

# KENTUCKY WEAVER

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## LITTLE LOOMHOUSE HOURS

Monday	By Appt.
Tuesday	10:00-3:30
Wednesday	10:00-3:30
Thursday	10:00-3:30
Friday	By Appt.
Saturday	10:00-3:30 every third Sat
Sunday	Closed

*partially funded by  
the city of Louisville*

## Louisville Historic League Walking Tour

On October 19, 2008, Stefanie Buzan and Rosemary McCandles took about 50 members of the Louisville Historical League on a walking tour of the historic Iroquois and Kenwood Hill Neighborhoods.

The tour highlighted such places as Iroquois Park and Amphitheater, Colonial Gardens/Senning's Park, the old trolley tracks, the historic homes of the neighborhood and ended with a visit to the Little Loomhouse. The success of the tour prompted the Little Loomhouse

Board of Directors to apply to the Kentucky Historical Society for a \$500 matching grant to fund the creation of a pamphlet for a self guided walking tour of the neighborhood. We are pleased to report that the grant was received and that Councilman Dan Johnson has agreed to provide the matching funds. The pamphlets will be out later this year. The cost of the pamphlet is a \$1.00 donation to the Little Loomhouse.



*Weaving student Allison Shartzer (center) has Krista Carbon and Bridgette Vincent show off the scarves she made for them in weaving class.*

## Students Create Hand Woven Scarves

To wrap up 2008, Sally Moss taught an evening weaving class for 6 enthusiastic students. The students had lots of fun and made a variety of woven creations including scarves, table runners and more scarves. A couple of the students finished their projects so quickly that they were able to start and finish a second project- more scarves.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 21 - 22** We will be at Kentucky Crafted, the Market.

**Due July 1** Entry Paperwork (not the items) due for the State Fair competitions. You can get the paperwork to register on line or we'll have some copies at the Little Loomhouse.

**March** Spring Weaving Class, Tuesdays 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. Tuition \$125.00, Plan your own project, Do not purchase supplies until after 1st lesson, Contact Sally Moss @ (502)239-7382

# HAPPENINGS

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*The Lost River Pilots*

## Fall Open House Provides Music and Fun

On November 8, 2008, the Little Loomhouse held the First Annual Fall Open House. It is our hope that this new, annual event will be reminiscent of the days gone by when Kenwood Hill was sought out because of its artist colonies and atmosphere.

Visitors to this year's Fall Open House were entertained by the Bluegrass Music of the Lost River Pilots and enjoyed historic tours and walk in-weaving classes.

## The Little Loomhouse Annual Volunteer Christmas Luncheon

*As told by Jean Randles*

A very good luncheon was provided at noon by individual volunteers. After most had finished eating, Stefanie suggested that each person introduce themselves and tell how and why they were volunteers at the Little Loomhouse. Some of the interesting comments were that: Mary-Stuart gave the red folding chairs a "long time ago."

Alice wrote a book of information about the Loomhouse. She is a historian.

Brenda learned to weave from Lou Tate.

Allis knew Lou Tate; her children learned to weave here.

Ethel started at the Loomhouse in the 1960s and she still sends out the letters for memberships.

Lee knew Lou Tate.

Tony is Stefanie's husband and Annie and Bob M. are her parents.

Jean R has been involved with the Little Loomhouse for 15 years and is still secretary!

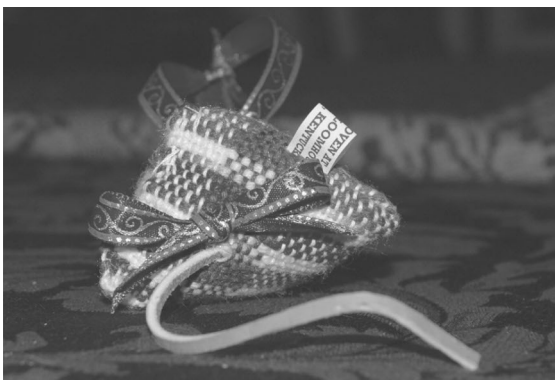
Awards in the form of plaques were given to some outstanding volunteers: Jean Randles, Barbara Terranova, Sally Moss, Miriam Forinash, Frances Crain, Ethel Schwartz, Mary Rutt, Linda Crowe, Jack Rutt and John Rutt.

