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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.
Saturday	10 am - 3:30 pm every 3rd Sat.
Sunday	Closed

The Little Loomhouse is an all volunteer organization. Please call us at (502) 367-4792 before you come to visit.



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The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels Honors the Little Loomhouse with a Grant

On September 23, 2012, Little Loomhouse board members, Stefanie Buzan and Rosemary McCandless attended the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels "Official" Grant Party at the Kentucky Derby Museum, located at Churchill Downs. The Colonels presented the Little Loomhouse with a grant to purchase new heating and air conditioning units for all three Little Loomhouse cabins.

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Stefanie Buzan, Colonel Barbara Dutschke and Rosemary McCandless at the Grant Party.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nuno Felting Workshop - Annette Browning of Kentucky Blue Fiber Company will be teaching the art of nuno felting with beautifully dyed alpaca fibers and silk chiffon scarves. Sat, Nov 10, 10am-2pm, \$65/members, \$75/nonmembers, all supplies included! Contact Stephanie Brown (502)367-4792, admin@littleloomhouse.org

Spinning Saturdays - Come join Mona Cattan-Lewis every second Saturday of the month for a day of spinning in front of the beautiful hearth in Esta Cabin. Master the techniques of turning fiber into the yarn that is right for your project. 10am-12pm, \$20/members, \$25/non members, bring your own supplies or purchase at our gift shop. Brown bag lunch followed by an open invite Spin-In! Contact Mona at highlandsfiberarts@gmail.com or 502-714-9413

Christmas Party, Dec 1, 2012 at 2pm - bring your favorite dish to this potluck.

Locust Grove Weaving Workshop, Sat, Feb 9, 10am - 4pm and Sun, Feb 10, 1-4pm - \$150. Locust Grove and the Little Loomhouse are offering a 2 day weaving workshop. Students will weave log cabin, simple lace and ticking on Lou Tate's Little Looms and will also be introduced to band weaving and the drop spindle. Price includes supplies and weaving samples to take home. Bring your lunch, scissors and wear comfortable shoes. Class size is small so space is very limited. Call Locust Grove at 897-9845 to register.

HAPPENINGS

Sylvia Kinsfather - A Big Winner at the Kentucky State Fair

I was really nervous when I dropped off my entries for the KY State fair this year. I was hoping for some kind of ribbon on my dishtowel set because I had worked so hard on it. Imagine my surprise when I found out I won ribbons for all 4 of my entries (2 blue and 2 green).

The kitchen dishtowel set was done in green and yellow cotton thread in a herringbone pattern on a 4 heddle loom. I thought those colors looked nice and that particular weave gave an old-timey look to it. The judges gave it a perfect score. I'm glad it got a blue ribbon because I worked really hard on that set.

The purple acrylic scarf was done in plain weave and had variegated purple and pink colors that made it come out really nice.

The blue ribbon winners were donated to the Loomhouse.

The greyish "wooly" acrylic hat with the tassel received a green ribbon. The judges mentioned the "fringe" on the ends needed to be thicker and twisted so it wouldn't ravel out. I wove a rag rug on my large loom, using blue, white/green print and pink stripes. The judges mentioned I needed to make the rug weft thicker and beat it harder and watch the warp threads as apparently a couple had come loose.

When I was picking my entries up they mentioned I had won the grand prize. That's the first I heard about it. The grand prize was a large ruffled blue ribbon and a gift basket that



Sylvia with her ribbons.

included two Leclerc wooden shuttles and some bobbins. They were very nice looking.

I'm looking forward to entering more items in the state fair for next year. I encourage everyone who weaves to take a chance and enter something. C'mon, lets get some competition going!

editors note: All of the blue ribbon winners that Sylvia donated to the Little Loomhouse gift shop sold within the first week of being on the floor.

Needle Felting Workshop



On October 6, 2012, Dana Fadel of Portland, ME, taught a needle felting workshop at the Little Loomhouse. We had 9 creative students who felted 8 adorable sheep and 1 handsome snowman. Dana was awesome and the Little Loomhouse hopes to have her back for another workshop in the near future.

Fall Weaving Class

The Fall Weaving Class has begun and is off with a bang! Sally Moss is guiding a new group of weavers through their first projects and a few returning students through more advanced projects. On the looms we have straight scarves, möbius scarves, market totes and holiday fabric!

KY Colonel Grant

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You may remember that the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels approved funding in 2011 for the Little Loomhouse to purchase a new computer and Past Perfect Software to begin digitally preserving our archives. The Little Loomhouse is grateful to the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels for their good works.

