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...about our rich weaving and fiber arts history

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Spring 2025



The Lou Tate Gallery Presents...



LOWSUMERISM & THE SLOW FASHION MOVEMENT **March 22 - May 10 Gallery Hours Tues - Sat 11am-3pm** *Exhibition is Free & Open to the Public*

Lowsumerism & the Slow Fashion Movement will explore how home spun clothing creation of the past is just as relevant, if not more so, today. Clothing from the Lou Tate Foundation collection will be shown next to artists currently constructing their own clothing. Contributing Artists include: Robin Version & Madeline Bela, Annabela Cockrell, Lizzie Gulick, Jenna Leigh Richards, Sarah Jane Castellon, Susan Rhema, Mark McDaniel, Megan Stewart, Tammy M. Burke, Eleanor Hasken-Wagner, Briana Frederick, and Michelle K. Amos.

Mother's Day Tea & Weaving



Join us Sunday, May 12th for Mother's Day Tea and Weaving. Tickets are \$30 per person with two time slots available, 10 am – noon or 12:30 2:30 pm. Tickets are available on our website www.littleloomhouse.org.

In Memorial

The Loomhouse would like to recognize the passing on August 19, 2024 in Kettering, Ohio, of our long-time member who contributed greatly to our organization.



Mary Jane Hoog
1941 — 2024

Mary Jane was born in Louisville to the late Dr. Sylvester W. and Kitty S. Mather. She graduated from duPont Manual High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from the University of Louisville in 1963. She was a research biochemist for the University of Louisville. She was also a member of the Dayton Cycling Club, Adventure Cycling, Weaver's Guild of Miami Valley, Little Loomhouse, the Kentucky Historical Society, and Harmony Creek Church (UCC).

Her father, Dr. Mather constructed and built the first Lou Tate Little Loom under Tate's direction. Mary Jane Hoog never forgot her family's connection to Lou Tate, the Little Loomhouse, or the historical impact on American handweaving. She was an annual Founders contributing member and would send her check with a note wishing us good luck at the beginning of each year.

Letter from the President

Dear Friends of the Little Loomhouse,

I hope this letter finds you well as we welcome the changing of seasons and look forward to the exciting events ahead at the Little Loomhouse. Our community continues to grow and thrive, and it is always heartening to see the passion and creativity that each of you bring to this historic space.

First, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our recent fundraiser. Your generosity and dedication ensure that we can continue preserving our beloved Loomhouse and offering enriching educational programs. Whether through donations, volunteering, or spreading the word, your contributions make a meaningful difference, and we are incredibly grateful for your partnership!

I also want to take a moment to acknowledge the passing of Mary Jane Hoog, a long-time member of the Little Loomhouse community. Her father, Dr. Mather, played a vital role in constructing the first Lou Tate Little Loom, leaving a lasting legacy. Mary Jane carried that love for fiber arts throughout her life, and she will be dearly missed.

As we move forward, we have a variety of exciting classes and events planned for the season! Whether you're a beginner or an experienced weaver, there's something for everyone. Some upcoming highlights include:

Partnerships with LFPL – Expanding access to fiber arts through collaboration with the Louisville Free Public Library.

Community Craft Circle – A welcoming space to gather and create.

Slow Fashion Show – Celebrating sustainability, craftsmanship, and creativity.

Returning Favorites: Mother's Day Tea & Weaving – A cherished tradition for families and fiber arts enthusiasts alike.

Thank you for being part of this wonderful community. Your support keeps the spirit of the Little Loomhouse alive, and we look forward to weaving more memories together!

Jordan Witherspoon
LLH Board President

Adult Community Fiber Circle



Third Saturday of Every Month from 2 pm to 4 pm

The Loomhouse has not had a Community Fiber Circle since 2015.

Inspired by a 🌈 Sparking Change Mini-Grant, and the love and support of our community, we were ready to begin again. The day was chosen as a nod to our past when the only Saturday we were open was the third Saturday of the month. This event is free and open to the public. Parking is limited, so carpool and join us! Craft circles are a great way to combat loneliness and build community.

Introducing Tori Christensen Artist-in-Residence



Accessibility, image Courtesy of Artist

Tori Christensen is a textile artist from Alabama who specializes in creating touchable fiber pieces designed to be accessible to those who are visually impaired. She is relocating to the Louisville area while pursuing a Master's degree at UK, studying to become a teacher for individuals with visual impairments. Christensen will be joining the Loomhouse team this summer as an Artist in Residence. To learn more about her story and art you can visit her website at torichristensen.com



New Sight Through Touch, image Courtesy of Artist

Look for more on Tori Christensen in our monthly updates.

Upcoming Classes

Please consult our website littleloomhouse.org for the most up-to-date schedule for classes offered and to register.



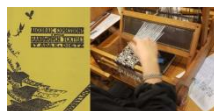
Spring Break & Summer 2-Hour Weaving Classes, 6 yrs to adults

Designed for the whole family or the individual. Sessions are listed on the website under upcoming classes. Cost is \$30 per session.



May Rag Runner Class

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon at the Little Loomhouse weaving a table runner to take home. Participants can expect to finish a 16" to 36" runner. This class is designed for teens to adults. The cost \$35 per person.



