

Mid Atlantic Fiber Association Grant  
Warped Weavers  
Final Report  
December 7, 2017

### **Project Goals and Objectives**

The Warped Weavers Guild project goal was to increase the number of volunteer guild members who would demonstrate weaving at the Maryland State Fair and at the libraries in our county and, through their efforts, increase the public's awareness of weaving as a living craft.

### **2017 Outcomes**

Ten volunteers demonstrated weaving on our Wolf Pup studio loom, purchased with the funds from the MAFA grant and guild member donations, at the Maryland State Fair for a total of 45 hours. We interacted with approximately 450 fair-goers (averaging ten each hour), fielding many questions about fiber arts and encouraging many visitors to sit down and weave a bit. Interested observers ranged in age from toddlers to the elderly and while some had never seen (or even heard of) handweaving before, some, hearing the sound of the beater, re-captured memories of parents and grandparents who wove.

Eight volunteers (including four "first timers") volunteered for eight hours at three of the Harford County libraries during Spinning and Weaving Month. There was a wide variety of ages here, as well, although with more of an emphasis on parents with children visiting the library. Children, of course, were the most enthusiastic about trying the equipment, but we also had a number of adults request information about where and when our guild met.

(Note: Photos are included in a separate attachment in a folder from Dropbox.)

Warped Weavers will continue to use our studio loom for demonstrations as requested by the community as well as at guild meetings as part of programs. In addition, we have had interest by several members in borrowing the loom which, if the demonstration schedule allows, we are happy to do.

Our guild wants to express our appreciation to MAFA for making our guild loom purchase possible. We expect to be weaving on it for years to come – thank you!

Karen Heppen, Project Director

	Original Budget	Actual Budget
Project Income:		
MAFA GRANT	\$500.00	\$500.00
Other (amounts and sources):		
Warped Weavers treasury funds	\$350.00	\$122.00
Warped Weavers members donations	\$350.00	<u>\$450.00</u>
Total project income	\$1200.00	\$1072.00

Project Expenses: (amounts and categories)

*Schacht Wolf Pup four shaft loom	\$1200.00	\$825.00
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Raddle		<u>\$127.00</u>
Total project expense		\$1072.00

\*Note: We found a used Wolf Pup in excellent condition and used the balance of our funds to purchase needed and useful accessories.









