

Mid-Atlantic Fiber Association Grants Program

Looms for Kid's College, Fiber Arts Network, West Virginia, 2014-15

The fiber education program will be expanded through the purchase of additional looms and accessories, and through scholarships for participants. Classes cover actual weaving techniques, including planning projects, warping, weaving and finishing options.

Final Report:

The stated project goal was to increase weaving opportunities in the geographic area served by the Fiber Arts Network through its studio located in Carnegie Hall, Lewisburg, WV. The goal was particularly aimed at the children who take weaving classes during Carnegie Hall's Kid's College.

To meet the stated goal Fiber Arts Network purchased two looms. A Purrington and a Schacht Wolf Pup. In addition to the looms reeds, raddles, warping boards, shuttles, and bobbins were also purchased. In addition a scholarship in the amount of \$125.00 was given for the Kid's College weaving program.

Twenty-two young weavers were able to participate in the Kid's college weaving program this year. An increase of eight over 2013. Nine of these students received scholarships, one as a result of the grant award made by MAFA to Fiber Arts Network. Many students have entered their finished projects in the West Virginia State Fair. Several students named Hot off the Loom as their favorite class. This new equipment will continue to provide opportunities for new weavers as classes continue.

In addition to the young weavers adult weavers have already taken advantage of the new equipment. An overshot workshop with Laurie Duxbury held in March was able to accommodate 12 weavers. A follow up study group continues to meet and Fiber Arts Network has another adult workshop planned for September. This is in addition to regularly scheduled classes offered by Carnegie Hall through its partnership with Fiber Arts Network.

All projected budget goals were met and all projected purchases have been made and equipment is installed and is in use.

Attached are pictures of Kid's College. All participants parents are asked to sign a release permitting their pictures to be used. If permission was not given pictures are not included.

Respectfully Submitted

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