



Natural Dye Class with Gina Levesque
Monday May 30, 2016
9 AM – 5 PM

(Dyeing will run through lunch hour.)

Presented by the Huntsville Fiber Guild

The workshop will be held at a private residence in Toney, Alabama. Location and directions will be furnished to paid registrants.

Gina Levesque works with natural dye stuffs, weaving, rug hooking, spinning, and traditional penny rug construction. Due to her love of the outdoors and training as a biologist, she finds the natural world to be the greatest influence on her work. She remains true to the roots of these traditional fiber arts by incorporating some recycled materials into her finished pieces. As an instructor, she has conducted classes, workshops, demonstrations, and given lectures on natural dyes at various locations throughout the country. Her fiber art business, Across Generations, provides supplies and beginning projects to those interested in rug hooking, penny rugs, and natural dyeing.

We will use dyes dating back over 500 years, learning their history and importance to ancient cultures and Native Americans. Each student will create a dye notebook to take with them. Dyes used will include, but are not limited to, indigo, madder, Osage orange, black walnut, cochineal, logwood, onion skins, and turmeric. This all day workshop will give us time to utilize no less than twenty dyes in our dye pots.

Although natural dyes can be used on a variety of materials including paper and reeds for basketry, we will be dyeing 100% wool yarn samples in class. Each student will be given a sample to include in their dye notebook. Participants are encouraged to bring *small samples* of their own art medium (cotton, reed, other types of animal fibers) to drop into dye pots.

Yarn, dye books, and dyes will be available for purchase. Students may bring milk jugs or jars if they desire to take home remaining exhaust baths. Students should wear older clothing and/or aprons. Students should bring a chair, snack lunch and drink,

Provided by Instructor and included in materials fee:

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| - All Natural Dyes | - Photo-copied Dye Recipe Pages |
| - Distilled Water used for Dye Baths | (25/student) |
| - Wool Yarn Samples | - Dye gloves |
| - One three-ring binder/student | |

Cost: HFG members - \$60 includes a \$17 material fee

Non HFG members - \$80 includes \$17 material fee and \$20 HFG membership

Registration ends May 12, 2016. Payment by check or Paypal will be due with registration and will be nonrefundable. Maximum number of students is 20. Follow directions on attached registration form.

Contact the guild for more info: **HsvFiber@gmail.com**, 256-384-5515, www.HuntsvilleFiberArts.com.

Natural Dye Class with Gina Levesque Registration Form

Monday May 30, 2016

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Cell phone (or number where you can be reached on day of workshop) _____

Email _____

Students should wear older clothing and/or aprons.

Students should bring a foldable chair.

Students should bring a snack lunch and drink because there is no place nearby to purchase them.

No refrigerator or microwave will be available.

Students may bring milk jugs or jars if they desire to take home remaining exhaust baths.

Yarn, dye books, and dyes will be available for purchase.

Payment is due with registration. Payment is nonrefundable.

Payment by check or Paypal only. (Do not send cash through the mail.)

Cost for HFG members is \$60 and includes a \$17 material fee.

Cost for non-HFG members is \$80 and includes a \$17 material fee and \$20 HFG membership fee

Register by sending check and registration form to: Huntsville Fiber Guild
PO Box 1562
Huntsville, AL 35807

Or register and pay with Paypal by sending registration form by email to **HsvFiber@gmail.com**. You will receive instructions for Paypal payment. Registration will not be counted unless payment is received. There is a small convenience fee for using Paypal.