

## OCT 13 "ETHIOPIAN WEAVERS OF SABAHAH"

with Jane Stafford. Sabahar is an Ethiopian company that produces uniquely designed, handwoven cotton and silk textiles. The company was founded 20 years ago by Kathy Marshall from Beaver Lodge, Alberta. Her passion for preserving and celebrating the rich weaving tradition of Ethiopia combined with her desire to create respectful and ethical work opportunities for marginalized people have laid the foundation for the company.

Sabahar's three core values are: Sustainability, Innovation and Caring for each other. They are members of the World Fair Trade Organization. In 2016 Kathy invited Jane Stafford to come to Addis Ababa to trouble shoot production problems the weavers had been having. It was a remarkable journey and she returned again in 2019 to set up a design department, teaching unfamiliar weave structures to the weavers and exploring the possibilities of the yarns they have available to them, including all the Eri silk they raise in great abundance.

Walk with Jane through the studios of Sabahar, to meet the silk raisers, spinners, dyers, weavers and finishers of an amazing organization that now employs over 700 artisans.

For more about Jane, see her web site

<https://janestaffordtextiles.com/jane-stafford/>

