

A Blog About Sharing a Bench & Weave- A - Long's

*"The time has come," the Walrus said,
"To talk of many things:
Of shoes—and ships—and sealing-wax—
Of cabbages—and kings—
And why the sea is boiling hot—
And whether pigs have wings."*

Partial quote from Lewis Carroll's poem
The Walrus and the Carpenter.

Endings and beginnings- Just Summing it up—before taking a five week break for travel & Research & of course more weaving.

And then another begins, on Tuesdays, September 6, 2022, and goes to November 1, 2022- 10 AM- PST-12 PM PST. The second session begins Saturday, September 10. And goes to November 12, 2022-11 AM-PST

As odd as it seems, and I have been teaching weekend workshops and workshop tours since the mid 1980's-almost 45 years. I know- I know that makes me seem really old to some of you all. Some things change and some

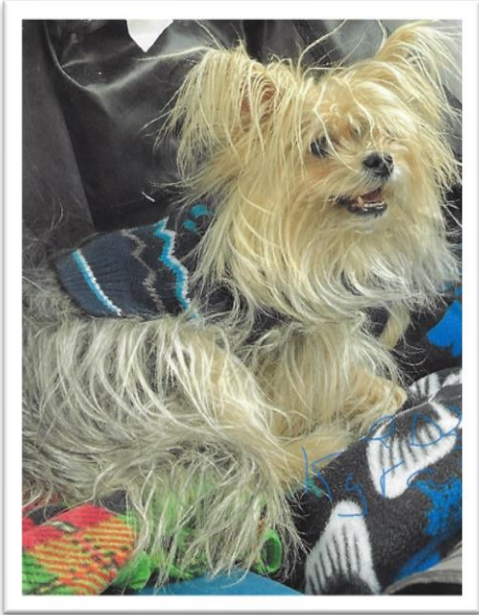


don't such as the portrayal of some tapestry subjects. The tapestry on the left or the detail was from a tapestry called Keening Wail. My First attempt of a narrative of KZ's life. I was trying to teach tapestry technique in 1983 in weekend workshops sometimes 2-3 day workshops. The one on the Right is called Like a fish out of Water a retelling of KZ's story while I am teaching. But in a different teaching format but fill so much more satisfying. The difference---The timing always felt too short with too much needful material to cover, too many beginners in advanced classes. I would do things like show up early without pay to make sure the looms were warped and ready to go just to have more teaching



hours. Work extra hours in the evenings to make sure everyone walked away with at least something they came for. Always sending students home with extensive handouts for later. Always wondering if it was enuff! Now with the format I have chosen to teach in I am loving it. Okay stats. I have taught 4 weave a longs. 2 sessions a week-Saturday & Tuesday. Each session is divided into 10 units each

unit 2 hours long. So far that means I have taught 40- 2 hour sessions. I weave my tapestries while students weave their tapestries. Information and technique is taught and shared as needed by what is in my design or in the participants. These sessions are more college seminar like then workshop like. Everything is backed up by video, discussion on a private Facebook group. Close up pixs of various techniques often taken every 30 minutes as I weave. Participants can drop into scheduled weaving time to discuss technique, watch or ask questions as we weave. Everything is done with the magic of zoom. Well. It is still magic to me because I still often don't understand how it works or we could just call this aspect comic relief on my part.



I have finally found away of teaching that is totally addictive and so me. Creating hope and gratitude and a sense of community. Good things do come from something bad and horrible. Definitely! I don't think I have ever had so much fun teaching. Believe me! I have had some wonderful teaching experiences in the past 40 years and made some wonderful friends



"...Come share a bench, a place for more, not a chair- a place for one...Come share a thought...come take a



*thought...a place to see the real...watch and take... take a gift... leave a gift...And learn a thing as needed or two, or not. Once seen... The choice is yours...Does it work for you? Should it work for you? Take some...leave some...create a tale...create a song...create your song...Weave in gratitude and joy!"
Quote from Personal Journals Just Prior to first weave along 2022*

All this said this is not a Wednesdays group or Between & Etc Studio hours which I have moderated for somewhere over 200 meetings. Wednesday's group is not going nowhere. I even did it from the Beach last week it travels well.

"Sharing a Bench" or the "Weave a Longs" are paid for professional instruction from a prize-winning instructor(me) and writer who has taught tapestry and tapestry related subjects since 1981. My Creds are available on my web page and in my galleries on the webpage.

I understand I may have caused a bit of confusion about Wednesdays group.

Wednesdays will always be a free sharing of ideas and discussion of anything, and all things tapestry and occasionally a bit more. Anyone who has a love for tapestry is Welcome to come and discuss tapestry. A pay back to all of the tapestry weavers that have gone before me and supported me in many different ways in the last almost 45 years. A gift!

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