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**Seminar Title: WEAVING LOOM COMPENDIUM**

**3 hour seminar with time for questions and discussion.**

**Description:** This program offers a 3-hour discussion with examples of some of the best information available regarding your weaving equipment: Looms in general, shafts, treadles, reeds, shuttles, benches and tips/tricks to help you achieve a better handwoven product...and make you feel more comfortable at your loom (ergonomics).

Weavers of all levels will benefit from this discussion of the tools that are so important to our work. I've repaired and rehabilitated looms for twenty-five years and have worked on nearly every make and model available, even if the makers are no longer in business. This past couple of years I've had the opportunity to write blogs on all of the above for Handwoven Magazine and have now compiled many of these tips into a focused program for guilds and groups. The staff at Handwoven Magazine often forward questions to me regarding loom issues and malfunctions and I'm a regular referral if an owner needs to identify looms or loom parts. Handwoven often has requested short articles on these subjects for web blogs and I have had published:

Maintaining your Loom, 2011

Historical Account/Mechanics of the Weavers Delight semi-automatic, 1920's era loom, 2016.

From Treadles to Tie-ups, 2019

Cleaning and Sanitizing your Loom Safely, 2020

Choosing and Using Shuttles: Stick, Flat and Rag Shuttles, 2020

Choosing and Using Shuttles: Rug and Ski Shuttles, 2020

Choosing and Using Shuttles: Boat Shuttles, Bobbins and Quills, 2020

Choosing and Using Shuttles: Double Bobbin and End Feed Shuttles, 2020

Weights in your Weaving Room, 2021

Pros and Cons of Sectional Warping, written in 2022

...in addition to nine 'project' and 'yarn lab' articles requested by Handwoven.

I have given a shorter version of this program to twenty-five guilds in 2021-2024, including WA, OR, IN, MT, CA, and three Canadian guilds. I also gave it in-person at the Montana Association of Weavers Conference 2022, virtually for their HGA conference in 2022, and the MidAtlantic Association of Fiber Artists in 2024. Attendance has always been high for this session as there are few seminars offering information on this subject.

I was slated to give this in-person at the Association of NW Weavers Guilds in Bend, OR in 2023 and 2025, however I had to cancel due to family medical issues.

The seminar works well in a virtual format as I use a PowerPt program with a side discussion.

**Required level of participant skill:** This program will be a huge benefit to new and intermediate weavers, and I will give a lot of information on purchasing your first or second loom. My best comments, though, have come from seasoned weavers who never considered cleaning, maintenance or other aspects of their weaving and how to achieve a better woven product by making simple changes to their body balance.