

# Open Sheds

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## Spinning with a Drop Spindle

February 20th from 10am – 1pm

Handmade Saori Studio in Lowe Mill (1st floor).

Studio 103 @ Lowe Mill ARTS & Entertainment

256-542-8363 call to reserve spot and supplies

Cost \$30

Huntsville Fiber Guild is partnering with Handmade Studio to give you the fundamentals of spinning with a drop spindle. This 3 hour hands-on class will teach you the basics of spinning yarn singles using a drop spindle. Students will learn about fiber types, prep, drafting, and spinning the fiber into yarn singles. Plying with a drop spindle will be discussed and demonstrated. Cost is \$30 and includes a drop spindle and fiber to take home. This is a one-time discount to Handmade Studio's normal class fee so make sure to **call and reserve your spot and supplies**. Walk-ins will be accepted as supplies are available.

## Roc Day was great fun!

A big **Thank You** goes to everyone who helped with or came out to Roc Day. We had 63 sign in as participants! A Special thank you goes to Handmade Saori for helping provide and organize the great location at Lowe Mill. We especially want to **thank all our sponsors** for their generous donations. Please tell our sponsors how much you enjoyed Roc Day (especially the door prizes) when you visit and shop at these local fiber businesses .

### Handmade Saori Weaving Studio

Studio 103 @Lowe mill

<http://www.handmadesaori.com>

256-542-8363

Cozy Cove Farm,

[www.cozycovellamas.com](http://www.cozycovellamas.com)

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[www.hookafrog.net](http://www.hookafrog.net)

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[hookafrog@gmail.com](mailto:hookafrog@gmail.com)

### Fiber Artworks

<http://www.fiberartwork.com>

817 Regal Dr. SW, Huntsville, AL 35801

### In the Loop Yarn Shop

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Tuesday-Friday 10am-2pm

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## Cozy Cove Farm

**Open House Days Resume in  
February 2016  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays  
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Come see the Llamas, Alpacas and Solar Panels.

*Cozy Cove Gift Shop* has home grown raw Alpaca, \$10 per fleece; washed and carded Suri or Huacaya, \$4 per ounce; dyed Bamboo, dyed Soy Silk, Black Diamond Bamboo, \$3.00 per ounce; Mulberry A-1 White Silk Bricks, \$5.00 per ounce; yarn on cones \$10 per pound.

## Contacting the Huntsville Fiber Guild

The website is [www.HuntsvilleFiberArts.com](http://www.HuntsvilleFiberArts.com). The telephone number, **256-384-5515!** Please leave a message, and an officer will reply to your message. So, in the remainder of this newsletter, when you see, "... *contact the guild* ...," you have the option of sending an e-mail to **HsvFiber@gmail.com** or using your telephone.

## Upcoming workshops update:

**Gina Levesque** will be here for a Natural Dye Class on May 30, 2016. Watch for email with details in the next couple of weeks.

**Kathrin Weber** 2 day weaving workshop and 1 day dyeing workshop has been moved to September 9-11<sup>th</sup> 2016. More details will be released soon.

## Current Guild Members Discounted Yarn

If you are interested in participating in discounted yarn orders, contact the Huntsville Fiber Guild. Current Huntsville Fiber Guild Members may place an order to receive a discount on certain yarns from *Handmade Saori Studio*. If you want to see the sample cards, go to *Handmade Saori Studio* in Lowe Mill. The guild will handle the orders and payments.

## Spinning Study Group on Breeds –

The Huntsville Fiber Guild has a *Spinning Study Group* on how to spin wool from different breeds of sheep. There will be breed study kits for sale: \$20 for members and \$40 for non-members. The kits will include eight ounces of Corriedale, Romney and Lincoln, four ounces of Border Leicester, and two ounces of Shetland, Cotswold and Icelandic wool. The *Huntsville Spinners'* meetings are a place to get advice on preparation and spinning techniques. The *Huntsville Spinners* meet on the second and fourth Thursdays at Books-a-Million on University Drive at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting is February 11.

We will create a binder for Huntsville Fiber Guild displays which will include raw clean fleece, a couple of samples of spun yarn, woven and/or knitted samples of the hand spun. We will add pictures of completed projects as they are

finished. Extra fleece will be for sale later in the spring. For more information contact: the guild

### **Weaving Study Group –**

Come join us at *Weaving Study Group*. People of all skill levels are having fun talking about their weaving projects. Bring finished projects, pictures of projects in progress on your looms, and projects in the planning stages. Some of us bring a project to work on (table looms are welcome) and some just sit and talk. Everyone is welcome to come when your schedule permits. We found a great place to meet, the Central Presbyterian Church, in the Cooper House. We hope to meet the second and fourth Tuesday nights of each month. **The next meeting will be at 6:45 p.m. on February 23.** We will not meet on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>. Questions: contact the guild.