The following is an informal list of volunteers seated around the card tables in Esta (in the museum area) and at the big kitchen table (that Orville Moss made) around the food! Mary Rutt, Frances Crain, Carolyn Greaves, Jean Randles, Sally Moss, Ethel Schwartz, Alice Davidson, Allis Bennett, Brenda Sheeley, Stefanie Buzan, Bob D., Rosemary McCandless, Tony Buzan, Bob and Annie Mattingly, Linda Crowe, Garrett Crowe, Jack Rutt, Barbara Nichols, Barbara Terranova, Mary-Stuart Reichard, Anne Weeter, Raymond Randles, Lee Ebner. Let me know if you were there and I left out your name.

## Catnip Mouse Christmas Ornaments Donation

During the Christmas holidays, the Little Loomhouse was invited to participate in the Kentucky Historical Society Kentucky Treasures Tree and the Metro Louisville LouWhoville Tree.

The Little Loomhouse provided each project a hand woven ornament that represents the work of the Little Loomhouse. Each ornament was crafted by our volunteers. We adapted our popular gift shop catnip mouse cat toy into a festive holiday ornament for both projects.



*Red and White Woven Catnip Mouse Ornament*

# MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS

## Mary Rutt

Mary Rutt graciously volunteers her time every Tuesday and other days when her schedule permits. She has taken a keen interest in the gift shop and has put her talents and experience to use setting up displays and introducing new products. Mary is also a weaver and a teacher of weaving. We talked with Mary the other day to get her thoughts on working at the Little Loomhouse.

Mary grew up in Louisville. She took weaving lessons from Lou Tate when her school visited the Loomhouse. She is married to John Rutt who also volunteers with us. John is in the military and so he and Mary have lived in several different states including Arizona, Texas and Florida.

During their time in Florida Mary spent 10 years working in the Disney World gift shops. We are so pleased that she has brought that experience to our gift shop.

In 1999, Mary, John and their then 18 month old son Jack moved back to Louisville taking up residence in Shively. In September of 2006 Jack wanted a weaving lesson. Mary brought him to the Loomhouse where Ethel Schwartz and Frances Craine gave Jack his first lesson and convinced Mary we needed help. Jack loved weaving so

## Annie Mattingly is Back!

It was with great pleasure that the Little Loomhouse welcomed back former board member Annie Mattingly at the December meeting. Annie is working with Barbara Nichols as Co-Treasurer and has been putting budget information on computer. This has enabled her to produce easy to read budget reports in graph form. We are grateful for her impressive computer skills. You can look forward to seeing some concise budget reports in future newsletters.

Mary and Jack became volunteers. They kept it a family affair by bringing John too.

Because of Mary you can now buy Little Loomhouse products at Riverside, Farnsley-Moremeyen Landing. She wants to place items in other boutiques or historic home gift shops. If you can help, give her a call.

Mary also wants the readers to know we can always use items such as hats, gloves, or scarves that they have crocheted or knitted if they want to donate. We also need some volunteers to sew (finish) some of the woven items. You can do this at home or at Tophouse. She and John will also warp a small loom for you to make small items for the gift shop. If you can't donate time, consider a gift certificate donation from Michael's, Hobby Lobby or Staples.



*Mary Rutt in the Gift Shop*

I asked Mary what she liked best about volunteering. She said she thrives on coming up with new ideas, products and projects just to see how it will look. We at the Little Loomhouse have been blessed to have Mary and her family as such dedicated volunteers. When you come in on a Tuesday introduce yourself to Mary, after all, how many times do you get to meet someone who is personal friends with Mickey Mouse? But be warned, she might just get you to volunteer.

**Sign up now for  
SPRING WEAVING CLASS  
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# HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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## Fourth Historic Structure Reconstruction

The Little Loomhouse cabins pre-date indoor plumbing. That means the three historic structures at one time needed a fourth structure—an outhouse. Most outhouses were abandoned after the advent of indoor plumbing, however, our little outhouse survived. It was not until a tree fell on it that it met its demise. Boy Scout CJ Underwood took on the project of rebuilding our historic fourth structure in an effort to earn his Eagle Scout status.

