

2010 Navajo Weaving Classes

Quanah, Texas

By

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10am – 4 pm

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Refresh your spirit and creativity with the tranquil art of Navajo weaving in these classes open to beginners and experienced Navajo style weavers alike. Students will have the opportunity to learn the art of weaving from Master Navajo Weavers and sisters, Barbara Teller Ornelas and Lynda Teller Pete, originally from Two Grey Hills and Newcomb, New Mexico. Barbara, a 5th Generation Master Weaver has 2 Best of Show awards from the prestigious Santa Fe Indian Market and countless other Weaving awards from various Art shows. Lynda, a 5th Generation Navajo weaver has garnered 2 First Place Blue Ribbons at the Santa Fe Indian Market for her Navajo Tapestries. While instructing and demonstrating, Barbara and Lynda will share personal stories and experiences, allowing participants the chance to gain fascinating insights into the world of Navajo weaving.

Navajo Weaving Class Fees

Beginning Students – Pre-Warped loom: May 18 – 22, 2010

Fees are for basic weaving instructions. The loom will be fully warped and set up. This fee is also for the rental of the loom, tabletop attachment, clamps, heddle, and shed rods, preparation of warp and selvage cords and rental of all weaving tools for 1 week during the scheduled class time. **Total of \$325.00**

Advanced Students – Warping: Warping on May 17, 2010, 1 pm. Advanced instructions, with design consultations, and troubleshooting. May 23, 2010 is an extra day for advanced weaving students.

Fees are for advanced weaving and warping instructions. This fee is also for the rental of the loom, tabletop attachment, clamps, heddle, and shed rods, warping kit, preparation of warp and selvage cords and rental of all weaving tools for 1 week during the scheduled class time. **Total of \$375.00**

(A \$50 deposit is required on the loom and weaving tools if a project is not finished during class time and taken home when the class is over. This deposit will be refunded when the loom is returned.) \$100.00 to purchase entire classroom set up. There will also be extra pre-warped rugs available for sale after class.

Looms, tabletop attachments and some weaving tools are made by Lynda's husband Belvin Pete. Belvin, a Mechanical Engineer by trade, builds the looms, tabletop attachments, easels and some of the weaving tools and is also from a family of Navajo Weavers from Dzilth-na-o-dith-hle. Belvin has woven several rugs, including a Wedge-Weave, however, his specialty is tinkering with the looms, hardware, and weaving tools to get the student weaver the best possible product.

Reading about the different types and styles of Navajo weavings is encouraged to get a better understanding of Navajo Weaving. Classes available for those that want to start at the beginning with warping and learning to weave the "Navajo Way" on an upright loom, while experienced weavers work to refine their techniques and explore ideas for more complex designs. For those that do not wish to warp, there will be Navajo upright vertical looms fully warped and set up and will receive individualized instruction in areas of their choosing. Navajo history, culture, spirituality and weaving taboos will also be discussed along the way. All classes will accommodate both beginning and intermediate students.

We look forward to sharing our weaving knowledge with you and we promise you will have a great time!! Thank you.

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The above fee includes preparation of warp, selvage cords and the use of the following materials:

Wool Warp, Wool Salvage cord, Nylon thread for Heddle dowel

Wool weft – Navajo Sheep Company, bulky weight wool in various colors

String, scotch tape, graph paper, pencils, scissors, and rulers, sandpaper, emery boards, colored Sharpie pens

3 - ½" wood dowels and 2 - ¼" wood dowels for the heddle and shed pulleys

Rope, Wire – 18 gauge, wire cutters, and pliers

Wood Batten and finishing batten, wire battens used during the finishing process

Comb and finishing combs, sacking needles, long wire needle, medium and short wire needles

Weaving loom, tabletop attachments and clamps

You may bring a container from home to hold your wool and tools.

You may bring a cushion to pad your chair, a small clamp-on light to see your work better.

You may bring music to share, no Native flute music please, ha ha, we'll explain later.

Beginning students will learn how to weave a 12" X 16" rug. A striped pattern is highly recommended and friendly enforced as beginning students need more time than the 1 week class to master more complicated patterns. We will focus on weaving techniques. Students may purchase their own wool if they do not want to use the wool weft that we bring. Beginning students will use bulky weight wool, 1 ply, preferably from the Brown Sheep wool company. You may take the loom home to weave. Upon completion of class, please return loom and weaving tools.

Intermediate students will focus on geometric designs only, color combinations and may use worsted or sport weight wool.

Wool

1 Ply Bulky Weight Wool is recommended for Beginning students.

Advanced Students may use Worsted or Sport Weight wool. We will have some assorted wool, bulky and sport weight available for use during the class. There will be some \$4 and \$3 yarn balls available if you purchase an additional pre-warped rug. The small yarn balls are perfect for adding a little color and you do not have a whole skein of wool going to waste. Choose a combination of light and dark wool for best visual effects.

Whole skeins of yarn may be purchased for \$6.25 each.