

Open Sheds

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Making Project Bags and Totes

When: Saturday February 18, 10:00–4:00.

Where: Private residence in Toney, AL.

Location will be provided when you pre-register by February 15.

If you plan to attend and want a handout and the supplies to finish your project bag (you supply the fabric), contact the guild by February 15.

You are welcome if you don't pre-register, but there may not be handouts and supplies for you to finish your project bag. Contact the guild by noon February 17 to learn the meeting place.

Machine sew a reversible drawstring "knitting project" bag. Learn tips and tricks for sewing with handwovens. Learn how to adapt other bag patterns for use with handwovens. See examples and get instructions for different types of bags. Share bags you have made with others.

Cost: \$5 for supplies.

Bring a sewing machine in good working order (there won't be time to adjust your sewing machine so try it out in advance). If you don't have one, contact the guild to make arrangements to borrow one.

Basic sewing supplies: machine and hand sewing needles, bobbins, thread (light gray or dark gray is a better neutral than white), seam ripper, pins and scissors. Label all your tools with your name.

Bring material to make the bag: 2 fat quarters or enough material to cut 2 pieces 21.5" wide by 14.25" tall. Extra is needed for one-way designs. Quilting cotton or cotton you dyed in November will work great. One piece of material will be the "outside" and the other the "inside."

Bring examples of interesting bags to share with others. Bring pattern source if available.

Optional supplies to bring if you have them: self healing mat and rotary cutter, quilting rulers, iron, power strip or extension cord.

Please share the attached flyer and invite others to this workshop.

Weaving Study Group

The *Weaving Study Group* will resume meeting Tuesday February 7 and 28 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 normally meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays. The next meetings will be Tuesday March 14 and 28.

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.

Color Gamp Workshop March 18

On Saturday March 18, the Guild will present a *Color Gamp Workshop* at the Huntsville Main Library Auditorium. Explore color possibilities with our color gamp workshop. Learn about color theory and experiment different color combinations. Learn which combos provide iridescent effects. More experienced weavers can experiment with multi-shaft color effects. No experience is necessary.

Rigid heddle looms or floor looms are welcome. Beginners are welcome - help warping will be provided. More advanced 4 and 8 shaft drafts will be available (emails will be sent out with loom setup information to people who sign up). A few extra looms will be available for people who do not own a loom. There is no cost if you bring your own yarn. Some yarn will be available for purchase at the event – please contact the guild by March 10 to ensure enough is available.

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.

Roc Day Report

There were more than 80 visitors and members at *Roc Day*. Thirty-two of the visitors asked to receive the newsletter. Thanks to the five sponsors for door prizes: Cozy Cove Farm, Crochetville, Handmade Saori, Hook-A-Frog and North Alabama Fiber Arts Coop. Thanks to members who contributed door prizes also. Thanks to members who brought their equipment to spin, weave, crochet and knit so that the visitors could see what we do, and thanks for bringing drop spindles and fiber so we could show some of the visitors how to spin.

Bobbin Lace Classes

Constitution Village Bobbin Lacers will meet at member's homes for the coming months. The next meeting will be on Monday February 13 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. The next meeting will be March 13. We share tools, tips and beginner equipment. Beginners should call first to confirm that we have adequate equipment. Please email 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

Local Spinning Groups

Huntsville Spinners @ Fiber Artwork

1st Thursdays – February 2, 5:00

Fiber Artwork

87B Regal Drive Huntsville

Check Facebook

Huntsville Spinners @ Hook A Frog

2nd Thursdays – February 9, 5:00

4th Thursdays – February 23, 5:00

Hook A Frog

105C Church Street Madison

Check 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 - February 8, 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

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.)

Cullman News: Cullman Fiber Guild

On Saturday February 25, the *Cullman Fiber Guild* will present *Rug Hooking*. The March 25 workshop is *Sewing a 3-D Bowtie Quilt Square*. E-mail **CullmanFiber@yahoo.com** for location and other details, and to pre-register.

The *Basket Study Group* usually meets on the second Sunday of the month. There will not be a *Basket Study Group* meeting in February. The next meeting is Sunday March 12, 2:00 – 4:00. The group will be making an

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

**Beginner Fiber Workshops for
Adults**

*Kumi Himo Bracelet in Flat Braid @
Murphy*

Thursday February 2, 10:00-12:00

Puffy 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

*Kumi Himo Bracelet in Flat Braid @
Main*

Tuesday March 14, 6:30-8:30

*Kumi Himo Bracelet in Flat Braid @
Madison*

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**.

egg/melon basket. 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.

Volunteer Opportunities in the Community

January 30 – February 2, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., *Burritt on the Mountain* needs the help of volunteers with intermediate sewing skills to help make the costumes for the *Rosenwald School* students. Contact Joan Morehead, 256-533-1365, if you would like to participate on any of these dates.

April 7-9 will be *Spring Farm Days* at *Burritt on the Mountain*. This event celebrates farm life in north Alabama especially during the 1800's and early 1900's. They need spinners, weavers and dyers willing to share their talents with school children on April 7, and the general public on Saturday and Sunday. There are some tools to use in the historic park, or bring your own. On Friday and Saturday, lunch will be provided for all presenters. Contact Shana Hyde, 256-512-0146, if you would like to participate on any of these dates.

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.

The Huntsville Fiber Guild has a demonstration booth. We will provide 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.

Nearby Events Coming Up

Here are some events coming up that might be of interest:

SE Fiber Forum April 20-23 - www.SEFiberForum.org

Smoky Mountain Fiber Arts Festival April 21-23 - www.SmokyMountainFiberArtsFestival.org

Middle Tennessee Fiber Festival May 26-27 - <https://www.TnFiberFestival.com/>

For Sale: Leclerc Nilus II Loom

Maple 4-harness jack-type Leclerc Nilus II floor loom. Asking \$1,500. Loom is 56 inches wide, 46-inch weaving width, with high castle and top storage space, upholstered rocking bench with lower storage, 2 stainless reeds, a 14-yard warping board, large boat shuttle, and pick-up sticks. Email [HsvFiber @gmail.com](mailto:HsvFiber@gmail.com).

For Sale: Harrisville Designs Warping Board

Harrisville Designs 12-yard warping board, easily disassembles with the use of corner wing nuts. Asking \$65. Email HsvFiber @gmail.com.

Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday February 21, 5:00 p.m., is the deadline for contributions to the March newsletter. Send contributions by e-mail to **HsvFiber @gmail.com**.

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Upcoming Huntsville Fiber Guild Events

Tue February 7, 6:45	Weaving Study Group, Central Presbyterian Church-Cooper House
Sat February 18, 10-4	Make a Project Bag, Toney, AL
Tue February 21	March newsletter deadline
Tue February 28, 6:45	Weaving Study Group, Central Presbyterian Church-Cooper House
Tue March 14, 6:45	Weaving Study Group, Central Presbyterian Church-Cooper House
Sat March 18, 10-4	Color Gamp Workshop, Huntsville Main Library Auditorium
Tue March 28, 6:45	Weaving Study Group, Central Presbyterian Church-Cooper House
Sat April 1	Family Farm and Market Day
August	Guild has Main Huntsville Public Library display case