

COVERLET COLLEGE PRESENTATIONS

Subjects covered in earlier years include the following:
(Don't worry – they may come around again in the future – let us know your preferences!)

2016

Weave Structures Used for Geometric Coverlets (workshop)
Understanding Overshot (workshop)
A Brief History of Fibers Used in Coverlet Weaving
A Life of Blue: Growing, Processing & Dyeing with Indigo
Single Geometric Coverlets
Beiderwand: Ancient Silk Weave to Coverlet Weave
Nineteenth Century Coverlet Weaving and Carpet Weaving: Exploring the Connections
Christian Frey's Day Book: A Brief Look at the Textiles Produced by One Weaver
Our First Ten Years
Care, Caution and Dated Textiles
Mathias Heilbronn: Coverlet Weaver in Upstate NY & Ohio's Western Reserve
Phony Colonie
"Agriculture and Manufactures" Coverlets: Understanding the Context
Hannah Leathers Wilson: Celebrated Weaver of the Year
Who Wove This Coverlet? Weaver Trademarks

2015

I'm Dyeing to Dye with 18th Century Professional Dyes (*workshop*)
Understanding and Using Early Weavers' Notation (*workshop*)
Threads to the Forefront: A Closer Look at Coverlet Fibers
The Practical 18th Century Dyer
Types of Geometric Coverlets and Basic Weave Structures
How to Examine, Photograph and Describe a Coverlet
The Rediscovery of the American Coverlet and the Revival of American Handweaving
Introduction to Looms and Loom Attachments
"Hi, My Name's Ted. I Collect Coverlets."
Discovery Session for Coverlets Brought by Attendees New to Coverlets
Open Show and Tell – all attendees welcome to bring one or two favorite coverlets to show and discuss
"All Creatures Great and Small" – an historical overview of animal images ultimately used in figured coverlets
Cat Tracks and Dog Paws – foot prints of cats and dogs as patterns in geometric coverlets
"Lions and Tigers and Bears Oh MY" – animal patterns woven into coverlets – the theme of the current exhibition
Guided Tour of the Noah's Ark Coverlet Exhibition "Lions and Tigers – No Bears – Oh My!"
Early U.S. Loom Patents and Licensing Chronology
The Evolution of Ingrain Carpet Weaving in New England 1820-1840
Van Doren Family: Celebrated Weavers of the Year

2014

A Closer Look at Coverlet Fibers
Basic Weave Structures and Types of Geometric Coverlets
Catalog Your Collection: Why and How
Guided Tour of "Kaleidoscope" – Simmermaker collection exhibition – led by John Simmermaker
Geometric Coverlets with Initials, Dates and Names
Introduction to Looms and Loom Attachments
Examples of Fancy Coverlets from NY, NJ, PA and MD
Examples of Fancy Coverlets from OH, KY, IN, IL and Further West
Show and Tell for Basic and Advanced – bring one or two of your favorite coverlets to show and discuss
Some Observations on Historic Fringes – as seen in art and reality

Coverlet Fringe: The Framing of a Coverlet – as a design element in early coverlets
The Coverlet Corridor of Ohio
Making Connections: Establishing Reliable Weaver Attribution for Unsigned Jacquard Coverlets
What is Beiderwand
David Isaac Grave: Celebrated Weaver of the Year
John Campbell, Weaver, and his Carpet Coverlet (Jacquard) Head

2013

Coverlet Definition, Vital Statistics and Fiber Identification
Basic Weave Structures and Types of Geometric Coverlets
Geometric Coverlets with Initials, Dates and Names
Introduction to Looms and Loom Attachments
Examples of Fancy Coverlets from NY, NJ, PA and MD
Examples of Fancy Coverlets from OH, KY, IN, IL and Further West
Show and Tell for Basic and Advanced – bring one or two favorite coverlets to show and discuss
Sources of Coverlet Motif Designs
Care for Your Coverlet
Harry Tyler: Celebrated Weaver of the Year
Block Design & Fabric Analysis of Early Coverlets
Star Work Coverlets
The Weaving Manuscripts of John and Christian Kind
Examples of NY Geometric Coverlets with Names and Dates
The Enigmatic Long Island Geometric Coverlets

2012

Vital Statistics: Coverlet and Fiber Identification
Geometric Coverlets (a generic study)
NY and NJ Fancy Coverlet Characteristics
Introduction to Looms and Loom Attachments
Types of Coverlets and Basic Weave Structures
PA, MD, MI, OH, VA, KY, IL, IN, KS, IA & MO Fancy Coverlet Characteristics
Coverlet Show and Tell – bring one or two of your favorite coverlets to show and discuss