, I serve the community as Legislative Aide to Metro Council District 21. I am no stranger to board service as I also serve with Louisville Girls Leadership and the Southwest Dream Team.

It has been "full steam ahead" here at the Loomhouse. Our staff has been adaptable and working tirelessly to ensure that programming continues to be offered in a safe yet enriching way. I am proud to say that our classes have been extremely popular this spring and summer, with camps and classes filling up immediately! We were fortunate to be able to expand our number of class offerings to serve more people. We could not do this without the interest and support of the community.

I want to thank past President Melissa Amos Jones and our Executive Director, Michelle Amos, for inviting and encouraging me to join the board as I feel it combines all my loves into one opportunity! This year we welcome 3 new board members: George Kitchen, Erin Cruz, and Thomas Rector. Our board will be working on strategic planning this year which will include a justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion review with accountable measures, restoration and building sustainability plan of all three historic cabins, and ensuring programming growth and capacity! We are energized and ready to take this on.

I have an "open door policy" of sorts. You are welcome to call/text me anytime if you have any questions or concerns regarding the Loomhouse. My phone number is 502-724-7529. I look forward to seeing and hearing from you but also working with you to ensure that Lou Tate's legacy and the mission of the Loomhouse remains strong!

Mark your calendar for Give for Good Louisville Day: September 17th. This will be our first opportunity of the fiscal year to ask for your support of our sustainable growth goals. We appreciate your ongoing support!

In Gratitude,

Rachel Roarx

President, Lou Tate Foundation Board of Directors



MEET - CELEBRATE - WEAVE

MEMBER EVENT - 10/16 from 3pm-5pm

Come celebrate our Founder Lou Tate's Birthday with us! One of Lou Tate's favorite, the rainbow warp, will be set up on our studio looms so you can weave your own small table runner souvenir to take home. Enjoy snacks and birthday cake while meeting other members. This 2-hour event is free for members and \$15 for non-members.



Little Loomhouse founder, Lou Tate, cutting cake for a welcoming reception.



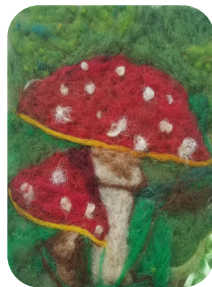
UPCOMING CLASSES

Please consult our website for the most up-to-date schedule of classes offered.
Please call [502-367-4792](tel:502-367-4792) or email thelittleloomhouse@gmail.com
for more information or to register.



Drop-In Weaving Sessions

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. 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. You are welcome to sign up for one or both sessions per day.

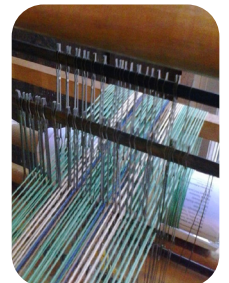


Needle Felt Classes

Both 2D and 3D Needlefelt classes are offered throughout the year. Classes are typically 2 hours and you can expect to create a 5"x5" felt picture or small 3D sculpture. Cost and age appropriateness varies based on the project.

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 a person for the 1.5 hour class, all supplies are included. Ages: 12 years and up. Class size is very limited. Social distancing and masks required.



Intro to Spinning

Learn how to turn fiber into yarn on a drop spindle and begin to spin your own yarn. The one and half hour class is \$25.00 and includes supplies. Ages: 13 years – adult.



DOCENT SPOTLIGHT

Jordan Witherspoon



Jordan Witherspoon joined the Loomhouse team this April as a Docent. She is a trained art teacher from Richmond, VA and has been an artist her whole life. She studied Craft/Material Studies at Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts (VCUarts) with a focus in fiber arts, ceramics, and metalsmithing. It was there she learned weaving techniques and how to dress a loom. In addition, she learned knitting, crochet, embroidery, sewing, quilting, felting, and more. Witherspoon was a tour guide at VCUarts and has been an educator for six years. She loves art and sharing that passion with others, as well as preserving history and sharing handed-down knowledge. Witherspoon believes skills like sewing, quilting, and other handwork is important to revive and continue to pass through the generations.

Loomhouse hits Record High for Camps this Summer!

The Little Loomhouse provided the most summer camps in 2021 in its eighty-two-year history, with five week-long camps serving 48 different students. Loomhouse Intern, Taniyah Phipps, explained, "Camp this year has been full of fun activities and making new friends.

The students had half of a day weaving and the other half they would design their own crafts to make with the fabric they wove. This ranged from purses, big or small, dolls, T-shirt purses, fabric snakes, felt designs, and weaving on a circle loom. The older kids got to make their own circle loom, and many more fun activities. Some of the kids were shy at first but by the second day they would come out of their shell and make new friends. Overall, Camp was not only a great experience for the kids but for everyone at The Little Loomhouse." Little Loomhouse summer camps are announced each year on the website by mid-February.

ENRICHMENT

Little Loomhouse Provides Arts Enrichment to Summer Programs Across the City

This summer the Little Loomhouse provided multiple arts enrichment opportunities at 14 different Jefferson County Public School Backpack League sites throughout the city, including Hite Elementary, Olmstead South, Coleridge-Taylor, and Kennedy Montessori YMCA CEP programs, Port Shaw, 3 Kings Ministries, KY Education Restoration, PCC Inc, 1st Gethsamanie Center, Parkland Boys & Girls Club, New Day Ministries, Seven Counties, Casa Latina, and weekly classes at Beechmont Community Center. In total, 326 different students learned to weave and participated in additional fiber arts classes that included fabric collage, quilt pattern design, and basic embroidery. These programs were made possible through multiple partnerships including the Norton Foundation, which allowed programs to be offered at a reduced price to community centers, and Evolve 502, who contracted the Loomhouse to provide these programs on behalf of Jefferson County Public Schools.



SUMMERWORKS INTERNS

Meet our Summerworks Interns

This year the Loomhouse was excited to welcome back Summerworks Interns. Our interns were tasked with helping to prepare the studio, assist with camps, Cultural Pass visitors, and prepare off-site educational materials. Here is what they had to say about their experiences this summer:



Taniyah Phipps, age 17, Fairdale High School

The Little Loomhouse has been such a big opportunity for me. I learned so much about stepping out of your comfort zone when it comes to communicating with different people. This being a big problem for me has now become an easy accomplishment. I have learned how to weave on a loom, how to warp a loom, and even got to make things for the gift shop with the sewing machine. I already have a big love for art but this has made me love it even more. The little Loomhouse has been such a great experience and I encourage everyone to come check them out!

Kadijatu Tal, age 18, Fern Creek High School

When I first stumbled across the job listing to intern at the Little Loomhouse it felt like a dream come true. Here was a job where I could expect to exercise my creative abilities, learn new skills in new art forms, and gain skills in working with children and handling customers, and that's exactly what I've gotten working here! Furthermore, this has been a nice change of pace from usual tech-related activities. As much as I love tech, art will always be my #1 passion, and it's been nice being able to see what a career in an artistic field might be like! I hope to come back next year, during my summer break, and help out again!

Tal is a graduate of the Ivy Plus Academy at Fern Creek High School and will be attending Macalester College in Saint Paul, Minnesota this fall. Phipps will continue working for the Loomhouse as a paid Intern during the school year.





AMEX Shop Small Business Saturday Sale November 27

Find the perfect handwoven gift, fiber arts supplies, equipment, or kit for your loved one at our annual Small Business Saturday Sale!

Sale starts at 11am and goes to 4pm with 10% discount on all Loomhouse items and 15% discount on all Loomhouse items for members. Artist Consignment Pieces not included in sale.

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