Because the Little Loomhouse property is on the National Register of Historic Places and a Louisville Landmark, it was necessary for CJ to partner with the Louisville Landmarks team to make sure his project met the Secretary of Interior's standards for the treatment of historic properties.

CJ cleared away the old tree that fell on the historic structure. He then reconstructed the outhouse on the original foundation and incorporated all salvageable material from the original—right down to the two seater bench.



*CJ Underwood hard at work!*

CJ also re-cut the overgrown path leading to the outhouse and lined it with 150 Daffodil bulbs and landscape mulch. If you have a need for an outhouse, CJ comes highly recommended by the Little Loomhouse.

## Councilman Johnson

It is our pleasure to recognize and thank Councilman Dan Johnson for his continued support of the Little Loomhouse. He introduced the authors of the book "A View from the Top, the Neighborhoods of Iroquois Park and Kenwood Hill" to the Metro Council on December 18, 2008. The Metro Council had donated \$3,000.00 for the publication of the book and \$5,000.00 for the Loomhouse's general fund. Each council member received a copy of the book from the Little Loomhouse. Councilman Johnson told of the history of the Little Loomhouse and that we continue to teach weaving in the Lou Tate tradition. He then gave a glowing introduction to the authors and encouraged the Metro Council to support the work of the Little Loomhouse. We appreciate all his efforts on our behalf. The authors invited the Metro Council to visit and experience weaving first hand.

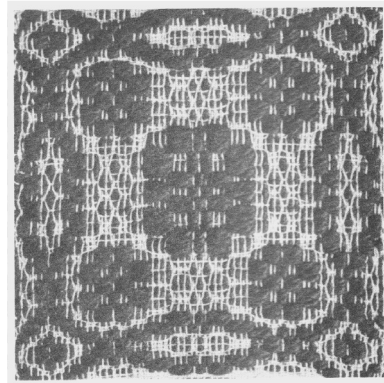
## Little Loomhouse to Receive Historic Highway Marker

During the summer of 2008, the Little Loomhouse Board of Directors applied to the Kentucky Historic Roadside Marker program with a request to have a large, two sided, bronze highway marker placed in the flower garden at the intersection of Kenwood Drive and Kenwood Hill Road. One side of the marker will honor Lou Tate and the Little Loomhouse while the other side will honor the Hill Sisters and acknowledge the Esta Cabin of the Little Loomhouse complex as the first place the Happy Birthday song was ever sung. In December 2008, we were notified that our application was one of only 15 approved in the state of Kentucky. The plan is to have the marker installation ceremony on Lou Tate's birthday, October 19, 2009. There will be more to come on this exciting event.

## Historic Weaving Pattern

Beginning with this edition of the Kentucky Weaver, we would like to begin a new feature for 2009. We will be highlighting a different pattern in each edition of the newsletter and discussing it's origins. We invite our readers to share any additional information they might have on the featured pattern. Feedback received will be included in our next edition of the Kentucky Weaver. In addition, we invite our readers to make recommendations for future, featured patterns.

The topic for this issue is the Whig Rose. The name Whig Rose is very old. It was used by Thomas Jefferson whose household produced several thousand yards of cloth yearly for its use and for sale. The Whig Rose is a member of the Chariot Wheel family and is sometimes combined to weave the Whig Rose and Chariot Wheel pattern. For more information on the creative use of the Whig Rose pattern, you can purchase an original copy of Some Historic Kentucky Coverlets, by Lou Tate. This original publication is available from the Little Loomhouse Gift Shop.



*Whig Rose Pattern*



*Whig Rose and Chariot Wheel*

## SPECIAL OFFER FROM THE GIFT SHOP

### NEW ITEMS IN THE GIFT SHOP

**key chains, small message centers with pen and notebook, catnip mice and cat toys, ipod/cell phone covers, book covers, small pouches with a beanie baby stuffed animal, sachets and coming soon, business card holders.**

#### CARD PARTY PRIZES

We have a great selection of small items (coasters, message centers, sachets, hand-made soaps and more) that would make great prizes for your card parties or Bunco. Bring in this ad during the month of February and tell us about your card party we'll give you **20% off** your prize purchase.

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*Little Loomhouse Gift Shop*

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*Your membership and donations will keep weaving history alive, continue school programs, preserve the weaving archives and restore the cabins.*

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