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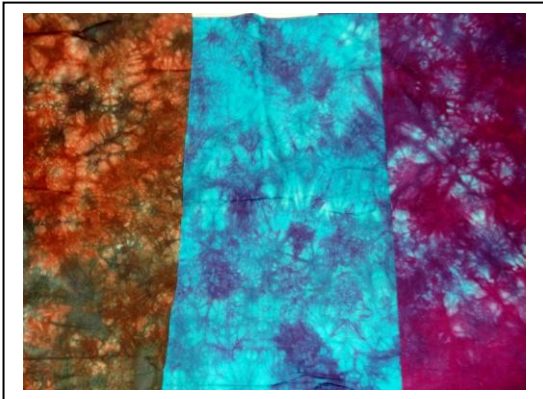
Three Fabrics – One Dyepot

When: Thursday November 10, 5:00 p.m.

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

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.

The Saturday February 18, 2017, workshop will give you some ideas for using the fabric you dye in this workshop plus your handwovens to make project bags.



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.

Weaving Study Group

Due to the election on the second Tuesday, we will not meet in November. Don't forget to vote!

The next meeting will be December 13 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. Bring your fiber questions!

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. We want to see how many ways you can make a star in different fiber techniques. We need lots of star donations.

On 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. Learn to make a wrapped star or bring your own idea.

We also want kumi himo braids or any type of braids, about 6 inches long, to hang like icicles.

We will decorate the tree at the Main Library on Thursday December 1 at 10:00 a.m. Bring ornaments to any guild activity in November or be there when we decorate. Contact the guild to arrange your donation.

December Combat-the-Stress Holiday Gathering

On Saturday December 10, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., at Madison Library, we will meet for some relaxing fiber time during the holiday madness. Bring your show-and-tell, a snack to share, and your spinning, knitting or other projects.

Bobbin Lace Classes

Constitution Village Bobbin Lacers will meet at members' homes for the coming months. The next meeting will be on Monday November 14 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 December 12th. We share tools, tips and beginner equipment. Beginners should call first to confirm that we have adequate equipment. Please email marygeier2@gmail.com.

Roc Day January 7

On Saturday January 7, 2017, 12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., we'll celebrate *Roc Day* in the Lowe Mill classroom. More details will be announced later.

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, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., the Main Huntsville Madison County Public Library (915 Monroe Street) will host an *Arts and Crafts Expo* in the atrium. The library opens at 9:00 a.m. for setting up.

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 Past 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.

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.

Crochet Classes Coming

Crochet for Beginners will be offered at the Main Library on Monday November 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Learn to crochet from the beginning. You'll learn the crochet stitches and how to read a pattern. Homework is required. Bring a size G or H crochet hook and firm, light-colored worsted weight yarn to the first class. Do not bring soft, fuzzy yarns or novelty yarns to the first class. You will be able to choose from a selection of class projects. No crochet experience is required.

Pre-register for these classes by e-mail to **WeavingBasics@yahoo.com**. These workshops are open to adults and youth ages 14 and up. There is no supply fee.

If these crochet classes won't fit in your schedule or you want to learn needle tatting, e-mail **WeavingBasics@yahoo.com** to suggest better times.

Knitted Knockers - Huntsville Knitting Group

The *Knitted Knockers* work to help breast cancer survivors with soft, comfortable, knitted prosthetics.

So why are we doing this? I can only speak for myself, as each knitter's reasons for participating are personal. Mine are very personal as not only am I a 10-year breast cancer survivor, but I also lost my mother just after her 49th birthday to this terrible disease.

I have only been knitting for about a year now so when my knitting teacher heard about this from a group in Florence, I was all in for the project but still had a lot to learn. I had never tried using DPN's (double point needles) but with her encouragement I began on my first set of knockers. After dropping those

Local Spinning Groups

Huntsville Spinners @ Fiber Artwork

1st Thursdays - November 3, 5:00

Fiber Artwork

87B Regal Drive Huntsville

Facebook

Huntsville Spinners @ Hook A Frog

2nd Thursdays - November 10, 5:00

No 4th Thursday due to holidays.

