

The Kentucky Weaver from



Thank You!

To all those who donated to the Little Loomhouse during the Give For Good Louisville campaign on September 12. Thanks to your generosity, we reached and exceeded our goal of \$2,500 and ultimately raised \$3,613.96, which will go towards funding our mission of ensuring the preservation of three landmark cabins, educating students of all ages about the history of weaving and textile arts, and fostering diversity, inclusivity, and creative expression in our community.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Everyone's Invited to our
Exciting Fall Events that the Entire Family Will Enjoy!

SHEEP to SHAWL 328 Kenwood Hill Rd., Louisville, KY 40214 (502) 367-4792		Join us for Sheep to Shawl, our inaugural Little Loomhouse Lou Tate Founders Day Celebration We'll have sheep for you to make friends and take selfies with and activities for the whole family that demonstrate sheep sheering, fiber preparation and weaving. The weaving will be interactive and you can make your own mug rug (coaster) for just \$7.	FREE FREE to attend, open to the public
When? Saturday, October 19, 2019 2:00-5:00 PM	Eat Cake! Enjoy a slice of cake to celebrate Lou Tate's Birthday		Make a FREE twisty bracelet FREE parking at DeSales High School FREE shuttle service to the Little Loomhouse

Join us for our 7th Annual Holiday in the Woods, an evening of art, music, and merriment at the Little Loomhouse! Local artists will display and sell their work, you can tour the Little Loomhouse, and shop for beautiful local art and handmade gifts.

HOLIDAY IN THE WOODS



The LITTLE LOOMHOUSE

Saturday, November 2, 2019, 6-9 pm
Parking available at DeSales High School with free shuttle service to the Little Loomhouse. This event is free and open to the public.

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In Recognition of Robert "Robbie" Merrick's Maintenance Service

by Michelle Amos

Robbie Merrick's relationship with the Little Loomhouse dates back to when Lou Tate resided in Esta Cabin. Over the years he and his wife, Margaret Merrick, have donated their time and provided financial support to The Lou Tate Foundation. In my five years at the Loomhouse, Robbie Merrick has handled leaf removal and light maintenance of the cabins without any asks, reminders, or expectation of recognition. Often the weekend before our annual Holiday in the Woods event I'd witness Robbie clearing the leaves on our almost one-acre property by himself, including Esta kitchen roof. When I had problems with a snake, he came down with a shovel to remove it. When a window needed glazing, I'd come in and find him patching it before we opened. I'm sure Robbie had been doing this for the Loomhouse for many years before I arrived on the scene, and his efforts comforted me considerably. This year, Robbie will be retiring from his volunteer maintenance position. We are so grateful for the many years of maintenance service Robbie Merrick has provided. You have more than earned that retirement. Thank You!

Memorial Gifts

The Little Loomhouse would like to recognize the following memorial gifts

Duffy Brodsky for Ethel Schwartz's 105th Birthday this Year.

Melissa Hall in memory of her mother, Norma Hall's Birthday on 8-9-37.

Caroline Engrad in memory of Sarah "Sally" Goodchild

Betty Lee Pacey & Jane P. Smith in loving memory of their cousin Sally Kendrick Goodchild.

Letter from the President

Dear Members,

This will be my last address as President of the Lou Tate Foundation and the past two years have flown by as rapidly as the Loomhouse is changing. I have watched the Loomhouse enjoy a sustaining 20% growth for the past 3 years. It has been my honor and pleasure to support such an interesting part of Local Women's History that contributes so much to the Louisville Community. Lou Tate our founder was a trailblazer and visionary woman that brought other great women and men together. I have enjoyed helping secure her legacy for future generations. I will continue to volunteer for the Loomhouse and encourage all the readers to the same. I leave the Loomhouse in good hands as our current Vice President Karen Abney transitions into the roll of President at our Open Meeting in October. I would like to invite all our members in joining a Sheep to Shaw event celebrating our Founder Lou Tate at our open meeting on Saturday, October 19th at 2:00 at the Loomhouse.

Sincerely,
Melissa Amos-Jones

President, Board of Directors of the Lou Tate Foundation

CREATE (HOLIDAY GIFT IDEA)

Introduction to Weaving

Introduction to Weaving (12:30-2:00) and Introduction to Spinning (2:30-4:00) will be held on Saturdays, October 12, November 23, and December 14. The cost is \$25 per class, all supplies included, to register call 502-367-4792 or email thelittleloomhouse@gmail.com



Drop-In Weaving

Drop-In Weavings are designed for the whole family or the individual child, age 6 up to adults. Participants create hand woven pieces to take home. Projects include purses, bags, cats on mats, mice in a bag and more. Drop-In Weavings typically last 2 hours and cost \$25 with all supplies included. Drop-In Weaving sessions are 10am-noon or 1pm to 3pm.

