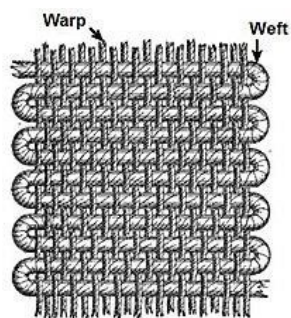


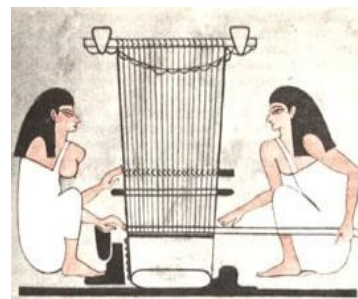
The Illinois Prairie Weavers Guild Presents Weaving: the Makers, the Tools, the Cloth

Far more than an ancient craft, handweaving is magnificent art, a personal expression, a tranquilizer, a bit of easy exercise, and an incredibly satisfying way to spend time!



Weaving: "... to make cloth... by crossing threads or narrow pieces of material across, over and under each other by hand or on a machine called a loom." O.E.D.

One of the oldest crafts, prehistoric shelters were constructed of interlaced sticks and branches; Egyptian tombs have yielded fine linens dating from 2000 BC; Viking women wove the sails that drove the ships to explore new lands.



What fabrics are woven?

- Denim (blue jeans)
- Chiffon (delicate gowns, veils)
- Damask (tablecloths and napkins)
- Flannel (pajamas)
- Tabby or linen weave (towels)

We will display weavings and tools.

Apparel and fine garments, utilitarian pieces like towels, table runners, napkins and rugs were woven by members of the Illinois Prairie Weavers Guild. See also smaller portable looms, related tools like shuttles and bobbins, cones of yarn.



The Illinois Prairie Weavers Guild is an association of weavers, fiber, and textile artists who teach, encourage, and inspire each other, sharing experience, knowledge, and resources. We began in 1949. Our guild is very active, and includes accomplished weavers who teach weaving, own weaving

businesses, or have been published in or honored by the greater weaving community. We feature nationally known speakers for programs and workshops. If you are a beginning or novice weaver, we welcome you to come to learn and be inspired. No matter your skill level, we invite you to join us at one of our meetings. We meet in the western suburbs of Chicago monthly, September through June. Our meetings are open to anyone with an interest in weaving.

