

Open Sheds

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Triangle Loom Weaving: Beginner and Beyond

When: Saturday October 1, 10:00 a.m.

Where: Bailey Cove Library

This class is open to adults and youth ages 14 and up. To pre-register and reserve your loom, contact the guild. Walk-ins are welcome. There is a \$1 fee for the handout, due at the beginning of the workshop.

Learn to weave on a triangle frame loom with continuous thread, and how to finish and join the triangles. In this workshop we'll use a 36" loom to make a child's shawl or adult scarf. We'll have a fashion show of scarves, shawls, ruanas and ponchos to give you ideas. You'll learn how to make your own triangle looms in various sizes. No weaving experience is required.

Those using the 36" loom will spend about 6 hours in class. For those who want a shorter workshop, spend three hours and use a 21" loom to make a neckerchief.

For those who already know how to weave on a triangle loom with continuous thread, you have two options: weave with continuous thread in other weaving patterns, such as twill and leno, and experiment with planning colors for plaids; or learn to weave with cut threads in the log cabin pattern.

Bring your own yarn, or I'll supply yarn for a \$6 fee. For the 36" loom, bring 150 yards of yarn for a one-strand weaving and fringe, or bring 300 yards total of two or more yarns for a two-strand weaving and fringe. For the 21" loom, bring 62 yards of yarn for a one-strand weaving and fringe, or bring 124 yards total of two or more yarns for a two-strand weaving and fringe. For your first weaving, bring a firm worsted weight yarn. (Do not bring fuzzy novelty yarns.)

The leader will bring all the tools and other supplies you'll need to use during the workshop.

Bring your own triangle looms if you like. If your loom is larger than the 36-inch looms provided for use in class, bring your own yarn and you will probably have to finish your work at home.

Bring a sack lunch.

Three Fabrics – One Dyepot

When: Thursday November 3, 5:00 p.m.

Where: North Alabama Fiber Co-op Studio #314 Lowe Mill, 2211 Seminole Drive Huntsville.

Guild Contact Information

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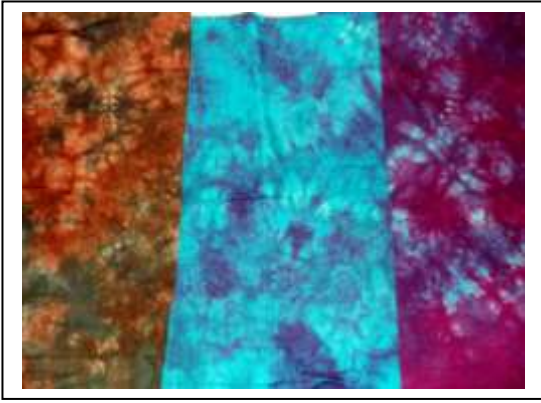
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Dye three one-yard pieces of cotton fabric with fiber reactive dyes in one pot as demonstrated by Kathrin Weber in the September workshop. The cost is \$20 for each dyepot and each participant will take home three yards of dyed fabric. You can bring your own fabric/dyepot and just pay \$5 for the chemicals for each pot, but your fabric may not turn out like the sample. Dyeing is messy so wear old clothes.

Contacting the Huntsville Fiber Guild

The website is 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. Find the Huntsville Fiber Guild on Facebook and Revelry.

Advocates Added to Guild Structure

While we try to encourage all the variety of disciplines in the Fiber Arts, it can be difficult to plan events outside of a limited group of officers' areas of expertise and time. In order to better serve the community and advance the arts, we are changing the structure of the guild to ensure that all disciplines are supported. To that end, we are creating a group of *Advocates* for each of the major Fiber Arts disciplines (knitting, crocheting, spinning, felting, weaving, and historical fiber arts). Each *Advocate* will have knowledge, community insight and most importantly, love and excitement for their craft. *Advocates* will work with the officers to brain storm, plan and implement ideas which will benefit the community. We hope this diversity will allow us to provide more events, classes and study groups to better serve your needs. The first *Advocates* will be appointed by the officers but over time, we hope to have enough interest that we can include them in the election cycle. Please consider joining the *Advocate* group – no experience is necessary, just enthusiasm for your art!

Weaving Study Group

Due to the upcoming holidays, we meet the second Tuesdays of October, November and December. The next meeting will be October 11 at 6:45 p.m. in the Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church.

The *Weaving Study Group* is for people of all skill levels. We talk about all things weaving, share information, and help each other with our projects. Everyone is welcome to come when your schedule permits.

We now have a private facebook group for those who attend this group. Contact the guild to be invited to join. Questions: contact the guild.

New Ornaments for Library Tree

The Huntsville Fiber Guild is planning to decorate a tree at the Main Library for the month of December. The tree theme will be stars – woven, crocheted, tatted, knitted, etc. Choose your fiber technique and make stars to draw attention to our tree. Please send us any patterns or ideas you have for stars made with the fiber arts.

On Saturday October 15, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., and Friday November 11, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., come to the North Alabama Fiber Co-op Studio at #314 Lowe Mill, 2211 Seminole Drive, Huntsville, to make ornaments.

Bobbin Lace Classes

Constitution Village Bobbin Lacers will meet in homes for the coming months. The next meeting will be on Monday October 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please bring your lunch, drinks and dessert will be provided. We usually meet on the second Monday of each month. That would be November 14th and December 12th. We share tools, tips and beginner equipment. Beginners should call first to confirm that we have adequate equipment. Please contact by email to marygeier2@gmail.com.

Fiber in the Boro

On Saturday October 22, *Fiber in the Boro* will be in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. See FiberInTheBoro.com for details and the workshops being taught.

