

**Mid-Atlantic Fiber Association Grants Program:
Have a Seat and Stay a While, Fiber Arts Network, West Virginia, 2016-17**

The fiber education program will be expanded through the purchase of additional loom benches to be used for classes and demonstrations. Classes cover actual weaving techniques, including planning projects, warping, weaving and finishing options.

Final Report:

The stated project goal was to purchase 6 Glimakra Loom Benches. These were chosen after much research because of their portability and the multiple height adjustment settings to fit our current student population (kids thru adults).

We recognize the plethora of skills required in the beginning of the weaving curve. It is our intention to also instill in the novice weavers the best ergonomic practices available to allow for longer periods of skill practice while minimizing the risk of physical strain on them due to inadequate seating. Our goal to reduce the physical strain and increase the joy of learning handweaving is also being enhanced thru the study of Allen Fannin's book "Weaving Technology". The goal was particularly aimed at the children who take weaving classes during Carnegie Hall's Kid's College who have struggled in the past to 'fit' their frames to the looms for weaving

To meet the stated goal Fiber Arts Network purchased 6 adjustable loom benches. Nineteen young weavers will be able to participate in the Kid's college weaving program this year. In addition, four adult classes have been held with 5 participants each since the purchase of the benches. The benches made our Fiber Arts demonstration at the WV State Fair easier for transport and gave us the ability to adjust for multiple sized weavers throughout the 7 day event.

This new equipment will continue to provide opportunities for new weavers as classes continue.

All projected budget goals were met and all projected purchases have been made and equipment is installed and is in use. The \$8 dollar surplus was donated, along with 2 scholarships sponsored by FAN, to the Carnegie Hall's Kids College Fund.

Attached are pictures of Kid's College. All participates parents are asked to sign a release permitting their pictures to be used.

Respectfully Submitted
Fiber Arts Network
Susan Ernst, Fiber Arts Network President

FiberArts Guild MAFA Grant 2016 Projected vs Actual Budget

Project Expenses		Projected	Actual
25" loom bench	X 4	800	796
39" loom bench	X 2	558	558
Shipping		<u>87</u>	<u>82</u>
Total		1445	1436
 Project Funding			
Glimakra USA discount		339.5	338.5
MAFA grant (pd. To date)		750	375
FiberArts Guild matching contribution		410.5	<u>347.5</u>
Total		1500	1061
Project Expenses			1436
Project Funding to date			<u>-1061</u>
Requested from MAFA			375

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