



Michigan Weavers Guild Presents a Two Day Workshop by
Laurie Autio
'Budget Jacquard: Variations on Straight Draw'
Thursday March 19, Friday March 20, 2015

Laurie Autio has loved creating patterns on graph paper and computers since high school. She has been weaving since 1985, earning her master weaver certificate from Hill Institute in 2000. Her looms range from 4 to 32 shafts but her favorite weaving tool is her brain. Both looms and brain are apt to be occupied by lace and other block weaves, with undulating designs influenced by her time spent studying geology, music, and Japanese textiles. Laurie has served as President of Complex Weavers, Pioneer Valley Weavers, and Weavers of Western MA, and as Dean of the Weavers' Guild of Boston. She was the chief co-editor of *Interlaced: The Weavers' Guild of Boston celebrates 90 years of friendship and education*. She enjoys teaching, writing, and weaving challenges of various types.

Description: Straight draw, with the shafts threaded in numerical order (1,2,3,4,5...), may seem limiting or only suited to beginners. However, this versatile threading can be used for far more than simple twills and plain weave. Combining color-and-weave effects, hand-manipulated techniques, and changes in tie-up, treadling variants, materials, and sett with one or more shuttles and a willingness to "think outside the box" one can explore the range of back-strap to jacquard weaving with straight draw, learning much about structure along the way. We will start by look at some of the 4-shaft possibilities, and then see what happens when we expand to straight draw on more shafts.

Each loom will be threaded to straight draw, but have different materials, setts, colors, and/or fibers. Weavers will stay at their own loom, weaving their choice of the many treadlings suggested. Bring 4 or 8 loom threaded, tied-up, and ready to weave, with usual weaving and note-taking supplies. Bring weft to share. Warping instructions will be provided ahead of time.

Time: 9:30a.m-4:00p.m. Thursday and Friday

Location: Peace Lutheran Church, 17029 West 13 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076-7749

The fee for the workshop is: \$170 for Michigan Weavers Guild members and \$200 for non-members. (Includes \$10 handout fee)

Registration deadline is January 17, 2014.

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Loom (4 or 8shafts) _____ Table or Floor Loom _____