

**Early American Coverlets & Counterpanes Study Group**  
**Application Form**  
**March 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020**

Study Group:

The membership requirements for the study group are simple. You must share an interest in 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century coverlets or counterpane or even better yet find them fascinating. The rest is easy.

Annual dues for the Study Group (3/1/19 to 2/29/20) are \$5.00 per year. Of course, you must be a member of the Complex Weavers.

Once again, we will have a newsletters published three times a year which is now available via our members only section of the [coverletgroup.com](http://coverletgroup.com) website. For the newsletter, my commitment is to write at least one article for each issue about researching early coverlets and weaving coverlet related projects. Your commitment for the newsletter is to submit articles to me at [gomcgeary@coverletweaver.com](mailto:gomcgeary@coverletweaver.com) or send them to my home address if you are so inclined. I know I am interested in reading the results of your research and weaving of coverlet patterns and weave structures. Articles with (1) reviews of books related to coverlets, (2) reports of current or upcoming coverlet exhibitions or workshops, (3) descriptions of interesting coverlets and/or woven projects based on early coverlets, (4) reports concerning early weavers, and (5) interviews or biographical sketches of individuals who have contributed to coverlet research or weaving are all interesting subject matter for the study group. If you find it interesting and it is related to coverlets or counterpanes, I am sure we would enjoy hearing about it.

Exchange:

The Exchange has two parts to it. Members may participate in both parts of the Exchange or one part of the Exchange, which ever they choose. Participants must sign up for both or either parts by May 31, 2019, so the participants know how many samples to prepare. It will be limited to 20 members. The Analysis Exchange presentation are now shared on the group website and therefore there is no charge to participate.

Part One: Fabric Analysis or Drawdown of a Draft

The first part involves preparing an analysis of an **early coverlet or counterpane** or preparing a drawdown of a coverlet or counterpane pattern from a draft found in **early manuscript**. The participant will prepare an information sheet, which provides details about the weave structure, pattern, yarn content, size of the coverlet, etc. The information sheet should also include at least one photo of the coverlet along with the draft of the coverlet. If an early draft is chosen, the source of the drafts should be included and only a drawdown is required. Starting with last year you will email me or mail one copy of your Analysis Exchange Info Sheet. You will receive the group sheets via the group's website. The due date is **August 15, 2019**.

Part Two: Woven Sample and Description of Project

For the second part, members will provide a woven sample (**at least 4" X 4"**) with the draft taken from an **early coverlet or counterpane** or draft from an **early manuscript** and describe the project they have woven or plan to weave with the coverlet or counterpane pattern. The information sheet should include the draft of the pattern, yarn content and any other pertinent information. The due date is **October 15, 2019** and the fee is \$7.00.

The exchange is designed to include members with various interests in 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century American coverlets and counterpanes. The sample and project for the second part is not limited to traditional uses of the early patterns. If you choose to participate in both parts, you do not have to use the same pattern for part one and two.