Directions: Central Presbyterian Church is at 405 Randolph Avenue, Huntsville, AL 35801. It is two blocks down from the town square, but directions are very different depending on where you're coming from, so it would be best to use Google. The Cooper House is across the street. Park in the parking lot across the street from the church, and enter the building through the front door of the Cooper House.

### **Handmade Saori Weaving Studio**

#103 @ Lowe Mill ARTS

256-542-8363

www.handmadesaori.com

#### **Pin Loom Weaving Class with Amy Shelton of Crochetville!**

DATE: February 13, 2016 TIME: Noon - 3:00 pm

WHERE: Handmade Saori Weaving Studio #103 @ Lowe Mill

AGES: Teenagers and Adults COST: \$33

Space is limited, so pre-registration is required. Call or go to <https://squareup.com/market/handmade-studios/pin-loom-weaving-class>

Please Bring to Class: Small amounts of smooth yarn in heavy fingering to DK weight, scissors.

Pin loom weaving is all the rage now! Learn how to weave a 4" plain square plus up to 4 different textured squares as well as several different techniques for weaving them together. Each square takes only 8 yards of yarn and 20 minutes or less to create, making pin loom weaving a great way to use up all your yarn scraps.

Looms will be provided and will be available for purchase after class. You may also bring your own Zoom Loom, Hazel Rose, Weave-It, or Weavette loom. Class instruction is designed for the construction of these particular looms.

Students will receive a 12-page, full-color instructional booklet to take home with them.

### **Huntsville Fiber Guild Presents Fiber Classes at Libraries**

Will you volunteer to teach rug hooking, spinning on a drop spindle or needle felting at one of the libraries? Do you have other skills you would be willing to teach? If so, e-mail **WeavingBasics@yahoo.com** to learn the details for scheduling a workshop at the libraries. The libraries are eager to offer programs that bring patrons through their front doors.

The Huntsville-Madison County Public Library system graciously provides places to meet and advertises fiber classes that other generous people and I have been teaching for several years now. These have been opportunities to share skills and spread the word about the Huntsville Fiber Guild. Learn about these workshops as they are scheduled at **WeavingBasics.tumblr.com**. Help this outreach effort by attending classes, volunteering to teach a class and spreading the word about these workshops. We need to “grow” new members.

The workshops through April have already been scheduled at four libraries.

On Friday February 26, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., at Madison Public Library, learn to weave a round basket.

See **WeavingBasics.tumblr.com** for more workshops.

These classes are open to adults and youth ages 14 and up. The pre-registration deadlines are one week before the class dates. See [WeavingBasics.tumblr.com](http://WeavingBasics.tumblr.com) or e-mail **WeavingBasics@yahoo.com** to pre-register and for more information.

### **Local Spinning and Crocheting Groups – New Time for Huntsville Spinners!**

In addition to our regular meetings at BAM on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, Fiber Art Works is inviting all local spinners to spin on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at the FiberArtWork shop (near the Parkway Place Mall, [www.fiberartwork.com](http://www.fiberartwork.com)) starting at 5pm. Someone is guaranteed to be there to spin with. Feel free to bring your dinner and hang out and spin.

The local spinning group is called Huntsville Spinners and meets on the second and fourth Thursdays at Books-a-Million on University Drive at 7:00 p.m. The next meetings are on February 11 and 25<sup>th</sup>. The group has a facebook page (search for “Huntsville Spinners”) which is closed to the public but anyone can request to join.

The local crocheting group is called *Chain Reaction* and meets on the second Wednesdays at *West End Grill* at 6:30 p.m. The *West End Grill* is located at the intersection of Old Madison Pike and Research Park Boulevard, 6610 Old Madison Pike. The next meeting is February 10. The group has a facebook page, [facebook.com/groups/chainreactionhsv](https://facebook.com/groups/chainreactionhsv). Again, with the holidays coming up, check the meeting times.

Does anyone know of other non-profit spinning, knitting and crocheting groups that meet in the Huntsville area? If so, send the details to **HsvFiber@gmail.com**. The Huntsville Fiber Guild wants to spread the word about fiber activities in the community.