Math & Science Natural Dye & Weaving Workshop
Sunday, June 29, 9:00 am - 4 pm Join Hill & Hollow Farm from Metcalfe Co., KY at the Little Loomhouse for an all-day workshop on natural dye and weaving based on mathematical equations. The cost is \$125, all supplies are included. Register at www.littleloomhouse.org



Math & Science Workshop

Natural dye & weaving based on mathematical equations with Hill & Hollow Farm and the Little Loomhouse. Sunday, June 29 from 9 am to 4 pm. Participants will dye wool yarn and cotton bandanas, and weave coasters. Bring a sack lunch, all other supplies will be provided. Cost is \$125.



KY Coverlet Workshop
Fresh Leaf Indigo Dye & Overshot Weaving Workshop
Join Hill & Hollow Farm from Metcalfe Co., KY at the Little Loomhouse for an all-day workshop with fresh leaf indigo dyeing and weaving.
Bring a sack lunch and enjoy your own mini-lesson while learning about the history and process of creating a Kentucky Coverlet. Cost is \$125, all supplies are included.
Sunday Aug 24, 9 am to 4 pm
370 Kinnear Hill Road
Register at littleloomhouse.org

KY Coverlet Workshop

Bring a sack lunch and join Hill & Hollow Farm from Metcalfe Co., KY and Little Loomhouse Executive Director, Michelle Amos for an exploration of the history & process of creating a Kentucky Coverlet. Sunday, August 24th, 9 am to 4 pm. Cost is \$125.

Allison Lutes Cat Track Hat



Cat Tracks Cap

A simple watch cap to warm you on cold days at the loom and beyond. The Cat Tracks Cap is inspired by weaving and natural dye classes at The Little Loomhouse. The stranded colorwork motif is inspired by the Cat Tracks and Snail Trails weaving draft, a design used in Kentucky coverlets for hundreds of years. The crocheted top loop is a nod to the oak trees that surround The Little Loomhouse cabins, as a reminder that they started as tiny acorns. This hat is a collaboration between designer Allison Lutes and Robin Verson of Hill and Hollow Farm, an ode to the dye days they've spent at The Little Loomhouse. Pattern can be purchased at Ravelry www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/cat-tracks-cap or Payhip payhip.com/b/RJ7I5

Free Workshops

Little Loomhouse at Louisville Free Public Libraries

Please visit the branch library website, some workshops require a reservation.

Fiber/Spinning & Weaving in the Round

April 1st & 3rd from 2pm-3pm Shawnee Branch,
3912 West Broadway, to
learn more
www.lfpl.org/shawnee-library

Quilt Design Bandanas

June 17th at 2:30pm
Shively Branch, 3920 Dixie
Hwy, to learn more
www.lfpl.org/shively-1

Weaving in the Round

July 8th from 3pm-4pm,
4800 Exeter Ave,
www.lfpl.org/newburg-1

Weaving in the Round

July 31st from 10:30am -
11:30am, Crescent Hill
Library, 2762 Frankfort
Ave, to learn more
www.lfpl.org/crescent-hill

Join us for Celebration of the

April 15th Christy's Garden
at Paristown Point
between 12:30 - 3:30 to
try spinning, weave, or
make a bracelet.

Celebration of the Arts is
part of Paristown's Spring
Into Derby Art Market,
which will include an open
art market, live music,
performance, bourbon,
and food

Young Visionaries Exhibit Recap



We had a fantastic exhibition and turnout for the Young Visionaries 2025. Impressive works from Iroquois High School, PRP High School, Western High School, Elizabethtown Community College, and the University of Louisville students. Thanks goes to Gallery Manager & Teaching Artist, Norma Drish, for curating the show.

Hilltop Honky Tonk Through the Decades



We want to thank everyone
who attended and helped
make our Hilltop Honky Tonk
a success!

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Cultural Pass 2025 and Beyond



Cultural Pass offers young people ages 0-21 and their families in the Greater Louisville area access to participate in arts and cultural activities provided by over 50 venues, free of charge, from the first weekend in June through the first weekend in August. The Little Loomhouse has participated in Louisville's Cultural Pass program since its inception in 2014. Over the years as popularity of both the Cultural Pass program and the Little Loomhouse has grown, we have witnessed a significant impact on our historic site as crowds grow larger each year. Rather than opt out of the program, we are working behind the scenes to create opportunities for off-site engagement. We hope to make announcements soon. We will be updating about all our summer programs on our website, social media and monthly updates. To learn more about the Cultural Pass, including how to get one, and where to register, please visit www.fundforthearts.org/culturalpass/

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Renew or become a LLH Member and enjoy the benefits today!

Go to

www.littleloomhouse.org/membership mini-weaving punch cards available to both new and renewing members.

Individual Memberships (\$35) will receive a punch card with 6 mini-weaving lessons, Family Memberships (\$50) receive a punch card with 12 mini-weaving lessons.

Preservation Efforts Continue



The Loomhouse has received a new look. The old plexiglass that once encased the stairwell leading to Esta Cabin's second floor has been replaced with a black PVC coated wire mesh fencing. Years of wear had left the plexiglass green and scratched.

The new look is echoed across our walkpaths and ramps for the safety of our guests. **Thank you Atwell Enterprises, INC.** for the new look and custom mailbox. Additional improvements this year included a sewer line repair that allowed us to install an additional cleanout for Esta Cabin. We would like to thank all of our donors for making these changes possible.