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HISTORY
EMPOWERING
WOMEN
INVESTING IN
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THE CELEBRATION
November 1
2014
4:00 - 9:00

Lou Tate

Eleanor Roosevelt

Frank Lloyd Wright

Lou Henry Hoover

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THE LITTLE LOOMHOUSE CELEBRATES 75 YEARS

by Michael Jones and Kathy Buskill

This year, the Little Loomhouse is celebrating 75 years of bringing fiber arts to our community through its many talented artists and volunteers.

Thanks to the vision of Lou Tate who founded the Little Loomhouse in 1939, and who shared her love of weaving and expertise in this art with others throughout Kentucky and the United States, the Little Loomhouse is recognized as one of the premier fiber and textile arts and educational centers in the country. To celebrate our 75th anniversary, we will again bring craft and fine arts to the South End with the second inaugural Holiday in the Woods. The art exhibition and sale returns for a second year on Saturday, November 1, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Because the 2014 Holiday in the Woods coincides with the 75th anniversary of the Loomhouse, we have a special treat in store for our guests. There will be a fashion show with costumes depicting important figures in the Loomhouse's history from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The costumes will be on display through the month of November at the Loomhouse.

The 2014 Holiday in the Woods is a perfect way to kick-off the gift-giving season. A variety of artists will be on hand offering unique, locally-made items. The sales component of the festival continues through the month of November in the Loomhouse gift shop. In addition, the opening night of Holiday in the

Woods will feature food from Longshot Lobsta, beverages from Louisville Mead, desserts from the Rainbow Café, and music from Ethan Buckler, the mastermind behind the band King Kong. Due to the limited space at the Loomhouse, guests are asked to park at DeSales High School, 425 W Kenwood Dr. A free shuttle will transport everyone to the festival.

HOLIDAY IN THE WOODS

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1
4:00 - 9:00 P.M.**

The Little Loomhouse is famous as the place where "Happy Birthday to You" was first sung in the 1890s, but it has also been a center for fine art for almost a century. Weaving icon Lou Tate, who invented the "Little Loom" at the request of Eleanor Roosevelt, once used the cabins at the Little Loomhouse as an experimental art commune. Today, the mission of the Little Loomhouse is to be a center for textile art and education for all ages. A list of programs and classes can be found at our website, littleloomhouse.org.

For more information on the "Holiday in the Woods," like the Little Loomhouse on Facebook and check our website www.littleloomhouse.com for updates.



Wall Together Exhibit at Local Speed: The Little Loomhouse & The Cabbage Patch Settlement House

by Stephanie Brown

The Little Loomhouse and The Cabbage Patch Settlement House have come together to further both their missions with Local Speed's Wall Together project! The Little Loomhouse provides textiles and folk art education through the Lou Tate landmark home, a cultural destination of three historic cabins in South Louisville. The Cabbage Patch Settlement House empowers at-risk youth and their families to be self-sufficient by helping them maximize their economic, educational, emotional, moral, and physical potential.

The union of these two organizations' missions yielded the third Wall Together exhibit, *Working Hands: A Modern Generation Explores the Ancient Craft of Textiles*. Through the Little Loomhouse, youth from The Cabbage Patch Settlement House learned about textile arts, a medium often omitted from most visual arts curriculums, and then created work in the Navajo, Ojibwe, and Kentucky quilt and coverlet traditions. This medium, both beautiful and practical, gave students the opportunity to connect with the tradition of fabric handcraft and participate in creating an exhibition of work that transcends time, language, and culture. The exhibit opened August 1 and was celebrated with a lively reception.

Visit the exhibit at the Local Speed art gallery at 822 East Market Street now through October 25, 2014.



PEOPLE } MEET OUR BOARD



BRUCE HOWARD

I am currently a web developer for a consulting firm in Louisville. I was formerly a Technology Project Manager for a major local Health Insurance company where I worked for nearly 13 years. I have an MBA from Indiana University Southeast and a Bachelors of Science in Data Processing from U of L. I also have a Project Management Professional Certification. I am also a member of the Kentuckiana Toastmasters Club.

Volunteering at the Little Loomhouse has many rewards for me. I learned the value of volunteer work at IUS Graduate School where all MBA students are required to complete community service work. Working on the Board gives me an opportunity to apply some of the knowledge I gained in school for which I am very grateful. I maintain my Project management skills by managing the Loomhouse's site preservation projects. Lastly, because I've lived in Louisville my entire life, I get a lot of satisfaction in preserving one of its historical and cultural icons.



RUTH H. BENNETT

As a native of Louisville I have fond memories of coming to The Little Loomhouse with my mother, Allis Eaton Bennett. As a child, I would explore from Esta Cabin to Top House. Each visit was a new adventure and discovery. I learned to weave and warp my own loom, and any other Fiber Art or Craft my mother, Lou Tate, or any of the other amazing people working there would teach me. The Loomhouse has always been an almost magical place to me.