Folklife Festival at Burritt on the Mountain

Thursday through Saturday, October 20-22, Burritt on the Mountain will be hosting a *Folklife Festival*. They have requested help from the Huntsville Fiber Guild. They plan to have a large variety of demonstrations presenting traditional skills and handicrafts. Thursday and Friday are field trip days for school children. Volunteers are asked to be there from 8:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. On Saturday the festival is open to the public and volunteers are requested to be there from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact the guild if you're willing to help.

Southeastern Animal Fiber Fair

October 28 -30, the *Southeastern Animal Fiber Fair* will be in Fletcher, North Carolina. See SaffSite.org for details and the workshops being taught.

Wolf Gap Education Outreach

On Friday November 4, 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., the *Wolf Gap Education Outreach* is hosting a field trip for several hundred Giles and Lincoln County students. The Huntsville Fiber Guild has been asked to help with the field trip.

“... There is a lunch break and lunch will be provided for volunteers. There is one real restroom for vols/staff and porta potties for students. You will be set up inside a non-AC cabin with a fireplace, on a front porch of a cabin, or in the shade of a grove or an EZup. No costume is expected. Vehicles will be able to drive right up to the demo site. We will have a schedule for classes to rotate through the stop with a ‘talk’ at each, with about 20-25 min at each stop. We welcome weavers, spinners, and knitters! I would say weavers most of all, because we have another volunteer on tap to spin if needed.”

The *Wolf Gap Education Outreach* is located at 2718 Tarpley Shop Road, Pulaski, Tennessee.

Contact the guild if you can help.

Library “Craft Fairs”

On Saturday November 19, the Main Huntsville Madison County Public Library (at the intersection of Monroe and St. Clair) will host a *Craft Fair* in the atrium. On Saturday November 26, the Eleanor Murphy Library (on Charlotte Drive) will host a *Craft Fair*. If you are able to help represent the Huntsville Fiber Guild at either of these events, contact the guild. Contact the library if you want to be able to sell your crafts at your own table.

Membership in the Huntsville Fiber Guild: Dues Are Due Now

The Huntsville Fiber Guild membership year is October 1 – September 30. Dues are delinquent after September 30.

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.

**Huntsville Fiber Guild and the
Huntsville Madison County Public
Libraries**

Beginner Fiber Workshops for Adults

*Autumn Splendor Sweatshirt @
Murphy Library*
Thursday October 6, 10:00-12:00

*Jack-O-Lantern Night Light @
Main Library*
Tuesday October 10, 6:30-8:30

*Weave a Melon/Egg Basket @
Madison Library*
Friday October 28, 9:00-3:00

*Folded Fabric Ornaments @
Murphy Library,*
Thursday November 3, 10:00-12:00

*Folded Fabric Ornaments @
Main Library*
Tuesday November 8, 6:30-8:30

*Folded Fabric Ornaments @
Madison Library*
Friday November 18, 10:00-12:00

Send the attached *Membership Form* and *Fiber Arts Interest Survey*, along with the membership fee. Payment can be made with Paypal, for a small convenience fee, by sending email to **Hsvfiber@gmail.com**; or send check 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.

North Alabama Fiber Arts Co-op New Groups Starting

The following new groups will be meeting at the *North Alabama Fiber Arts Co-op*. The *Co-op* is located at #314 Lowe Mill, 2211 Seminole Drive Huntsville.

Fridays in October: Inkle Madness from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

New Group! Come on by and join fellow Inkle weavers. Swap stories, swap techniques, get inspired! Never heard of an Inkle? Drop by and learn about this fun and functional little loom. Card weavers, back-strap weavers, and band-loomers welcome.

Saturdays in October from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

New Group! Passing down your art from generation to generation is the best way to keep these traditions alive and thriving - so if you knit, crochet, spin, or weave and want a fun space to teach your child (or grandchild, or niece or nephew) how to do what you love, come join us.

Saturdays in October from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

New Group! What's the fun of having a portable loom if you never take it out? Meet other RH (rigid heddle) weavers, browse our library for ideas, share your warping war stories, share ideas - bring your creativity.

Cullman Fiber Guild

The *Cullman Fiber Guild* does not have regular meetings during October, November and December. The guild will be demonstrating at Peinhardt Farm Day on Saturday October 22. The 2017 workshops are being planned. E-mail **CullmanFiber @yahoo.com** for information.

The *Basket Study Group* usually meets on the second Sunday of the month. The next meeting is Sunday October 9, 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**.

See **CullmanFiber.weebly.com** for workshop details, and for the workshops as they are planned. These workshops usually 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**. See the *Cullman Fiber Guild* web site **CullmanFiber.weebly.com** for driving directions to Peinhardt Living History Farm in Cullman, Alabama.

Learning Opportunities in the Community

Does anyone know of other non-profit spinning, weaving, 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.

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.)

Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday October 25, 5:00 p.m., is the deadline for contributions to the November newsletter. Send contributions by e-mail to **HsvFiber @gmail.com**.

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Upcoming Huntsville Fiber Guild Events

Sat October 1, 10-4	Triangle Loom Weaving, Bailey Cove Library
Mon October 10	Bobbin Lace Group
Tue October 11, 6:45	Weaving Study Group, Central Presbyterian Church-Cooper House
Sat October 15, 2-4	Make Library Tree Ornaments, Lowe Mill
Tue October 25	November newsletter deadline
Tue November 8, 6:45	Weaving Study Group, Central Presbyterian Church-Cooper House
Thu November 10, 5:00	Three Fabrics – One Dyepot, Lowe Mill
Fri November 11, 4-6	Make Library Tree Ornaments, Lowe Mill
Tue December 13, 6:45	Holiday Party, Central Presbyterian Church-Cooper House
Sat November 19	Craft Fair at Main Library
Sat November 26	Craft Fair at Eleanor Murphy Library
Sat January 7, 2017	Roc Day