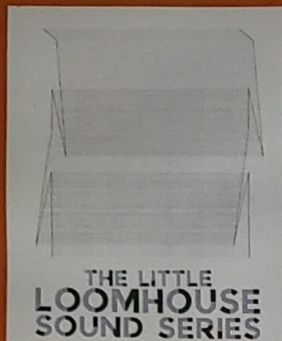


SPRING 2019

The Kentucky Weaver from

Upcoming event:



**Performance
and Conversation,
Saturday,
February 23, 2pm**

Using instrumentation and object theater, **Bob Dixon, Jonathan Wood and Shawn Hennessey** explore space and restraint to find their way through a creative process. Accessing esoteric inspiration from their disparate histories, each will bring a unique thread to weave through this collaborative voice.

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C R E A T E



LLH Fiber Arts Classes at Beechmont Community Center for ages 5-18. Families Welcome!

The Little Loomhouse will be offering Fiber Arts Classes at Beechmont Community Center on Tuesdays from 4pm - 5pm for children and teens ages 5 - 18 years, held in conjunction with Kid's Cafe' free meal program. These classes are free and open to the public from January 28 - March 25 and April 8 & 16. Projects include woven owls, fabric collage, string art, woven belts, found object design, weaving in the round, and more. An Arabic translator is available during class.

This project was made possible by a partnership with The Norton Foundation and Louisville Metro Government in partnership with the Fund for the Arts.

School's Out Drop-In Weaving for Spring Break! Ages 6 and up! Families Welcome!

Tuesday through Friday, April 2nd - 5th, from 10 am - noon (session 1) or 1 - 3pm (session 2), we will be offering Drop-In Weaving classes. Students are welcome to join us for one or both sessions each day, or sign up for all four days. Participants create handwoven pieces to take home. Projects include purses, bags, cats on mats, scarves, pillows, bean bags, and more. The cost is \$25 per session, all supplies included. **Loomhouse members receive a 10% discount.** Students who sign up for both sessions need to bring a sack lunch. Please call (502)367-4792 to reserve your spot.



Summer Drop-In-Weaving classes for age 6 and up! Families Welcome!

The Loomhouse will be offering Summer Drop-In Weaving classes on Fridays from 10am-noon (session 1) or 1pm-3pm (session 2). Participants are welcome to sign up for one or both sessions. The cost is \$25 per session, all supplies included. **Loomhouse members receive a 10% discount.** Please call 502-367-4792 to register.

Letter from the President

The Loomhouse welcomes 2019 with a calendar of events for the community to enjoy. Starting with our Young Visionaries Show, fiber classes, Volunteer Appreciation Celebration, expansion of our lecture series, Women's History Month Celebrations and Side by Side Exhibition, the first quarter of the year is sure to please and have you wanting more. Please come out with your family and friends and enjoy all the Loomhouse has to offer in the new year.

I look forward to seeing you,

Melissa Amos-Jones

President, Board of Directors of the Lou Tate Foundation

LEARN

Indigo Dye at Fairdale Branch Library

On Saturday, April 27th, from 11am-noon, the Little Loomhouse will be offering a free Indigo Dye Workshop at the Fairdale Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library. Come sample this historic, natural dye process. Each participant will take home an 8" x 54" silk scarf dyed Indigo Blue. If you are interested please call 502-375-2051 to register for this free workshop.

This program was made possible through the partnership of The Norton Foundation and The Fairdale Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library.



EXPERIENCE

Women's History Month Celebration

Women's History Month at the Little Loomhouse is about celebrating the efforts of women, past and present, to enrich our community and make history.

This year's celebration kicks off the first Saturday in March with the opening reception for our "Woman of the World" exhibition. This show features arts and crafts created by woman from around the world.

The Women's History Celebration continues with our lecture series, which will include a talk on the life of Rhythm & Blues singer Mary Ann Fisher, a featured performer with Ray Charles.

Saturday, March 16, 2pm.