Hook A Frog

105C Church Street Madison

Facebook

Local Crochet Groups

Murphy Library Crocheters

Wednesdays 10:00-12:00

Murphy Public Library

7910 Charlotte Drive

APhillips@hmcpl.org/256-881-5620

Chain Reaction

2nd Wednesdays - November 9, 6:30

West End Grill

6610 Old Madison Pike

Facebook

Huntsville Madison County Senior Center

Basket Classes

Tuesdays 11:00

Ceramics Room

256-880-7080

Weaving Classes

Mondays 9:00-1:00

Wednesdays 9:00-11:30

Weaving Room

qranki@knology.net

DPN's and then throwing them (smile – been there?) I finally finished the first set! We've been doing this for about 6 months now and have received many requests from around the area. The latest ones I sent out were to an 84 year old lady who found the medical prosthesis too heavy and hot to use according to her daughter. I was so pleased to be able to send her something to help her.

The pattern can be found at www.KnittedKnockers.org along with some wonderful instructional videos. We are using mainly the Cascade Ultra Pima cotton which is very soft even after being washed. This is very important as they may be worn against very sensitive skin after surgeries and treatments.

We would love to have you join our group! Please contact one of us if you have any questions. We are keeping a list of requests from our area for knockers including sizes and color preferences.

See the national website www.KnittedKnockers.org. The local contacts are: SusieLanier@hotmail.com and BasketGirl@knology.net.

North Alabama Fiber Arts Co-op

I've had several inquiries from people who would like to have lessons in spinning, knitting, weaving, etc. Not my cup of tea, but I know several of you out there do teach fiber arts. I'm trying to put together a resource page so that when people ask, I can get them in touch with the correct person - so if you teach fiber arts and want *North Alabama Fiber Arts* to pass that information along to prospective students, please let me know:

Let me know what you teach, whom you teach, what your teaching style is, your rates and your contact information. Of course, if you are a member, you are welcome to meet and teach your students in the

studio.

Any questions, let me know by text, email [NorthAlabamaFAC @yahoo.com](mailto:NorthAlabamaFAC@yahoo.com).

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](mailto:HsvFiber@gmail.com). The Huntsville Fiber Guild wants to spread the word about fiber activities in the community.

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

Beginner Fiber Workshops for Adults

*Folded Fabric Ornaments @
Murphy Library*

Thursday November 3, 10:00-12:00

Crochet for Beginners @ Main Library
Monday November 7, 14, 21 and 28,
1:00-3:00

*Folded Fabric Ornaments @
Main Library*

Tuesday November 8, 6:30-8:30

*Folded Fabric Ornaments @
Madison Library*

Friday November 18, 10:00-12:00

*Introduction to Basket Making @
Murphy Library*

Thursday December 1, 10:00-12:00

*Beaded Snowflake Earrings @
Main Library*

Tuesday December 13, 6:30-8:30

Workshops are open to adults and youth 14
and up. See **WeavingBasics.tumblr.com** for
details, or e-mail **WeavingBasics
@yahoo.com**.

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.)

Daryl Lancaster Workshop in Nashville

On November 12-13, 2016, Daryl Lancaster will present *Garment Construction and Finishing Techniques* at the *Handweavers Guild of Nashville*. See **HandWeaversTn.org** for more information.

Robyn Spady Workshop in Atlanta

On January 14-16, 2017, Robyn Spady will present *The Beauty of Lace Weaves* at the *Chattahoochee Handweavers Guild*. See **chgweb.com** for details on this workshop and others offered in 2017.

Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday November 22, 5:00 p.m., is the deadline for contributions to the December newsletter. Send contributions by e-mail to **HsvFiber@gmail.com**.

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Upcoming Huntsville Fiber Guild Events

Thu November 10, 5:00	Three Fabrics – One Dyepot, Lowe Mill
Fri November 11, 4-6	Make Library Tree Ornaments, Lowe Mill
Sat November 19, 10-3	Arts and Crafts Expo at Main Library
Tue November 22	December newsletter deadline
Sat November 26	Craft Fair at Eleanor Murphy Library
Thu December 1, 10	Decorate tree at Main Library
Sat December 10, 12-4	Holiday Party, Madison Library
Tue December 13, 6:45	Weaving Study Group, Central Presbyterian Church-Cooper House
Sat January 7, 2017, 12:30-5	Roc Day, Lowe Mill classroom
Sat February 18, 10-4	Make a Project Bag, Madison Library