I graduated with a bachelor's degree in Studio Fine Art from the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia and a MAT in Art Education from the University of Louisville. I spent ten years of my career as a chef and earned a Baking and Pastry/Culinary degree from the Center for Hospitality Studies at Sullivan University. It was a very exciting line of work.

For the past 11 years I've worked in the Jefferson County Public School system as an Art Teacher for "at risk" students in middle school. Teaching is my way to share my talent & love of Art with young people.

I feel my work with the Loomhouse is a perfect fit. I am honored to have the opportunity to work to preserve the wisdom of The Little Loomhouse & spread the joy of the Folk & Fiber Arts to anyone who is hungry to learn.



TO DO } EVENTS

ANNUAL MEETING AND FALL OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, OCT. 18, 2014

10 AM - 3 PM

Annual meeting immediately after.

All are invited to join us for the traditional chili potluck luncheon and election of directors to the board of the Lou Tate Foundation. A slate will be presented and nominations will be taken from the floor. Join us on the Facebook event to let us know what you'll be bringing to the potluck!

HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

DECEMBER 7

Please join us for a holiday luncheon! All Little Loomhouse volunteers, past, present, and future, are invited to this potluck. Join our event on Facebook and tell us what you'll be bringing. (Don't worry; Lou will bring the lemonade!)

LITTLE LOOMHOUSE 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY IN THE WOODS ART OPENING

SATURDAY, NOV. 1, 2014

4 PM - 9 PM

Join our 75th anniversary celebration, which coincides with the 2nd annual Holiday in the Woods Art Opening. See the front page and page 2 of this issue for more information.

HAPPENINGS } IN REVIEW



Ed Buffalohawk Garner

BRAVO!

SPIN – A – YARN PERFORMERS

We had an incredible group of performers this year. We'd like to thank them all for sharing their talents with us:

Master of Ceremonies

Bob Mitchell

Bluegrass Music

Tammy Burke and Jeff Guernsey

Special Guest

Television personality Dawne Gee

Storytellers

Terry Burrell // Henry Escobar // Cassandra Culin // Cynthia Changaris // Mandy Dick // Patricia Vincent // Ed Cozart // Christina Vincent // Garry W. McCandless, Sr. (Ole Man Mac) // Ed "Buffalohawk" Garner // Jamie Eiler



Tammy Burke and Jeff Guernsey



Wakeley Purple and Kim Adkins in the gift shop



Sally Moss and Mona Catan



Toni Woodard and
Melissa Amos-Jones



Leslie Clements and
Barbara Nichols



Terry Burrell , Ed and Teresa Cozart



Eddie Bronner, Carolyn Kupper,
Pam Michael and Mary Wings



Mona Cattin and Sherry Hakel



The Children's Fair Area

THANK YOU!

Spin-a-Yarn, our annual storytelling festival, had the support of many of the area businesses. We thank them all and encourage you to support them in return:

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Children's Fair at Spin a Yarn Festival enjoyed by children and adults alike! Activities included finger weaving, Lou Tate's kindergarten looms, the Little Loom, dyeing with indigo and Kool-Aid, and friendship bracelets. Spinning and weaving miniature Navajo rugs were also demonstrated.



Face painters Ally and Kasey Scarbrough

SPECIAL THANKS

OUR SPIN A YARN VOLUNTEERS

Once again we would like to thank our incredible volunteers. The festival would not be possible without them.

Kim Adkins
Melissa Amos-Jones and Michael Jones
Robin Amsbary
Sylvia Arnold Kinsfather
Ruth Bennett
Sherry Bishop
Stephanie, Brown
Kathy Buskill
Stefanie and Tony Buzan
Dan Buzan
Mona Cattan
Leslie Clements and Chris Kincaid
Mary Anne Elliott
Enrique, Manuela and Henry Escobar
Bruce Howard
Cyndi Jacobi
Carolyn Kupper
Robbie Masterson
Annie and Bob Mattingly
Garry McCandless
Diane Raque
Toni Woodard

We had a fantastic silent auction thanks to the generosity of our donors.

Michelle Amos
Beth Amos
Sylvia Arnold Kinsfather

PEOPLE } VOLUNTEER CORNER

The Little Loomhouse Board is pleased to announce that Joanna Thompson is working with the Loomhouse staff this summer as an intern. Joanna graduated from the University of Louisville majoring in Cultural Anthropology and Studio Art. Joanna's studies included a five-month stay in Istanbul, Turkey to study Sociology. In the Fall, Joanna will return to Turkey on a Fulbright Scholarship where she will teach English at Abdullah Gul University in Kayseri, a region known for its weaving.

Although she is a trained painter Joanna enjoys working in the fiber media as well. "I fell in love with The Little Loomhouse when I attended a Storytelling Festival. The quirky charm of the grounds and the rich history stuck with me. I am excited to continue learning about art, history, and non-profit work with The Little Loomhouse."

