



Weave a Real Peace 2018 Annual Meeting Sustaining Culture: Environment, Economy, Community

WARP's Annual Meeting brings members together for education, fellowship, food, an international marketplace and networking. This year's meeting will be held June 7th – 10th in Decorah, Iowa and features talks each morning, tours each afternoon and evening programs. The early-bird registration fee is \$190, and rooms at Luther College, the site of our conference, cost from \$40-50/night.

Thursday evening, June 7th opens the conference with a Welcome Circle at 7 pm.

Discussions on Friday and Saturday mornings will feature:

- Laurann Gilbertson, Textile curator at [Vesterheim, the Norwegian-American Museum](#) in Decorah
- Mary Anne Wise, Co-founder of [Cultural Cloth](#), a social enterprise supporting textile practitioners from around the world
- Diane Nesselhuf, founder of Friends of [Sharing the Dream](#) in Guatemala which promotes fair trade
- Elisha Renne, co-founder of the non-profit women's embroidery group, Queen Amina Embroidery
- [Mary Hark](#), Associate Professor of Design Studies at University of Wisconsin- Madison and founder of the Ghana Paper Project, using invasive plant materials to create paper products and sustainable employment to the community of Kumasi.
- A representative of [Seed Savers International](#)
- Tales from the recent [Tinkuy in Peru](#) from Dorinda Dutcher and Teena Jennings.

Afternoon tours include Seed Savers on Friday and a behind the scenes tour and reception at Vesterheim on Saturday.

Friday evening's program features short presentations by WARP members about their recent projects. On Saturday evening WARP will hold a 25th Anniversary social event and brief auction of a few special textiles.

Our International Marketplace is open on Friday and Saturday with a silent auction also taking place during that time.

Our Annual Business meeting is on Sunday morning, June 10th with a breakfast/brunch.

We welcome new members to join us for the annual meeting – [join here](#).

WARP's mission is to foster a global network of enthusiasts who value the importance of textiles to grassroots economies. Our purpose is to exchange information, raise awareness of the importance textile traditions to grassroots economies, mobilize textile enthusiasts and create conversations that result in action. Learn more at [Weave a Real Peace](#).