### **Bobbin Lace Classes –**

*Constitution Village Lacers* meetings will change for the next few months. Their 2015 meeting place at the Summit Crossing Church facility will be undergoing construction. They are working on new office spaces and new and expanded meeting rooms for everyone. In an effort to not impact their work we have decided to meet in homes for a couple of months. For more info e-mail at [marygeier2@gmail.com](mailto:marygeier2@gmail.com).

We always welcome new lacers. We share books, patterns and help if needed. . If you are new, please confirm ahead of time so that we can bring loaner equipment for you to practice on.

### **Dues for 2015-16 Membership Were Due September 30, 2015**

Have you forgotten? The Huntsville Fiber Guild membership year is October 1 – September 30. Dues are delinquent after September 30. There is still time to renew your membership now.

Both *Personal* and *Commercial Memberships* are available in the Huntsville Fiber Guild. The individual membership fee is \$20 per year, and the family membership fee is \$30 per year. We are pleased to give members over 80 years of age free membership. Individual and family members are entitled to one brief classified advertisement up to 40 words long in each monthly newsletter. This is provided as a service to individual and family members who want to sell or buy fiber equipment and supplies for their personal use. Each classified advertisement is subject to approval by the newsletter editor.

The *commercial membership* fee is \$50 per year. Commercial members are entitled to one quarter page advertisement 3.5" wide x 4.5" long or 7.5" wide x 2.25" long in each monthly newsletter. The

advertisement must be submitted "camera ready" in a format which can be included in a Word document. Each commercial advertisement is subject to approval by the newsletter editor.

Send the attached *Membership Form* and *Fiber Arts Interest Survey*, along with membership fee checks payable to Huntsville Fiber Guild to P.O. Box 1562 Huntsville, AL 35807. Contact the guild if you cannot remember whether or not you have paid your dues. At this time, let us know if you do not want your address, phone or e-mail shared in the directory which will be sent to members only.

### **Benefits of HFG Membership**

The benefits of HFG membership include: yarn and equipment discounts for current guild members with local vendors. discount on fees for classes, early class sign-up window, access to HFG resources such as books and equipment, access to Handweavers Guild of America (<http://www.weavespindye.org>) video and kit rental through the HFG membership in HGA, discounts on magazine subscriptions from Interweave Press (usually offered in time for holiday gift giving), not to mention the friendship and mentoring available at every meeting.

### **HFG Privacy Policy**

The Huntsville Fiber Guild is committed to protecting the privacy of our members online. We also have the policy of not posting personal information on our website or facebook page. The board agreed that we should ask permission at each meeting before taking pictures. No pictures will be posted on line with individuals identified or "tagged." We ask your cooperation in not "tagging" people in our pictures.

### **HFG Online**

The Huntsville Fiber Guild is on Ravelry and Facebook! If you are on Ravelry, please join the group "Huntsville Fiber Guild" to stay connected! Be a part of the conversation on Facebook at: **[facebook.com/HuntsvilleFiberGuild](https://www.facebook.com/HuntsvilleFiberGuild)**. Find Guild and area fiber organization events listings, community discussion, and related posts of interest.

Stay up-to-date with the *Weaving Study Group* by joining the Facebook group: **[facebook.com/groups/HuntsvilleHandweavers/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/HuntsvilleHandweavers/)**.

### **Tablet Weaving Workshop in Nashville**

On Saturday and Sunday March 19-20, the *Handweavers Guild of Nashville* will present *Tablet Weaving with John Mullarkey* in Nashville. See the attached flyer for more information.

### **Cullman Fiber Guild**

On Saturday February 27, the Cullman Fiber Guild workshop will be *Weave on a Frame Loom*. Pre-register for workshops by e-mail to **[CullmanFiber @yahoo.com](mailto:CullmanFiber@yahoo.com)**.

The *Basket Study Group* meets on the second Sunday of the month. The next meeting is Sunday February 14, 2:00 – 4:00. Basket makers can make a basket with the group or use the time to work on their own projects. No basket making experience is required to participate in the *Basket Study Group*. Pre-register for the *Basket Study Group* by e-mail to **[CullmanFiber @yahoo.com](mailto:CullmanFiber@yahoo.com)**.

See **[CullmanFiber.weebly.com](http://CullmanFiber.weebly.com)** for workshop details, and for the workshops as they are planned. These workshops will meet at the Peinhardt Living History Farm in Cullman, Alabama. To receive the complete Cullman Fiber Guild newsletter and to pre-register for workshops, send e-mail to **[CullmanFiber @yahoo.com](mailto:CullmanFiber@yahoo.com)**. See the Cullman Fiber Guild web site **[CullmanFiber.weebly.com](http://CullmanFiber.weebly.com)** for driving directions to Peinhardt Living History Farm in Cullman, Alabama.

