

## Kite Tales Weaving Saori Arts Studio



We walked into a bright and cheery weaving studio, full of colorful yarns.

Taking a weaving class here would be fun!

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..... has been interested in weaving for many years. She would often visit a friend's house to watch her weave and tell her friend "someday I would like to learn to weave". She must have said this one too many times because on one of her birthdays her friends got together and gave her a gift certificate to learn to weave at the Manning's.....

**That was four years ago.**

Not too long after taking her first weaving class, she recalled Tom Knisely saying something about **Saori** weaving. While planning to visit with one of her sons in California, she discovered there was a **Saori** Weaving studio in the area. After contacting the owner she arranged to take a class.

With her family's support she continued studying Saori weaving. She traveled to New York for several classes and in 2016 made a trip to Japan where she met and studied with Misao Jo, the founder of Saori weaving, and her son Kenzo Jo. After many hours of study and weaving, she became a Certified Saori Instructor and achieved the ability to run a registered Saori Weaving Studio in the US.

Her studio, **Kite Tales Weaving Saori Arts Studio**, is located at 245 E. Main Street, Mechanicsburg, PA. Once locating the building, her husband and sons have been very supportive. He one son recently visited her studio and said, "I am really proud of you Mom".

Although Tara did not plan on teaching weaving, she offers and teaches classes in her studio as well as outside workshops. What she enjoys most is learning from her students.

She believes weaving uses both sides of the brain. The Saori way of weaving involves designing as you weave and enjoying the often unanticipated outcome. Traditional weaving involves more structured planning before you weave to achieve the desired outcome.

You can check out her website <http://kitetaleshandweaving.com/>. If you want the true experience, visit the studio and experience weaving the Saori way. CPGH wishes Tara the best of luck with her weaving adventures!

*Written and photographed by Margery Erickson for the "Weaver's Studio Series".*