Joanna is familiar with Louisville's South End from her work with the Americana Community Center and the Kentucky Refugee Center. Her role at the Loomhouse is assisting Stephanie Brown, education coordinator, and the Board in building a foundation for a long-term community outreach initiative and to connect with other organizations in a mutually beneficial way.

Welcome aboard Joanna!

PEOPLE } MEET OUR NEWEST ASSOCIATE

MARY ANNE ELLIOT

BB Finding a loom that someone had discarded initially brought me to the Little Loomhouse to learn weaving. I didn't intend on falling in love with the place but I did and immediately began volunteering once a week.

Now, as the Little Loomhouse's Gift Shop and Digital Media Associate, I'll be spiffing up and working in the gift shop in Wisteria Cabin as well as sharing online with our friends about happenings at the Loomhouse.

I hope that my experience owning a small vintage retail shop in Portland, Oregon will help me to increase awareness and drive more traffic to the Little Loomhouse. I am very pleased to be a part of this wonderful organization.

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CELEBRATE

Happy 100th birthday to Ethel Schwartz, longtime member of the Little Loomhouse and personal friend of Lou Tate!



COMMUNITY

The Little Loomhouse helps Chenoweth Elementary celebrate Pioneer Day

Rachel Slaughter, Little Loomhouse Artist in Residence, demonstrated overshot weaving at Chenoweth Elementary's annual Pioneer Day in May. She talked to the children about traditional Kentucky coverlet patterns and traditions, natural dye sources used in Kentucky and gave over 400 children the chance to sit down at the Little Loom and weave a couple of shots.



LEARN // CREATE

SEVERAL WEAVING, SOAPMAKING, DYEING, AND SPINNING WORKSHOPS COMING UP!

For a complete listing of all upcoming events, workshops, and other important dates, like us on Facebook!

FIBER ARTS SUMMER CAMPS

Many smiling faces and lots of cloth woven during summer camp this year! Projects and activities included

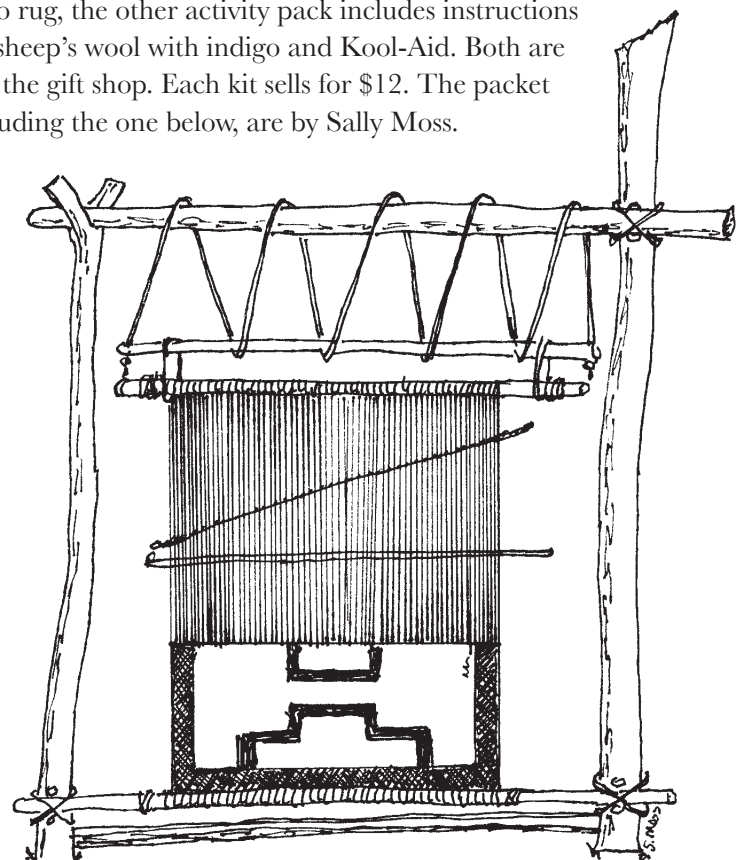
sewing pillows from the woven cloth; weaving dreamcatchers, miniature overshot, and miniature Navajo rugs; making wildflower seed bombs and felted soap, Rachel Slaughter led camp both weeks with the help of teen volunteers, Hannah and Maya. Parents, Gretchen Davis and Kate Kollman, also generously volunteered several days. As a bonus, Sally Moss made purses and pouches with the campers on Wednesdays.

The Little Loomhouse is already looking forward to next year's camps!

NEW!

LITTLE LOOMHOUSE FIBER ARTS AT HOME ACTIVITY PACKS

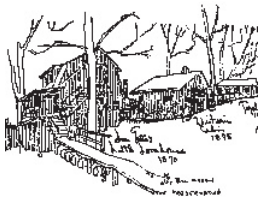
One activity pack includes instructions on how to make a miniature Navajo rug, the other activity pack includes instructions on hand dyeing sheep's wool with indigo and Kool-Aid. Both are now available in the gift shop. Each kit sells for \$12. The packet illustrations, including the one below, are by Sally Moss.



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