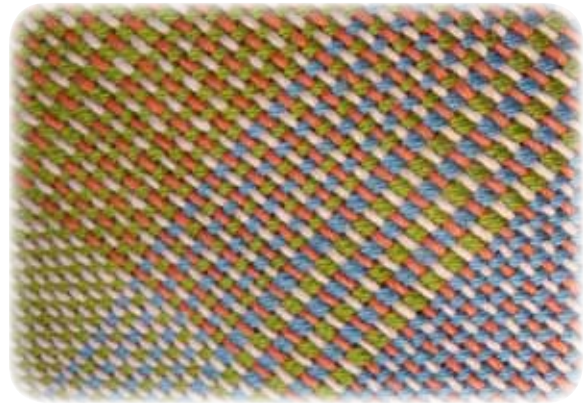
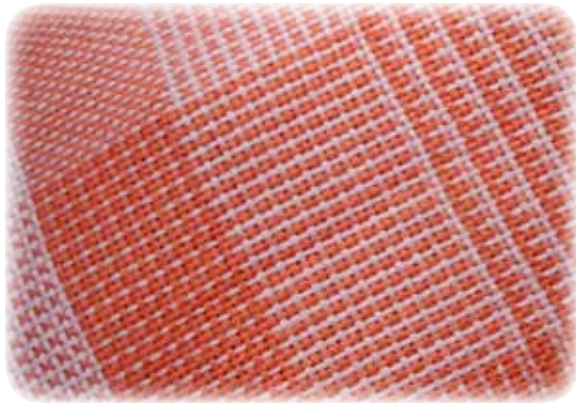
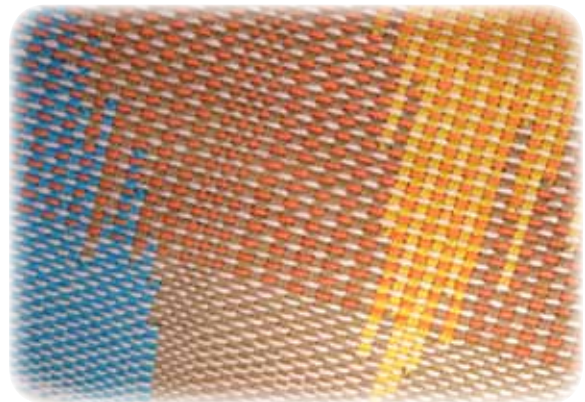
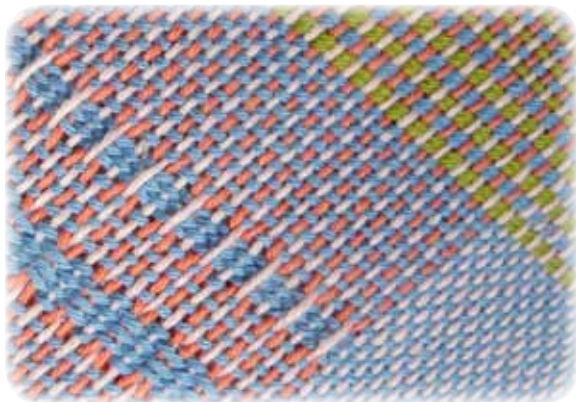


Weaving for Knitters Retreat in San Jose

June 19-22, 2017, from 10 to 4 each day



One warp can give rise to so many variations your head will spin. In the spirit of Alice in Wonderland, I will encourage you again and again to inquire: "I wonder what would happen if I tried (fill in the blank)? These dishtowels were all woven on the same warp. It is ridiculously easy and oh so compelling.



In response to a chorus of requests for a weaving retreat in San Jose, like those Cat Bordhi holds on San Juan Island in Washington, Cat's brother Jim Petkiewicz (known as Pecos) offered to host the retreat at his home in the Willow Glen neighborhood of San Jose. The income from this retreat will go to Community Links International, a non-profit he and his wife Mags founded many years ago. During our retreat, Pecos will share some stories of the work they do.

Weaving, like knitting, floods one with that oh so familiar balm of well-being and recalibration. And weaving and knitting merge so naturally and easily that it is a mystery why the two skills are not paired more frequently. A friendly 15" rigid heddle loom on a stand will be yours to use the entire retreat (we'll have several kinds, so that if you choose to buy a loom later you'll know your preferences), and by lunchtime of the first day you will already be weaving. Day by day, Cat will share a treasure chest of simple tricks that produce intricate variations, as well as techniques for merging woven and knitted fabric. She'll also have weaving books, tools, and gadgets for you to explore.



This throw has a sock yarn warp and a worsted weight merino weft, woven in a simple pick-up-stick texture. By the end of the retreat you'll have the skills to design your own.



Weaving and knitting are soulmates...see how they merge?

All those yarns in your stash for which you've never been able to find quite the right knitting pattern may suddenly find their true calling on the loom, because weaving thrives on combining variable quantities, textures, and weights of yarn. Happiness awaits you...



