



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

**WARP's 2018 Annual Meeting** is set for June 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> in Decorah, Iowa and features talks each morning, tours each afternoon and evening programs. ***We welcome new members to join us for the annual meeting*** [Join here.](#)

**Meeting Registration Costs:** The Member Registration cost is \$225, and for Non-members is \$275, which includes a one-year WARP membership. There is also a special one-day rate of \$95, you can pick the day. Join first above, or click here to [Register](#).

**Lodging and Meals:** You will submit your Housing Request directly to Luther College, but only after your meeting registration is confirmed. Your confirmation email will include the link to the Luther College Housing Request Form. Costs are below, please be aware that you are expected to pay for your housing upon your arrival at Luther College.

- Double Room costs: \$40.50 per person per night
- Single Room costs: \$47.25 per person per night
- Meals costs: You will order and pay for your Meal Package ahead, using either PayPal or by sending a check to WARP. The Meal Package is \$95, and includes Dinner on Thursday June 7, Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner on Friday and Saturday, and Breakfast / Brunch on Sunday June 10. There will also be coffee, tea, and refreshments available, as well as a cash bar for wine and beer in the evenings. Saturday evening includes our Birthday Cake!
- Approximate Total for Housing and Meals: With a double room for 3 days, plus the Meal Package, your costs will be approximately \$220.00.

### **Getting to Decorah:**

Decorah, IA is located in the northeast corner of Iowa, near the border with Minnesota and Wisconsin. It is located on IA State Route 9, near the junction with ISR-52.

**Flying:** Three airports serve the area: Waterloo, IA (77 miles from Decorah); LaCrosse, WI (56 miles from Decorah), and Rochester, MN (71 miles from Decorah).

**By Car:** Decorah is a three-hour drive (145 miles) from Madison, WI and (158 miles) from Minneapolis. It is a 5-hour drive (287 miles) from Chicago - and each of these cities also have airports served by more than one airline. View driving directions on the web at <http://www.visitdecorah.com/travel-directions>.

# Tentative Schedule

**Thursday evening June 7<sup>th</sup>:** We open with a **Welcome Circle** at 7 pm. (Be sure to get dinner beforehand!)

## **Presentations and Discussions on Friday and Saturday Mornings:**

- 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.
- Aaron Burmeister, staff member at [Seed Savers International](#), and weaver
- Tales from the recent [Tinkuy in Peru](#) from Dorinda Dutcher and Teena Jennings.

**Afternoon Tours:** We'll visit **Seed Savers** on Friday, and receive a behind the scenes tour and reception at **Vesterheim** on Saturday.

**Friday Evening Program:** Following a Book Signing Reception hosted by Thrums Books, and after dinner, WARP Members will give short presentations about recent projects.

**Saturday evening:** WARP will **Celebrate our 25th Anniversary** after a brief live auction of some very special textiles. There will be cake, toasts, and stories!

Our **International Marketplace** is open on Friday and Saturday, as is the **Silent Auction**. Don't forget your lovely donatable items!

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

***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](#).***