

Silk Weaving with Heather Winslow

Jan. 12-14, 2018, Honolulu Museum of Art School, Honolulu

Jan. 19-21, 2018, Island Yarn and Art Supplies, Kona

10 am to 4 pm each day

Workshop fee: \$260

Supply fee: \$55 for silk warp, weft and handouts

Silk, the elegant, shimmering, beautiful and mysterious thread that enchants us all. Fear not – you can weave with silk!

Heather Winslow will introduce you to the wonderful world of silk in this three day workshop. Learn about the history of silk production, get to know the four main types of silk and observe samples of their cocoons, yarns and fabrics. Discover the properties and characteristics of silk and how these relate to weaving silk. And see some wonderful handwoven garments she has made.

Each participant will weave 8 to 10 samples of silk fabric with possible structures like Atwater Bronson lace, Theo Moorman inlay, advancing twill, braided twill, point twill, turned twill, houndstooth, transparent effect, collapse fabric, M's and O's and shadow. Bombyx mori, tussah and muga silks of different sizes and textures will be used. Sett ranges from 24 to 36 EPI. These fabrics and structures are all suitable for clothing and other finished products.

This is a round robin workshop requiring a 4 or 8 shaft pre-warped loom. Based on a simple questionnaire attached to the registration form, Heather will determine which structure/ threads you will set up. Warps will be available in early December with instructions and a supply list. Wefts will be supplied at the workshop.

Registration: Enrollment is first come, first served. For Kona, there is a limit of 15 participants. Deadline to register is Oct. 31, 2018. Go to hawaiihandweavers.org to register and pay or fill out and mail the form in this newsletter.

Loom set up: In Honolulu, looms can be set up on Jan. 11 from 9 a.m. For Kona, looms at the shop will be assigned in early Dec. and can be set up Jan. 12.

Cancellation policy: No refunds except in case of an illness or close family member emergency. If there is a waiting list and someone can take your place, you will be entitled to a full refund.