Fall dates:

- October 1 & 2 - Tuesday & Wednesday
- October 4 - Friday
- October 8 - Oct 11th - Tuesday-Friday
- November 5 - Tuesday
- November 27 - Wednesday,
- November 30 - Friday
- December 26 & 27 - Thursday & Friday



Weave a Set of Placemats and Table Runner for

Spend a lovely Saturday afternoon weaving rag placemats in our Top House Studio from 11 am - 3 pm. The cost of this 4-hour class is \$25, all supplies included. This is a fantastic opportunity at a great price. You can weave gifts for others or decorate your own dining area. Each participant will pick their own rag to weave with from our large selection and can expect to make a two placemats and table runner. Space is limited, so please call 502-367-4792 to register in advance. Beginners are welcome and encouraged. No experience needed.



Special Note: The Loomhouse is equipped with a full kitchen, stove, microwave, and refrigerator if you'd like to bring a lunch or snack for the break.



Congratulations Naomi Penner!

Our Studio/Social Media Assistant and Contract Teacher Naomi Penner has been a mainstay at the Little Loomhouse on Wednesdays, for the past three years. Having come to us from Rockbrook Camp for Girls and the Walden School, she brought a cheerful smile and willingness to learn. In the summer of 2018, she took her experience from the Loomhouse back to Rockbrook as the lead teacher of Curosty, the camp's weaving cabin. Over the course of her time at the Loomhouse, she established our Instagram account @littleloomhouseofficial into something to follow and won her own "Best of Louisville" award from Louisville Magazine for her @housesoflouisville account. Though reluctant to enter, Naomi won the People's Choice Award in our call for Tapestries Exhibition in February of 2018. It was also during that show one of her tapestries sold to a visitor before the show opened. Ms. Penner is now taking on her next adventure as an AmeriCorps VISTA with Louisville Girls Leadership. Her full-time commitment to Louisville Girls Leadership and commitment as an intern with Planned Parenthood means she will need to take a reduced schedule with the Loomhouse, but will continue with assistance in both our social media and studio. **Congratulations Naomi!**

Celebrating Ethel Schwartz

For this Volunteer Spotlight, we'd like to celebrate long-time volunteer Ethel Schwartz who recently turned 105! Ethel first came to the Little Loomhouse to get weaving lessons for her daughter and ended up becoming a volunteer. After Lou Tate passed away in 1979, she and a group of other friends and volunteers founded the Lou Tate Foundation so that the Little Loomhouse could continue its mission to teach history and fiber arts. During the 30+ years that she was an on-site volunteer, she taught countless children how to weave, held several positions in the organization, and spent hundreds of hours making the now famous "Ethel Bookmark." Though she moved to St. Louis a few years ago to be closer to her family, she is still weaving her bookmarks and giving them to people in her community as a gesture of friendship and welcome. We owe her a huge debt of gratitude for all that she has done for us - The Little Loomhouse truly would not be the same without her.



EXPERIENCE

In The Lou Tate Gallery

The Little Loomhouse presents:
Stephanie Potter
"Misfits" Exhibition,
October 5 - October 26.
Gallery Hours are Tues - Fri
10am-3pm and Sat 11am-4pm.

Opening Artist Reception is
Saturday, October 5, 2pm-4pm,
free and Open to the public.

Light refreshments will be served.



Pieces from the "Misfits" collection



Stephanie Potter lives in South Louisville with her husband and son, where she also has her art studio. She is a native of Frankfort and after she received her studio art degree from Murray State University, where she concentrated in furniture making, she became a printmaker specializing in wood and linoleum block printing. Her early printmaking work led her to studio work at Larkspur Press with Gray Zeitz, in Monterey, KY. Her large-format linoleum block print series "Notecards on Society" has been widely exhibited and collected, with work featured in the New Orleans Triennial at the New Orleans Museum of art. Potter has been featured on Kentucky Educational Television and was a member of Zephyr Gallery for nearly a decade. Her work has appeared in several publications and she has shown extensively throughout the south.

Following careers in government and education, Potter is now a full-time artist, and has branched out into other mediums including painting, photography, mixed media and collage. Her current show, "The Misfits," is a series of paintings and drawings that are meant to discuss the choices in life and how where we have been determines where we are going.



Welcome to our new Studio Intern

The Loomhouse has welcomed Ruth Goodhart to our staff in August. Ruth is a Visual Artist, who runs her own small business, Goodhartbadart.

