

# Open Sheds

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## **Roc Day Celebration**

When: Saturday January 7, 12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Where: 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. Share the flyer which is attached to this newsletter to help advertise.

## **Directions for finding the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor classroom at Lowe Mill:**

There will be magnetic *Roc Day* signs on the orange doors that are the closest to the classroom. All public doors are orange and have large numbers on them. There will also be other signs pointing you in the correct direction. In the map attached to this newsletter, the approximate location of doors are marked by number, and the classroom is marked with "x".

The closest stairs are located at orange door #3. Going south on Seminole Drive, enter the complex at the first opening in the fence, drive past the unused guard shack and look for the door about two-thirds of the way down the building on the right. Park in this lot near the door. After going to the second floor, turn left down the hall, the classroom will be on the right.

If you want to use the elevator, use orange door #13 located on north end of the loading dock. Going south on Seminole Drive, enter the complex at the first opening in the fence, drive past the unused guard shack, proceed straight ahead and then to the right to the grassy parking area. You should be able to see the large water tower that says "Lowe Mill." The ramp is located at the south end of the loading dock and the elevator door is on the north end. Tell the elevator operator you want to go the classroom and get off on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Follow signs to classroom.

## **Guild Pocket Basket Workshop**

When: Saturday January 21, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Where: Bailey Cove Library, 1409 Weatherly Plaza SE in Huntsville.

We will weave a pocket basket for small tools, mail or "weeds," about 8 inches wide x 7 inches tall x 2 inches deep with a handle on one side to hang on your spinning wheel, loom or the wall. Learn how to handle reed, and how to shape a basket. No basket making experience is required. See the photograph of the basket attached to this newsletter.

Bring a towel (basket making is wet work) and sack lunch, and wear comfortable clothes. The instructor will bring all the tools and other supplies you'll need to use during the workshop.

There will be a \$5 supply fee, due at the beginning of the workshop. Adults and youth ages 14 and up are invited.

Invite *Roc Day* visitors and other potential Guild members to this workshop so we can quickly get them involved in Guild activities. Come yourself to welcome them to the Guild. Bring other fiber projects to work on if you don't want to make a basket.

### **Weaving Study Group**

The *Weaving Study Group* will resume meeting Tuesday January 24 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.

### **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. Madison Public Library is located at 130 Plaza Boulevard in Madison.

### **December Gathering**

On December 10, five of us met at Madison Public Library. We saw a wall hanging/rug woven from naturally dyed samples from the 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 workshops and a knitted shawl. We enjoyed refreshments and door prizes.

### **Guild Tree at the Main Library**

Thanks to those who made ornaments for the guild tree at the Main Library, and those who decorated the tree.

### **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. Find the Huntsville Fiber Guild on Facebook and Revelry.

### **Bobbin Lace Classes**

*Constitution Village Bobbin Lacers* will meet at member's homes for the coming months. The next meeting will be on Monday January 9 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 February 13. We share tools, tips and beginner equipment. Beginners should call first to confirm that we have adequate equipment. Please email [marygeier2@gmail.com](mailto:marygeier2@gmail.com).

### **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.

### **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.)

### **News from Nearby Fiber Guilds**

Here's news from fiber guilds that I know about. If you have information on other fiber guilds or festivals, please send an article for the newsletter.

## Atlanta News: Chattahoochee Handweavers Guild

On January 14-16, 2017, Robyn Spady will present *The Beauty of Lace Weaves* at the *Chattahoochee Handweavers Guild* in Atlanta, Georgia. This workshop is for the weaver with a love of vintage textiles and romantic settings, nothing is more charming or intriguing than lace weaves.

### Local Spinning Groups

#### Huntsville Spinners @ Fiber Artwork

1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays – January 5, 5:00

*Fiber Artwork*

87B Regal Drive Huntsville

Facebook

#### Huntsville Spinners @ Hook A Frog

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays – January 12, 5:00

4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays – January 26, 5:00

*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 - January 11, 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

qranks @knology.net

On March 25-27, the guild will present Dianne Totten's "*Crimp and Create*" Workshop. Create "crimp cloth" using a variation of woven shibori for both warp and weft.

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.

### Nashville News: Handweavers Guild of Nashville

On Saturday January 21-22, the *Handweavers Guild of Nashville* will present *Mug Rugs, Miniatures, and More*, a round-robin pattern weaving workshop. Explore the miniature patterns of Josephine Estes and Bertha Gray.

On Saturday February 18-19, the guild will present their annual round-robin *Pattern Workshop*. For more information, email ElaineAldous @bellsouth.net or DTodhunt @bellsouth.net.

### Cullman News: Cullman Fiber Guild – Crystal

On Saturday January 28, the *Cullman Fiber Guild* will present *Beginning Tatting*. E-mail **CullmanFiber@yahoo.com** for location and other details.

The *Basket Study Group* usually meets on the second Sunday of the month. The next meeting is Sunday January 8, 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**.

The next *Basket Study Group* is February 12, and the February 25 workshop is *Rug Hooking*.

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.

### **Tuscaloosa News: West Alabama Fiber Guild**

The West Alabama Fiber Guild meets on the first and third Sundays, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Due to the holidays, their first 2017 meeting will be a planning meeting Sunday January 15. See **WAFGuild.blogspot.com** or email **CTimkovich @bellsouth.net** for more information.

### **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](http://TVWomenInAg.weebly.com) for more details. Contact the guild if you want to help represent the guild at this event.

### **Newsletter Deadline**

Tuesday January 24, 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**

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| Sat January 7, 12:30-5 | Roc Day, Lowe Mill classroom                                  |
| Sat January 21, 10-2   | Pocket Basket Workshop, Bailey Cove Library                   |
| Tue January 24, 6:45   | Weaving Study Group, Central Presbyterian Church-Cooper House |
| Tue January 24         | February newsletter deadline                                  |
| Sat February 18, 10-4  | Make a Project Bag, Madison Library                           |
| Sat April 1            | Family Farm and Market Day                                    |

### **Huntsville Fiber Guild and the Huntsville Madison County Public Libraries Beginner Fiber Workshops for Adults**

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| <i>Arm Knitting @ Murphy</i>                      | Thursday January 5, 10:00- 12:00            |
| <i>“Navajo Knot” Rag Mug Rug @ Main</i>           | Tuesday January 10, 6:30-8:30               |
| <i>Arm Knitting @ Madison</i>                     | Friday January 27, 10:00- 12:00             |
| <i>Kumi Himo Bracelet in Flat Braid @ Murphy</i>  | Thursday February 2, 10:00-12:00            |
| <i>Beaded Heart @ Main</i>                        | Tuesday February 14, 6:30- 8:30             |
| <i>Weave a Round Basket @ Madison</i>             | Friday February 24, 9:00-3:00               |
| <i>Crochet for Beginners @ Murphy</i>             | Thursday March 2, 9, 23 and 30, 10:00-12:00 |
| <i>Kumi Himo Bracelet in Flat Braid @ Main</i>    | Tuesday March 14, 6:30-8:30                 |
| <i>Kumi Himo Bracelet in Flat Braid @ Madison</i> | Friday March 24, 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**.