

Open Sheds

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December Combat-the-Stress Holiday Gathering

When: Saturday December 10, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.,
Where: Madison Public 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. Give yourself the gift of few hours of peace during this hectic season.

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

The *Weaving Study Group* will meet Tuesday 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. All guild members are welcome, not just weavers. If you want to work on a project or talk about fiber. 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.

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. *Roc Day* will be a community celebration of Fiber Arts. Meet and network with local fiber artists while working on your current spinning, weaving, crocheting, and knitting projects. Find out about local beginning and intermediate classes. All fiber artists, aspiring artists/makers and the public are welcome. Door prizes are being provided by sponsors.

People can bring any fiber project to work on and show and tell to share. And bring a friend! Encourage your fiber friends to come join the fun. We are currently looking for door prize sponsors. Contact the guild if you are interested. Share the flyer which is attached to this newsletter to help advertise.

Making Project Bags and Totes

On Saturday February 18, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., at Madison Public Library, we'll learn how to *Make Project Bags and Totes* from handwoven and dyed fabrics. See the flyer attached to this newsletter for details.

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Bobbin Lace Classes

Constitution Village Bobbin Lacers will meet at a member's home for the coming months. The next meeting will be on Monday December 12 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 January 9th. We share tools, tips and beginner equipment. Beginners should call first to confirm that we have adequate equipment. Please email marygeier2@gmail.com for details.

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.

Speaking of Benefits of Membership ...

Interweave Press is offering subscriptions to their magazines, including *SpinOff*, *Handwoven*, *Piecework*, etc., for \$19.99. Contact the guild for the link for *Interweave Press Guild Member* discounts for their magazines.

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.

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.)

The Beauty of Lace Weaves - Robyn Spady Workshop in Atlanta

On January 14-16, 2017, Robyn Spady will present *The Beauty of Lace Weaves* at the *Chattahoochee Handweavers Guild*. This workshop will meet Saturday 1:00-5:00, Sunday 9:00-4:00 and Monday 9:00-3:00. The fee is \$215 for non-members, with a materials fee of \$15 per person.

This workshop is for the weaver with a love of vintage textiles and romantic settings, nothing is more charming or intriguing than lace weaves. Enjoy a class dedicated to exploring and weaving samples of classic lace weaves. During the workshop, participants will learn about weaver- and loom-manipulated weaves. The differences between Bronson lace, huck lace, and Swedish lace will be reviewed and contrasted.

Participants will also explore how to develop lace treadling variations for the lace threading they chose from pre-workshop warping instructions. Four- shaft loom minimum; eight shafts recommended.

Email the Vice President of Workshops at **Workshops@chgweb.com** for more details. See **chgweb.com** for details on this workshop and others offered in 2017.

Family Farm and Market Day Will Be April 1

The *Tennessee Valley Women in Agriculture* is presenting *Family Farm and Markey Day* on Saturday April 1, 2017. This organization seeks to help families provide for themselves and others through agriculture. The event will be in the Agribition Center at Alabama A&M University, 4925 Moores Mill Road.

They welcome the Huntsville Fiber Guild demonstrating the fiber arts and providing fiber educational activities for children and adults. See TVWomenInAg.weebly.com for more details. Contact the guild if you want to help represent the guild at this event.

Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday December 19, 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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Local Spinning Groups

Huntsville Spinners @ Fiber Artwork

1st Thursdays - December 1, 5:00

Fiber Artwork

87B Regal Drive Huntsville

Facebook

Huntsville Spinners @ Hook A Frog

2nd Thursdays - December 8, 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 - December 14, 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

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

Beginner Fiber Workshops for Adults

2016 Workshops

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

2017 Workshops

Arm Knitting @ Murphy Thursday January 5, 10:00- 12:00

“Navajo Knot” Rag Mug Rug @ Main Tuesday January 10, 6:30-8:30

Arm Knitting @ Madison Friday January 27, 10:00- 12:00

Kumi Himo Bracelet in Flat Braid @ Murphy Thursday February 2, 10:00-12:00

Beaded Heart @ Main Tuesday February 14, 6:30- 8:30

Weave a Round Basket @ Madison Friday February 24, 9:00-3:00

Crochet for Beginners @ Murphy Thursday March 2, 9, 23 and 30, 10:00-12:00

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

Upcoming Huntsville Fiber Guild Events

Thu December 1, 10:00

Decorate tree at Main Library

Sat December 10, 12:00-4:00

Holiday Party, Madison Library

Tue December 13, 6:45

Weaving Study Group, Central Presbyterian Church-Cooper House

Sat January 7, 2017, 12:30-5:00

Roc Day, Lowe Mill classroom

Sat February 18, 10:00-4:00

Make a Project Bag, Madison Library

Sat April 1

Family Farm and Market Day