

Clay and Paper, Inc.

A Gallery Dedicated to Handmade in the USA

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CLAY AND PAPER, INC. joins arts organizations throughout Tampa Bay in celebrating 'Convergence 2008', the biannual National Handweaver's Guild of America's conference set for Tampa, June 2008, by hosting two events, a weaving show and workshop.

THREAD BARE: MY FIBER VICE

Featuring weavings by fiber artist, Margaret Hluch

Hluch's work is greatly influenced from living in Kenya with her family for two years. In Kenya she became fascinated with the role of women in different societies and the idea of the "house" which to her is the source of stability of many societies.

Her work shows a strong interest in color and pattern. The weaving process incorporates both elements resulting in a rich, varied, and textured surface.

Technically, Hluch says:

"The warp threads are first hand-painted with procion dyes on a table, just as a artist were painting a canvas, only horizontally. Sometimes stencil images would be added in layers on the silk threads. The painting of the warp is spontaneous, direct and employs an element of chance. I place silk fabric under these threads to absorb the excess dye, like a drop cloth. The loom is then dressed with these painted

warp threads and the piece woven using plain weave or freeform twill with a metallic weft and silk supplementary wefts. I enhance the painted image with texture and color as the cloth is woven.

Opens Friday, June 20th, 2008 continuing through August 3rd, 2008

Meet the artist reception: Friday, June 20th, 2008, 6:00 to 8:00 PM, free.

Clay and Paper is located along with The Painted Fish Gallery at 350 Main Street, Dunedin, FL.

www.claypaper.com

Gallery Hours: Open Tuesday - Sunday, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p. m. Phone: 727-736-0934.

Gals Night Out for Art: A social interaction with women and art at Clay and Paper with Margaret Hluch. Tuesday, June 24, 2008 at 6PM. Enjoy an evening of refreshments, friendships and making a beautiful scarf. Take a dyed rayon scarf, shibori, clamp, bind and stamp with bleach and see the surface change into a beautiful patterned cloth. Reservations required for gals night out.

Cost: \$48.00 includes workshop, materials, food and beverage.

Limited to 15 people, call for reservation.

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