She has previously been a vendor at our Holiday in the Woods event, and participating teaching artist and volunteer for the VSA KY Side by Side program in collaboration with The Kentucky School for the Blind and The Little Loomhouse. Goodhart has received a full scholarship to study at the Kentucky College of Art and Design, and will be making the Loomhouse her work home on Saturdays during her studies.

Goodhart will be working with Sally Moss, our Studio Manager, to continue the direct lineage from our founder Lou Tate on best studio practice. In addition to her work with Mrs. Moss, Goodhart will learn our Point of Sales System, and about our Consignment, Gallery, Archives, and Museum protocol.

We are very excited to welcome Goodhart into this nine-month learning position and hope you stop by to introduce yourself and say, "hello".

State Fair Winners



Kathy McWilliams



Wilkerson Elementary



Stephanie Potter

Our own Volunteer Weaver Kathy McWilliams has won the Lou Tate Memorial Award, Best of Show awards in Weaving and Fiber Arts, 1st place awards in Handwoven Scarf, Handwoven Placemats, Handwoven Table Runner, and Handwoven Towel. Former Board Member and Weekly Volunteer, Sylvia Arnold Kinsfather has won 2nd place in Handwoven Garment. The two special education classes the Loomhouse worked with at Wilkerson Elementary have received ribbons for their bandanas they created in our off-site program. Their Art Teacher, Mrs. Judy Layne-Banks has received a 2nd place ribbon in Creative Textiles, Surface Design. And Lou Tate Gallery Feature Artist, Stephanie Potter, has received the Kentucky State Fair Purchase Award. Congratulations to all the winners, we are so proud of you.

PERSPECTIVE

Purple Fund Scholars - What Mom & Dad are Saying:

Dorothy, age 7, attended camp in 2019

Mom: "My daughter loves crafts. It is definitely her happy place. She was also born with a congenital heart defect which has affected her fine motor skills and anything she can do to practice this is great for her."



Fern, age 8, attended camp in 2017, 2018, 2019

Mom: (2019) "Fern's camp experiences at Little Loomhouse have been unequivocally beneficial to her creative development. Your unique camp experiences keep her engaged and excited about the art and history of weaving. The summer camp program at Little Loomhouse will allow Fern to foster her creative abilities through weaving and sewing. She also grows as a learner through the historic and nature-based interpretation that is done on grounds. I feel that weaving increases concentration in Fern and also helps her to develop hand/eye coordination. The program also helps to nurture socialization and create friendships over the summer."

Lucy, age 9, attended camp in 2016, 2017, 2018

Dad: "She loves it. Gives her great confidence to make things."

Iris, age 11, attended camp in 2016, 2017

Mom: "The peaceful environment and Mrs. Jess teaching skills were amazing for Iris. She beyond enjoyed the experience."



Annalise, age 8, attended camp in 2016

Mom: "Annalise had a great time at camp. She was so excited to go each morning and very sad when it was over. Each day she came home with many stories about her activities for the day."

Note: Photos are not of individuals mentioned



Small Business Saturday - SALE

**Saturday
November 30,
2019**

Make the Little Loomhouse your holiday destination! Come visit our gift shop for Small Business Saturday. We will be serving hot cider and cookies with 10% non-members/15% members discounts on all Little Loomhouse items.

Holiday Closures

The Little Loomhouse will be closed Nov 28th for Thanksgiving Day, Dec 24th & Dec 25th for Holiday season and Dec 31st and Jan 1st for New Year's.



Work will begin this fall to restore the stairs to and the porch of the Wisteria Cabin.

PRESERVE

Thank You Kentucky Colonels!

The Little Loomhouse is proud to announce it received a grant from the Honorable Order Kentucky Colonels (HOKC) in the amount of \$7,000 towards the restoration of the stairs between Esta and Wisteria Cabins and replace the porch to the Wisteria Cabin.

HOKC will award \$2.1 million in grants supporting 265 non-profits, impacting more than 3.9 Kentuckians. This year's total is a record for HOKC's Good Works Program and represents HOKC reaching the \$50-million mark since the Colonels became a 501(c)3 in 1951. Grants are made possible through donations from active Kentucky Colonels from around the world who chose to exercise this honor in a meaningful way.

The Little Loomhouse would like to Thank the Kentucky Colonels Good Works Program

for the good they do throughout Kentucky and their support of the Loomhouse. This fall we will begin restoration to the stairs and porch to Wisteria Cabin. Thank you, Colonels, for helping continue the legacy of founder Lou Tate, master weaver, by ensuring the preservation of the The Little Loomhouse landmark cabins and by educating students of all ages about the history of weaving and textile arts through diverse programs, residencies, and community partnerships.

The Loomhouse would like to thank the following partners:



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