The new heating and air conditioning systems were installed in the cabins the week of October 1, 2012, by local business, Zipper Heating and Air Conditioning. The Little Loomhouse would also like to thank board members Stefanie Buzan, Rosemary McCandless and Leslie Clements for their work on the successful grant application.

Little Looms Refurbished

Over the past couple of months, Little Loomhouse volunteers, Sylvia and Dennis Kinsfather, have been getting some of our "out of order" Little Looms into working order. Their work entails everything from using an electronic process to remove rust from the metal parts of the loom, to bringing out the beauty of the wood, on the looms, by giving them a fine polishing. As a result of their hard work, we have a limited number of Little Looms for sale, in our Little Gift Shop.



Sylvia and Dennis Kinsfather

Preserving the Little Loomhouse

The Lou Tate Foundation Board of Directors is working hard to tackle the long list of needed repairs to the Little Loomhouse. In November 2010, John Milner Associates (JMA), a historic preservation architectural firm, evaluated the Little Loomhouse property. Their multidisciplinary staff of architects, historians, architectural conservators, and preservation planners determined that **the three cabins require approximately \$325,000-\$350,000 in necessary repairs** to preserve their historic beauty and function.

First on the list of projects is addressing the drainage issues that affect each cabin. Years of development on Kenwood Hill have resulted in a need to ensure that the cabins are kept safe from damaging moisture. To prevent further damage, JMA has estimated that the Little Loomhouse will need to allocate funds to each cabin for this specific goal - \$40,700 to Wisteria, \$26,650 to Tophouse, and \$1,850 to Esta. In addition to the preventative measures, JMA also gave estimates for the needed funds to repair damage that has already occurred in the cabins from prior drainage issues.

Another top priority is a dangerous tree standing tall beside Wisteria. Though we'll all be sad to see it go, it has been determined that it is a danger to the cabin and must be removed. The Louisville Landmarks Commission has approved the tree removal, which will cost approximately \$3,800.

Please remember the Little Loomhouse and our mission to preserve the historical home of Lou Tate, as well as educate people of all ages about the ancient art of weaving. If you would like to support this project, your tax-deductable donation can be sent to The Little Loomhouse, PO Box 9124, Louisville, KY 40209. Thank you for your consideration. We appreciate your sponsorship!

HAPPENINGS

Remembering Alice Davidson



It is with great sadness that we must inform our membership of the passing of Alice Davidson. Alice was our archivist for many years. She did extensive research on the Kenwood Hill neighborhood and Lou Tate. She wrote the small booklet about the history of the Little Loomhouse and contributed the section about Lou Tate in the book "A View from the Top". She also was in charge of the newsletter for a number of years. Alice contributed so much to the foundation and making sure Lou Tate's legacy would be passed on. She will be greatly missed.

**October is National
Weaving and Spinning
Month**

**Start a new project today!
Visit the gift shop for all your supplies.**

Pegasus Gallery at the Louisville International Airport

For the third year in a row, the Little Loomhouse was invited to participate in the Pegasus Gallery located at the Louisville International Airport. This year, we were able to display in two galleries, giving us the opportunity to provide a view of the Loomhouse both past and present. A special thank you to our Education Coordinator, Stephanie Brown, for all of her creativity and hard work to make the displays a success. The exhibit will run through the end of December 2012.



Little Loomhouse Then



Little Loomhouse Now

Little Loomhouse Gift Shop

Open Tues-Thurs
10 am - 3:30 pm
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Local alpaca yarn and roving in natural colors of black, caramel, white and grey. Alpaca is not only beautiful and silky soft, it is a safe fiber for those who suffer with wool allergies. Use with our locally crafted hardwood knitting needles and drop spindles.

As a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, the Little Loomhouse receives donations of fiber and fiber equipment on a regular basis. Sales of these wonderful donations help support the mission of the Loomhouse. Come shop with us! We have a wonderful treasury of antique, vintage and contemporary fiber craft supplies just waiting to be discovered!



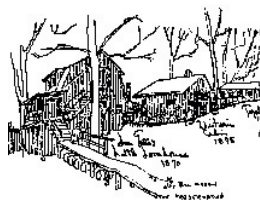
New Maysville Carpet Warp colors available in the gift shop including bright red, cardinal red, royal blue, deep eggplant purple, coral pink, ballet pink, and pear yellow.



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