The Loomhouse will also host a panel discussion on "Women Behind the Scenes in Politics," and we will round out the month with weaving classes in honor of our founder Lou Tate.

Saturday, March 23, 2pm - 4pm.



CREATE

LLH Stamp Design Workshop at Highland-Shelby Park Branch Library

On Thursday, June 6th, from 2 - 3:30 pm, the Little Loomhouse will be offering a Free Stamp Design Workshop at the Highland-Shelby Park Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library. Participants will design their own 2"x 2" stamp to be used on paper or fabric. This program is free, open to the public, and recommended for ages 8 years to adults. Because this workshop includes the use of linoleum carving tools, we recommend young participants be accompanied by a guardian.

This program has been made possible by a partnership with The Norton Foundation and the Highland-Shelby Park Branch of The Louisville Free Public Library.



Happy Birthday to...YOU

You may know that Mildred and Patty Hill first sang "Happy Birthday" in Esta Cabin at the Little Loomhouse, but did you know that you can host your own birthday party in that very same spot at the Little Loomhouse?

That's right. The Little Loomhouse hosts birthday parties for \$200 (*Little Loomhouse members receive a 10% discount*). The fee includes a two-hour rental of the Esta cabin, a Little Loomhouse party host, and up to 10 party guests/weavers. Additional weavers cost \$12/per person. Each party is specially customized for the party host and requires an advanced reservation.

"When people call to book the party I usually talk to them about what their specific needs or wishes are," says Michelle K. Amos, Little Loomhouse Director of Programming and Education.



In addition to birthday parties, the Little Loomhouse has hosted private baby showers and a meditation retreat.

To find out how the Little Loomhouse can accommodate your special event please visit our Contact Page.

LEARN

My Lou Tate Connection by Mary-Stuart Reichard

Lou Tate and the Little Loomhouse cabins have been a presence in my life since the early 1950's. My family lived on Southern Parkway and my parents' friends, the Weilers, bought the Cornelia Bush House, a historic property that is still there today, not far from the Little Loomhouse. I remember visiting there often and one day our mothers took us on a hike up the hill to visit Lou Tate and her cabins which were in a pretty rural setting at that time.

Our families eventually moved and I didn't visit the Little Loomhouse again until the 1970's when a group of us observed the erosion on the hillside. We rallied the city to do something to preserve this historic treasure and this was just the first of several restoration and preservation projects I've been a part of over the years.

Several years after Lou Tate's death my sister, Anne Bird, and I were recruited to serve on the Board of Directors, and I continue to serve today. Initially we helped with the clean-up of Wisteria cabin - serious roof leaks were causing the roof to collapse. We crawled up to the second floor and began removing stacks of looms stored there and also discovered plastic shoe boxes filled with rolled up drafts - part of the Loomhouse's valuable, historic collection, now safely stored and archived.

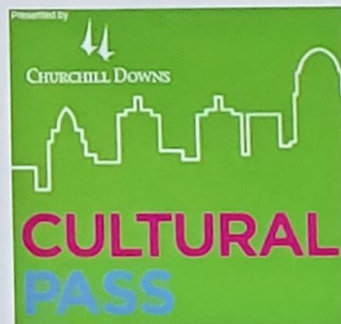
It has been rewarding to help with the continuation of Lou Tate's legacy, even getting to meet people who knew and corresponded with her and subscribed to her *Kentucky Weaver* newsletter. In the continuing years people from around the country still make treks to the Little Loomhouse because of its tremendous reputation. Now, memories of Lou Tate, the spunky independent woman who knew and wove for presidents' wives is fading, but her legacy continues for other generations.



EXPERIENCE

Cultural Pass Returns this Summer!

The Cultural Pass provides free access to many of Greater Louisville's arts and cultural institutions for children of Metro Louisville. The Pass is valid for one-time general admission at each of the participating institutions and is valid from June 1 to August 10. The 2019 Cultural Pass is available starting June 1, 2019 and may be picked up at any Louisville Free Public Library branch and regional libraries along with the Summer Reading Program. The Little Loomhouse Cultural Pass days and times will be Tues-Thurs & Sat 11am - 3pm.



