

Sharon Hammer Baker

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Sharon Baker has been weaving for nearly 40 years, and holds degrees in Art and Education. She teaches weaving in her studio in Findlay, Ohio, and most recently taught tapestry weaving at Edison State College. She has also taught at the 577 Foundation, Perrysburg, Ohio and was an artist-in-residence there in 2012. Her work, which includes both tapestry and 2- and 3-dimensional mixed fiber pieces, is shown in solo, invitational and juried exhibits and is in private, corporate and academic collections in the US and abroad.

Miniature 4-Selvage Tapestry Weaving

Level: All

Students: 15

Class description: Learn the technique of weaving a miniature tapestry with 4 finished edges. Students will learn to design for miniatures, make appropriate yarn selections and then warp their loom and weave a small scale tapestry using simple equipment and basic tapestry weaving techniques during this one day workshop. When finished, these tiny treasures can be mounted as an art work or made into unique jewelry and embellishments.

Materials fee: \$10 (given to instructor at class) includes a loom board, weaving needle, beater, warp thread, some weaving and novelty yarns, and handouts.

Students to bring: Scissors, ruler, colored pencils, paper and pencil for notes and designing, thrums and small amounts of yarn (wools, blends, embroidery floss, perle cotton, silk, rayon-finer is always better, novelty is good-if in doubt, bring it!)

Coiled Fiber Jewelry

Level: All

Students: 15

Class description: Learn to create unique and beautiful jewelry with the ancient technique of coiling; a weaving process which involves covering a flexible core with fibers and building a form, row on row. Once the fundamentals are mastered, the possibilities for create variation of color, texture and form are endless. Students will also learn about the history of coiling, appropriate materials for jewelry making and techniques for designing, creating and finished a piece. A brooch will be completed during the class.

Materials fee: \$15 (given to instructor at class) includes core materials, yarns, pin backs, beads, beading and weaving needles, sewing and beading threads, and a handout.

Students to bring: Scissors, sewing needles, thimble, paper and pencil for notes and designing.