

Samuel Slater Experience to host a basic weaving workshop in February

[Webster MA – January 11, 2023] – The Samuel Slater Experience museum will host a three-session rigid heddle loom weaving workshop in Webster on Saturday, February 4, 11 and 18, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Local fiber artist Sharon Geyer will lead the workshop, which is structured for beginners and those who need a refresher course. In the first session students will warp their loom and start weaving a table runner. In the next session, they will plan another project and warp the looms again. In the last session, students will design their own weaving project.

Students will learn all basic weaving skills: how to do a project planning sheet to calculate yarn requirements, how to use a warping peg, how to use the direct warping method, and weaving tips and techniques that will lead to success.

Fee for the course is \$150, payable in advance. The fee includes yarn for the first project. For more details and to register, email admin@samuel Slater Experience.org or call 508-461-2955.

Instructor Sharon Geyer is a fiber artist who specializes in weaving and also enjoys spinning, knitting, sewing and dyeing. She began her weaving career in 1995 as a tapestry weaver (French tapestry technique) under a master artist in Philadelphia. From there, she began to explore patterns and textures on a large 8-harness loom. Her membership in Yankee Fiber Friend Guild and a weaving study group have advanced her experience over the past two decades.

Sharon's most recent work has been as a rigid heddle weaving instructor at Woolworks in Putnam. The rigid heddle loom captured her heart from the first project in 2019. The ease of use and portability of these little looms has led to the current weaving workshop series.

The weaving workshop will take place in the museum classroom.

Samuel Slater Experience is located in the former National Guard Armory at 31 Ray Street, Webster, Massachusetts, and open to the public year-round. Daily schedule: Fridays & Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday: Noon to 4 p.m. The museum is also available for group tours and events.