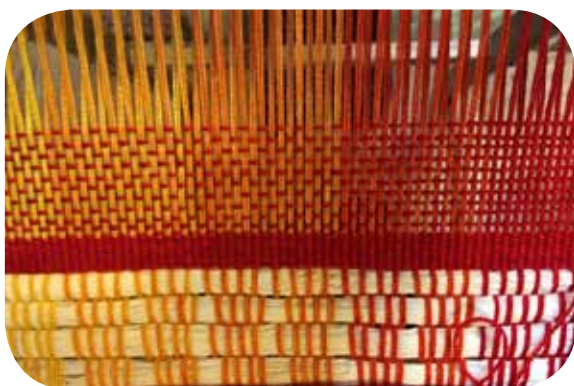
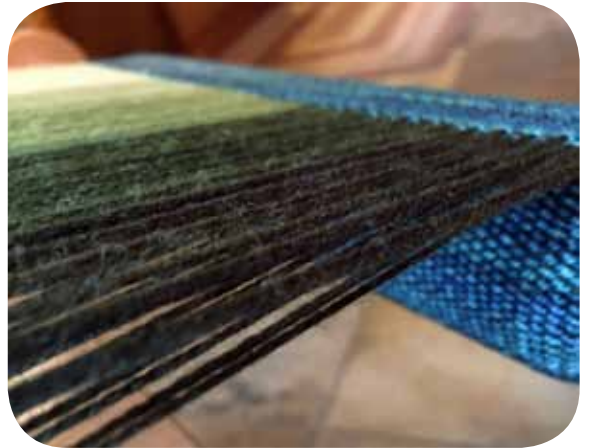
We'll begin at 10 each morning and finish at 4 in the afternoon. Pecos is a wonderfully creative cook and will prepare our lunches and snacks. We can work outside in the garden some of the time, to the farmyard music of Pecos' four chickens chatting with one another.

Our retreats are deeply relaxing and anchor a strong sense of community. We will spend a little time each day weaving in communal silence, letting the deep wellspring of tranquillity that lies within our harmonious hands fill our space.

The retreat fee is \$500, plus an equipment loan/ materials fee of \$125 and \$100 to cover lunches and snacks. If you already have a rigid heddle loom with a stand, the materials fee is \$25. We will provide a plentiful supply of colorful worsted weight cotton yarn for learning and exploration, along with some natural colored weaving wool. Your carefree learning experiments will become practical dish towels, coasters, placemats, and napkins to use and give away, or can become bags, wallets, or felted slipper bottoms.

Note about lunch and snacks: Because of the relatively small size of the retreat (probably no more than a dozen) we are unable to accommodate food allergies or preferences.

Glimpses of the 2017 Island Weaving for Knitters Retreats



What we provide and what to bring

Your equipment and materials fee includes an unlimited supply of worsted weight cotton suitable for kitchen towels, napins, placemats, etc., for you to use to your heart's content without concern that anything turn out just right. It also includes a supply of sport weight weaving wool in natural colors so you will experience the difference between cotton and wool. This wool is not soft enough to wear, but your experiments can become coasters, straps, or bags. At some point during the retreat you will probably feel ready to weave a unique scarf using some of your stash. Please bring a collection of DK to worsted weight wool or wool blend yarn in a variety of colors that seem happy together. Even a leftover ball of 6 yards can find its way into your scarf. Your scarf may use as much as 400 yards of various yarns—bring enough choices to play with! You will find that weaving welcomes yarns in a way that knitting often cannot.

Small tools to bring

Several tapestry needles (in case you lose one!)

Three carabiners (about 2 inches long, nothing fancy)

4 empty toilet paper tubes or 2 empty paper towel tubes. Cut the tubes open lengthwise.

Patterns I will share with you

I have developed a small collection of weaving patterns which I will send you before we gather in June. They include my Timeless Tunic, my Bag Full of Skills, my Window Pane Shawl, and even a Moebius Cowl! In addition, you will receive a written description of weaving tricks I have come up with which you are unlikely to find in books.

I'll teach from this menu...

Warping

Basic direct warping

Estimating yardage

Warping from the center

Using beanbags to tension

Minimizing loom waste

Edges

Hem stitch

Knotted fringe

Twisted fringe

Joining selvages

Merging knitting and weaving

Knitting from selvages

Knitting from folded hems

Knitting on a curve from woven fabric

Weaving textures and colorwork

Tabby (balanced simple weave)

Warp floats and weft floats

Leno lace

Clasped weft colorwork

Houndstooth

Warp- and weft-faced fabrics



My 90-year-young mother and Pecos learning to weave last summer. So much fun.

Registration for 2017 San Jose Weaving for Knitters Retreat with Cat Bordhi and Jim "Pecos" Petkiewicz

Location: 916 Wren Drive, San Jose, CA 95125

To reserve a space, print and fill out this page and mail it to the address below with a \$200 check (this nonrefundable deposit secures your spot) made out to **Community Links International**.

Jim Petkiewicz
916 Wren Drive
San Jose, CA 95125

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell: _____

Emergency contact: _____

Cost: \$500 retreat fee, \$100 lunches and snacks, and \$125 equipment loan/ materials fee, for a total of \$725. You may transfer your nonrefundable deposit only if you need to cancel *and can find a replacement yourself*. The retreat balance of \$525 is due April 19, and then becomes nonrefundable unless we can fill your spot.

Options: If you bring your own rigid heddle loom with a stand, your equipment loan/ materials fee will be \$25 instead of \$100. We strongly recommend not buying a loom ahead of time unless you already have one, since trying several different kinds will allow you to make a wiser personal choice.

_____ **I want to use your rigid heddle looms** (you will have a chance to try at least two kinds.)

_____ **I am bringing my own rigid heddle loom with a stand.**

Personal Liability and Indemnification Agreement: We take your safety and the security of your belongings very seriously, but we cannot be liable for any personal injury, loss/theft or damage any time during the retreat. Your attendance constitutes your agreement to indemnify Jim Petkiewicz, Cat Bordhi and Community Links International from any claim for injury, loss, or damage for any reason.

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