



Interlaced: Paper Weaving in the High Desert

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with Mandy Hansen

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Dear Creative Friends,

Welcome! I am excited and grateful you are joining this workshop for a journey into the mindful, tactile world of paper weaving.

In our fast-paced lives, it is rare to find a moment to truly slow down and engage our senses. This workshop is designed as a creative sanctuary and a "play-oriented" space where we will bridge the gap between craft and fine art. Together, we will rediscover the joy of making, allowing our hands to guide us through a calming creative process by learning basic paper weaving techniques.

You will be joining a weekend immersion into the creative world of paper weaving, beginning Friday evening with check-in and dinner. We will meet together after dinner for our orientation at 6:30 PM including introductions to fellow participants, and a brief presentation on the history of paper weaving to set the stage for our artistic weekend. Saturday is dedicated to hands-on



creation with guided instruction/demonstrations and studio time. The lunch break Saturday offers time to eat, with some optional space built in to explore the Ghost Ranch's library, museum, labyrinth, and property. We will then regroup for a final demo and studio time before dinner. After dinner, participants are invited to join the studio for more creative paper weaving time. Sunday morning concludes the workshop with breakfast, optional studio time and check-out (as of 4/1/26 checkout is 10am). You are welcome to explore the ranch after checkout including trails, the labyrinth, library, gift store, and museums.

Though we will be in the classroom/studio, there are some activities, weather dependent, outdoors to prepare for our paper weaving projects. Plus, the early morning and evening are wonderful times to be out in nature at Ghost Ranch...sunrises and sunsets dazzle an already stunning landscape! With that in mind, I would suggest that you do bring:

- Refillable water bottle
- Sun protection (hat and sunscreen)
- Bug protection (sometimes not an issue but best to be prepared)
- Comfortable shoes or sandals
- Lightweight clothing and footwear
- A light jacket or hoodie (evenings can cool off)
- Any photos or paper that you'd like to incorporate into a weaving (not necessary as all supplies will be provided)
- Your toiletries and other items for your trip to be comfortable. Please refer to the Packing List and the Ghost Ranch Accommodation and travel details:



https://www.ghostranch.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Accommodations_More_Info.pdf

Also, please remember that Ghost Ranch is at elevation (about 6,000 feet). This means that if you are coming from a lower elevation you may experience fatigue or other altitude sickness symptoms. It is imperative that you drink lots of water to adjust and prevent a headache and I encourage you to review tips for adjusting to altitude and high-elevation locations online at <https://health.clevelandclinic.org/understanding-altitude-sickness-5-best-tips-for-your-next-mountain-trip>.

In the meantime, if you have any questions that I can answer about the workshop, please don't hesitate to reach out.

I'm looking forward to our time together! We will create, have fun, and weave our ways into the present!

Best,

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Workshop Itinerary:

Friday

- 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM-check-in
- 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM-dinner
- 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
 - orientation / introductions-community building
 - history of paper weaving

Saturday

- 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM -breakfast
- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 - basics of paper weaving safety and supplies
 - demo of weaving style/technique #1
 - studio time for paper weavings using introduced technique/style #1
 - demo weaving style/technique #2
 - studio time for weaving style #2
- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM - lunch
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
 - studio time
 - for those new to the ranch you are welcome to use this time to explore on own (labyrinth, library, museums)
- 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
 - prompt and demo weaving #3
 - studio time for weavings using the third technique/style and/or other weavings
- 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM- dinner
- 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
 - evening debrief and studio time
 - tentative: pop-up show for workshop participants

Sunday

- 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM- breakfast
- 8:45 AM -10:00 AM-open studio (optional)
- 10:00 AM - checkout (you are welcome to explore the ranch on your own after checkout)