

Open Sheds

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Color Gamp Workshop

When: Saturday March 18, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Where: Huntsville-Madison County Main Library Auditorium, 915 Monroe Street Huntsville.

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.

You can purchase thread at the workshop: \$35 for 3 yards of warp and weft for 24-inch wide gamp. Or, bring your own thread.

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.

See the attached flyer for more details. Contact the guild by March 10 to ensure supplies are available. You will be welcome if you decide to come at the last minute, but there may not be enough supplies.

Weaving Study Group

The *Weaving Study Group* will resume meeting Tuesday February 28, March 14 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 April 11 and 25.

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.

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.

April First Meeting

We'll meet at the *Family Farm and Market Day* on April 1, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., in the *Agribition Center* at Alabama A&M University, 4925 Moores Mill Road, Huntsville. Bring your spinning, weaving or other

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portable fiber project to work on. Bring your own chair, and table, if you need one. There will be vendors and other entertainment when you need a break.

The *Tennessee Valley Women in Agriculture* is presenting *Family Farm and Market Day*. This organization seeks to help families provide for themselves and others through agriculture.

The Huntsville Fiber Guild has a demonstration booth. The doors open on Saturday April 1, 7:00 a.m. for us to set up, and also on Friday March 31, 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for set up. 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.

Possible April Spinning Workshop or Spin-In? Vote Yes or No

Does anyone want a spinning workshop or spin-in on Saturday April 15 (Easter weekend)? Contact the guild by March 28, tell us what you want, and we will find a place to meet.

Project Bags Workshop Report

The *Project Bags Workshop* was revealing. You thought weavers and spinners had differences of opinions. You should have heard the seamstresses. We saw samples of several cute project bags and totes.

If you missed the workshop, ask for the handout by email if you're interested in plans for eleven bags and totes that we found interesting. See WeavingBasics.tumblr.com/projectbags for the same information.

Bobbin Lace Classes

Constitution Village Bobbin Lacers will meet at member's homes for the coming months. The next meeting will be on Monday March 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 April 10. We share tools, tips and beginner equipment. Beginners should call first to confirm that we have adequate equipment. Email marygeier2@gmail.com.

Membership in the Huntsville Fiber Guild

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.)

Crochet for Beginners

On Thursday March 2, 9, 23 and 30, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Eleanor Murphy Library on Charlotte Drive in Huntsville will host *Crochet for Beginners*, one of the classes presented by the Huntsville Fiber Guild as part of the *Weaving Basics* series. There is no supply fee. These classes are open to adults and youth ages 14 and up. 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 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-registration is required.

If these dates and times are not convenient for you, or you want crochet classes for children, email **WeavingBasics@yahoo.com**.

Cullman News: Cullman Fiber Guild

On Saturday March 25, the *Cullman Fiber Guild* will present *3-D Bowtie Quilt Block*. The April 22 workshop is *Paper Making*. 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. The next meeting is Sunday March 12, 2:00 – 4:00. The group will be making an 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.

Nearby Events Coming Up

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

Sewing and Quilting Expo in Atlanta March 9-11 - <http://www.sewingexpo.com/Events/Atlanta,GA.aspx>

R&M Yarns Weaving Workshop: Beginners & Beyond March 20-22, June 26-28 and September 25-27 – www.rmyarns.com/Beginning_Weaving.html

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

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

R&M Yarns 7th Annual Fiber Education Festival May 13 – www.rmyarns.com

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

Local Spinning Groups

Huntsville Spinners @ Fiber Artwork

Check Facebook for dates

Fiber Artwork

87B Regal Drive Huntsville

Huntsville Spinners @ Hook A Frog

Check Facebook for dates

Hook A Frog

105C Church Street Madison

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

qrانki@knology.net/256-539-9319

For Sale: Weaving and Spinning Equipment

28” Weaving bench for \$100. Looks like the Harrisville small bench but I can’t find a manufacturer on the bench. It does have the seat supports that can be flat or rocking.

Antique Spinning/Flax Wheel for \$250. This is a beautiful single treadle German wheel with bakelite ornamentation. It comes with a distaff and 6 bobbins.

“Doodad” Motorized Spindle/Quill Spinner and Bobbin Winder from Questionable Origin (Abby Franquemont’s husband, Chad). This is Doodad #5 (with tags) and originally sold for \$250. I’ll take \$200.

Please contact sarah@handmadesaori.com for more information.

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 March 28, 5:00 p.m., is the deadline for contributions to the April newsletter. Send contributions by e-mail to HsvFiber@gmail.com.

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

Beginner Fiber Workshops for Adults

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

Make a Gourd Shekere @ Murphy
Thursday April 6, 10:00-12:00

Thread Crochet Edgings @ Main
Tuesday April 11, 6:30-8:30

Weave a Double-Walled Basket @ Madison
Friday April 28, 9:00-3:00

Thread Crochet Edgings @ Murphy
Thursday May 4, 10:00-12:00

Foundation Piecing a Quilt Block @ Main
Tuesday May 9, 6:30-8:30

Make a Gourd Shekere @ Madison
Friday May 19, 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

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

Tue March 28
April newsletter deadline

Sat April 1
Family Farm and Market Day and HFG meeting

Sat April 15
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vote yes or no

August
Guild has Main Huntsville Public Library display
case