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I've been a guild member for 5 or so years, although because of working on Saturdays I haven't been able to attend many meetings. Now: no job (Covid) but no meetings (also Covid)! Sheesh.

I moved to Vermont in 2012. Before that, I lived in Indiana for 32 years. I was a member of the Fort Wayne Weavers Guild and I learned lots there, both from other weavers and from workshops.

At that time, I had a 46" Gilmore 8 shaft loom. To downsize for moving I sold it and bought an 8-shaft Gilmore Little Gem. Its weaving width is 22 inches.

I do love fiber, always have. Embroidery, knitting, weaving, you name it and if it involves fiber, I like it. Never took up spinning though; my great-aunt, who was a talented weaver, once told me that she'd seen people start spinning and leave off weaving and knitting. I guess that put the fear in me because I have never thought about spinning!

Describe your "studio":

"Studio" sums it up! My loom is in my upstairs front room, which is also the spare bedroom and houses the TV. The upside, I suppose, is that I can have lots of reasons to be in there.



Describe something you like about weaving and something you avoid:

I like hand manipulated patterns (love to hemstitch). I detest winding bobbins, no idea why. And this may qualify as something to avoid but it is something I have to stop doing. I am a terrible yarn hoarder! I hate to use things up. Not in the least a productive quirk! I participated in the scarf exchange a few years ago to force myself to use some hoarded tinsel and I'm so glad I did.

I'm really drawn to the Scandinavian designs in weaving, so straightforward and clean and colorful. I want to try rep weave. These napkins on the loom now have an edge of rep; I got the idea from Väv magazine. I also have some hoarded Fox Fibre that I must use; my dream is to make fabric and use it to make a top, but that's a little scary. I also want to try sewing two narrow woven pieces together to make a wide piece. I tried double weave once and that was enough. I'd rather sew pieces together.



I hope to see you all sometime this year. Stay safe. I feel confident that we will be in a good place by this summer.