### **West Alabama Fiber Guild Plans**

The *West Alabama Fiber Guild* has tentatively planned their meetings for 2016. On February 7, their program will be *Common Knitting Mistakes*; March 6 and 20, *Toe-Up Two-at-a Time Socks*; April 3 and 17, *Temari*; May 1, *Wool Dye Day*; June 5 and 19, *Tatting*; July 3, *Unreel Silk Cocoons*; July 17, possibly *Tapestry Weaving*; August 1, *Felting*; September 4, *Card Weaving*; November 6, *Kumihimo*; December 4, *Holiday Party*. Unless otherwise planned, the activity on the third Sundays in each month is “sit and spin.” The WAFG guild meets 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., at Tuscaloosa Department of Transportation Building, 1000 28th Avenue, Tuscaloosa. For more information, e-mail **WAFGuild@gmail.com**.

### **Learning Opportunities in the Community**

Please let us know if you’re teaching any kind of fiber class or workshop, or know of other learning opportunities in the community. Non-profit classes, workshops and conferences will be advertised in the newsletter as a service to members. For-profit classes or workshops will be advertised for commercial members.

As a service to the community, local fiber businesses that are not commercial members may advertise one class in the newsletter per year (subject to approval by guild). Local fiber businesses are welcome to post any of their classes/workshops on the guild’s facebook page or ravelry group. (If you do not know how, contact the guild to post it for you.)

On Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m., ***Basket Classes*** continue at the *Huntsville Madison County Senior Center*. The classes meet in the Ceramics Room.

On Mondays, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., and Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., ***Weaving Classes*** continue at the *Huntsville Madison County Senior Center*, meeting in the Weaving Room. Sign up at **qranki@knology.net** or leave a message at 256-539-9319.

### **Loom for Sale**

Gilmore loom with 46-inch weaving width, 8 harnesses, 14 treadles, Texsolv tie cords, metal heddles. Excellent condition. Includes 5 reeds, 6-, 8-, 10-, 12- and 15-dent; custom made bench; lease sticks; shuttles. Required floor space (including bench) is 4x5 feet. Asking \$2000, if new \$5000. Buyer must pick up loom in Madison, Alabama. Contact the guild

### **Newsletter Deadline**

Tuesday February 23, 5:00 p.m., is the deadline for contributions to the February newsletter. Send contributions by e-mail to **HsvFiber@gmail.com**.

### **Permission to Copy**

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### **Upcoming Huntsville Fiber Guild Events**

Sat Feb 20, 10-1	Spinning with a Drop Spindle, Handmade Saori Studio in Lowe Mill
Tue Feb 23, 6:45	Weaving Study Group, Central Presbyterian Church, Cooper House
Tue Feb 23	March newsletter deadline
Tue Mar 8, 6:45	Weaving Study Group, Central Presbyterian Church, Cooper House
Tue Mar 22, 6:45	Weaving Study Group, Central Presbyterian Church, Cooper House
Sat Apr 2	Family Farm and Fleece Day
Mon May 30	Gina Levesque Natural Dyeing Workshop
Fri-Sun Sep 9-11	Kathrin Weber Dyeing/Weaving Workshop

### **Huntsville Library Fiber Workshops**

Fri Feb 26, 9:00-3:00	Weave a Round Basket @ Madison
Thu Mar 3, 10, 17, 31, 10:00-12:00	Crochet for Beginners @ Murphy
Tue Mar 8, 6:30-8:30	Simple Bookbinding @ Main
Sat Mar 19, 10:00-4:00	Weave a Melon/Egg Basket @ Bailey Cove
Fri Mar 25, 10:00-12:00	Simple Bookbinding @ Madison
Thu Apr 7, 10:00-12:00	Simple Bookbinding @ Murphy
Tue Apr 12, 6:30-8:30	Make a Grandmother's Flower Garden Quilt Block @ Main
Fri Apr 22, 9:00-3:00	Introduction to Painting a Floor Cloth @ Madison
Sat Apr 30, 10:00-4:00	Introduction to Painting a Floor Cloth @ Bailey Cove

### **Other Fiber Group Events**

Thu Feb 4, 7:00	Huntsville Spinners, Fiber ArtWorks shop
Wed Feb 10, 6:30	Chain Reaction (crochet), West End Grill
Thu Feb 11, 7:00	Huntsville Spinners, Books-A-Million
Thu Feb 18, 7:00	Huntsville Spinners, Fiber ArtWorks shop
Thu Feb 25, 7:00	Huntsville Spinners, Books-A-Million