

The Weaving Studio is Looking for a New Home

Who we are:

The Weaving Studio has been offering classes in weaving for the past thirty years, in Eureka.

Our studio is fully equipped and includes floor looms that were originally part of the Humboldt State textile program.

The Weaving Studio is a non-profit. Classes were previously held through the Ink People Center for the Arts. We are now a program of the Humboldt Handweavers and Spinners Guild (HHSB).

We are a vital part of a large, vibrant and growing fiber arts community in Humboldt County. We participate in local events such as the Humboldt County Fair, Natural Fiber Fair, and HHSB meetings which are all open to the public and provide inspiration and education in the fiber arts.

What We Can Provide:

We can do all the repairs and remodeling of the studio space, as needed.

We can pay utilities and are covered by our own insurance.

A modest monthly fee can be paid if required.

What we require:

Our nine looms require a lot of space. Our current location is about 650 square feet and is a good minimum size.

The studio should be in a dedicated room without through traffic.

Classes meet in the evenings, but weaving students also need access to the studio outside of regular class time so they can work independently on their projects.

Humboldt Handweavers and Spinners Guild (HHSB) would use the studio keep their books and equipment library there.



We require a low- or no-cost space. Tuition has been kept low to make the classes accessible for all. Due to the slow nature of the weaving process, only four full sessions have been offered each year. The classes are not a big money maker but they are self-supporting.



About the Weaving Studio:

Weaving classes and workshops have been offered since 1996 by The Ink People Center for the Arts, who acquired the looms when the Humboldt State textile program closed. Classes have been held in the various locations occupied by the Ink People since then.

With their upcoming move to a new location on 5th Street, the Ink People will no longer be supporting the weaving program. The Weaving Studio will now operate under the auspices of Humboldt Handweavers and Spinners Guild, a non-profit fiber arts organization that has been active in our community for over 50 years.

Nancy Kennedy was the first weaving instructor, from 1996-2003. Linda Hartshorn began teaching in 2003 and has continued for the last 22 years.

Classes consist of nine students, one for each loom. Our looms are 4 and 8 shaft Gilmore floor looms.

The classes are fully enrolled and there is a waiting list to get in. A comprehensive curriculum is presented, including warping, weaving, drafting, and finishing.

The weaving class is open to all. Students include children, seniors, college students, women and men. It is currently very popular with young adults. People come from not only Eureka but as far away as Crescent City, Alderpoint, Willow Creek and Petrolia to learn to weave.

Weaving is a long, patient process and classes are scheduled for four eight-week sessions a year, in the spring, summer, fall and winter, with time for students to weave between sessions. Workshops and other events in between classes are sometimes scheduled.

Facilities like the Weaving Studio are rare. There are only a handful of weaving classrooms remaining on the west coast. Recent years have seen the loss of many weaving programs in colleges and art centers.

The Weaving Studio is currently located at the Ink People Center for the Arts location at 627 3rd Street, Eureka. The lease there expires in June 2026. As we will not be included with the Ink People when they move, we will have to find a new location before then.

More info about the weaving class can be found online at <http://www.lindahartshorn.com>. The website for the Humboldt Handweavers and Spinners Guild is <http://www.hhsguild.org>.

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