Summer Camp Registration is Open!

Summer Camps are Monday - Friday, 9am - 4pm. The cost is \$200 for one week of full-day or \$125 for half-day, **with a 10% discount to all Loomhouse members**. Campers will participate in a variety of fiber arts projects related to the theme of the camp, and of course, weave on Little Looms every day. Scholarships for full-day camps are available through The Purple Fund.

Please contact Michelle at (502)367-4792 for more information, registration, or scholarship applications. This year's camps are:

Weaving in the Woods, June 10-14

Fiber Fashion Design, June 24-28

Weaving Your Story, July 8-12

Fiber & Nature, July 22-26



*Register today
before camps fill up!
Call 502-367-4792*

Little Loomhouse Summer Camps Builds Skills and Friendships

By: Melanie Wolkoff Wachsman



Every summer navigating my children's seemingly never-ending camp schedules is an arduous task. But the delight and enthusiasm my 10-year-old daughter, Hayley, displayed after attending the Little Loomhouse's Fiber Fashion Design Camp last June made all the carpooling and planning worth it. We plan to repeat the experience this summer.



Beginning in June, the Little Loomhouse will host four summer week-long sessions from 9 am to 4 pm for 6 to 13-year-old boys and girls.

All camps are limited to ten campers per session so that each camper receives personalized attention from instructors and have ample workspace.

"We were pretty close to capacity last year and are offering more camps this summer due to the increase in interest. We also gave four scholarships to campers through the Purple Fund last year and will be able to offer them this summer as well," says Michelle K. Amos, Director of Programming and Education for the Little Loomhouse.

At Fiber Fashion Design Camp campers explored a range of fiber art processes, including stamping, stenciling, and weaving on various types of looms. They learned about color theory and fiber art design. I was amazed at the quality and quantity of projects my daughter produced each day.

She tie-dyed a Little Loomhouse blanket, wove an entire scarf, headband, and super-hero style cuffs; wove and sewed a pillow; made yarn "twisty" friendship necklaces and bracelets, spun wool into yarn, and designed her own stencil and stamped it onto fabric.

"I loved making the pillow because it was super comfy and you got to pick out the fabric for it," says Hayley. "I also liked making the bookmark because it was hand-woven. That was fun."

Throughout the day, campers also learned about the history of Lou Tate, weaving, design principles, and worked on their drawing and design skills.

During snack time and lunchtime campers created a "Little Loomhouse's Got Talent" game, a make-shift talent show of sorts, where campers took turns performing and judging each other's "talents" in a playful, fun way.

The Loomhouse's historic cabins on Kenwood Hill, also provided a calm and inspiration setting for the campers.

"Little Loomhouse camp is so much fun because you get to be with your friends and work on really fun projects. Even if you don't come with friends it's really easy to make new friends at camp," says Hayley. Learning new skills, creating beautiful projects and making new friends—that's what Little Loomhouse summer camps are all about. We can't wait to return this year.

**Register today
before camps fill up!
Call 502-367-4792**

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Welcome to our new contract teacher Hadeel Alelayawi.

Restoration and Preservation Report

Thanks to the **Kentucky Colonels Good Works Program**, the Loomhouse got much needed updates to the parking lot. We removed the deteriorating railroad ties and replaced them with stone matching our recently restored driveway. We hope you will find the new driveway and parking area helpful in your visit to the Loomhouse. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our Restoration and Preservations donors that make continued updates to the property possible.



Colonial Gardens - Going backwards to move forward

The restoration and development of the Colonial Gardens site continues through the winter months. The work is expected to wrap up this spring. This exciting project is located just blocks from the Little Loomhouse and will be a great addition to the neighborhood and add to the cultural richness of our South-end community.

Everyone is anxiously waiting to learn the names of the local restaurants that will call the new complex home.



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