The Spider Web Walkthrough

1. The game begins with the article, “The Weavers and Their Information Webs: Steganography in the Textile Arts” on the Ada web site. The article includes references to a future timeline. The credits on one image feature a coded quilt that serves an unknown purpose.
2. If the reader/player clicks on this link, they are taken to a website, Emm’s Quilts, that is the source of this image. On the Emm’s Quilts page, this image is linked to the website of an archivist who specializes in preserving family photos and heirlooms, particularly for those confronting the reality of frequent natural disasters.
3. The website for the archivist service for Ponting Preservation includes an additional image of the quilt and an invitation to contact the archivist via email.
4. When the player emails the archivist, they receive a response email that includes a link to an audio interview with the archivist’s grandmother – the original owner of the quilt.
5. The audio file includes the phrase “a web of quilts cannot be unwoven” which is the name of a website that contains exactly 1 tutorial for a spider web quilt. The user can find this site by Googling or by URL (note, final domain names have not been purchased yet, but will be between review and publication).
6. The tutorial website, “A Web of Quilts Cannot Be Unwoven” has a tutorial for a spiderweb quilt and a password protected page. There is no other content. The first comment on the tutorial has a link to a Pinterest board with images of quilts.
7. The Pinterest board includes a full image of the coded quilt. The coded quilt contains a phrase (“every spider is safe in her own web”) in Morse code. If the player enters this phrase (“everyspiderissafeinherownweb”) into the password protected page at “A Web of Quilts Cannot Be Unwoven,” the player is given access to a video.
8. The video is from a woman from the present who explains that she was part of a secret network that helped women who are in significant danger disappear and begin new lives elsewhere. This video is the last scene of the game.