

# Open Sheds

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**April is full of fiber activities: 1, 8, 11, 15 and 25**

## **Family Farm and Market Day**

When: April 1, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Where: *Agribition Center* at Alabama A&M University, 4925 Moores Mill Road, Huntsville.

Bring your spinning, weaving or other 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. You're welcome to stay a couple of hours or all day.

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. Some of us will be providing fiber educational activities for children and adults. See [TVWomenInAg.weebly.com](http://TVWomenInAg.weebly.com) for more event details.

## **Spin-In**

When: Saturday April 15, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Where: *Hook-A-Frog*, 105 C Church Street, Madison.

Join us at *Hook-a-Frog* with your spinning, weaving or other portable fiber project. You and your guests are welcome to come and go as your schedule permits.

You'll have a safe space to leave your equipment while you go to lunch. Thanks to *Hook-a-Frog* for hosting this opportunity.

## **Weaving Study Group**

The *Weaving Study Group* will meet Tuesday April 11 at 6:45 p.m. at a member's house. The thread for the *Color Gamp Workshop* will be available for those who want to finish winding their warp and weft. Others should bring their current fiber projects and questions. The *Weaving Study Group* will meet Tuesday April 25 at 6:45 p.m. in the Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church. The *Weaving Study Group* is for people of all skill levels. 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!

Contact the guild to learn the location of the April 11 meeting.

We normally meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays. The next meetings will be Tuesday May 9 and 23. Suggest a topic you want to discuss for the May meetings.

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](http://www.HuntsvilleFiberArts.com). The telephone number is **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.

## **Paint Your Roving**

*Paint Your Roving* will be presented on Saturday, April 8 at *North Alabama Fiber Arts Co-op* from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The workshop fee will be \$50.00.

Participants will get to create their own custom colors using pre-mixed acid dye stock and then paint 4 ounces of superwash BFL wool. Your custom roving will then be steamed to set your fabulous colors. All materials are included. Space is limited, so please pre-register by texting 256-673-0810 or email us at **Northalabamafac@yahoo.com**.

*North Alabama Fiber Arts Co-op* is located at Lowe Mill, 2211 Seminole Drive, Studio 314, Huntsville.

## **Color Gamp Workshop Report**

The *Color Gamp Workshop* was hard work. The eight of us learned a lot about winding warps and measuring wefts, which takes a long time to do. We learned about the primary pigments, magenta, yellow and cyan, then the secondary and tertiary to give us 12 colors of thread. This was part one of weaving a color gamp. Stay tuned to hear about those woven color gamps.

## **Bobbin Lace Classes**

*Constitution Village Bobbin Lacers* will meet at member's homes for the coming months. The next meeting will be on Monday April 10 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 May 8. We share tools, tips and beginner equipment. Beginners should call first to confirm that we have adequate equipment and learn where we're meeting. Please email [marygeier2@gmail.com](mailto:marygeier2@gmail.com).

## **Crafty Hours at Main Library**

The Main Library is starting a new program called *Crafty Hours*. The Huntsville Fiber Guild has been asked to help with the first one on Wednesday May 31, 6:00 p.m., in the Atrium of the Main Library. They are asking for someone to work on a project and have promotional materials, such as pamphlets and business cards, so that visitors can learn about the Huntsville Fiber Guild. As anyone who has ever worked on a fiber project in public knows, the sight of us working with our peculiar tools draws visitors to ask what we're doing.

I will be glad to bring a project. If you're willing to help, contact the guild.

## **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.)

### **Shuttle Tatting and Crochet for Beginners**

On Tuesday April 4, 11 and 18, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., the Main Library at 915 Monroe Street in Huntsville will host *Introduction to Shuttle Tatting*, part of the *Weaving Basics* series presented by the Huntsville Fiber Guild. There is no supply fee. These classes are open to adults and youth ages 14 and up. Learn to make lace with a tatting shuttle. You'll learn the basic stitches and how to read patterns. Class projects include trims that can be attached to a hand towel and ornaments. After working with size 10 thread, you'll learn to work with smaller thread. No tatting experience is needed. Homework is required. Students must provide their own supplies: a metal tatting shuttle (with hook on one end and bobbin) and Knit Cro-Sheen variegated size 10 thread.

Email **WeavingBasics @yahoo.com** to pre-register for the shuttle tatting classes, or to let me know dates and times that are more convenient for you.

## 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 - April 12, 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

On Thursday April 20, 27, May 4 and 11, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Bailey Cove Library at 1409 Weatherly Plaza 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.

Email **WeavingBasics @yahoo.com** to pre-register for the crochet classes, or to let me know dates and times that are more convenient for you, or if you want crochet classes for children.

### Basket Weaving @ Bailey Cove

On Saturday April 29, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., the Bailey Cove Library at 1409 Weatherly Plaza Drive in Huntsville will host *Weave a Round Basket*, part of the *Weaving Basics* series presented by the Huntsville Fiber Guild. There is a supply fee of \$8, due at the beginning of the workshop. This class is open to adults and youth ages 14 and up.

In this workshop, you'll make a round basket. You'll learn how to handle basket reed, how to start a round basket, and how to shape a basket. The finished baskets will be about 6 inches tall with a 5-inch diameter base. You can use beads to decorate your baskets. No basket making experience is required. Bring a sack lunch.

Email **WeavingBasics @yahoo.com** to pre-register for this class.

## Cullman News: Cullman Fiber Guild

On Saturday April 22, the *Cullman Fiber Guild* will present *Paper Making*. The May 20 workshop is *Plastic Canvas*. Usually, the meetings are the fourth Saturday, but the May date is the third Saturday due to the Memorial Day weekend. 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 April 9, 2:00 – 4:00. The group started making a egg/melon basket in March, and will continue it in April. 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.

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

### Beginner Fiber Workshops for Adults

*Introduction to Shuttle Tatting @ Main*  
Tuesday April 4, 11 and 18, 2:00-4:00

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

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

*Crochet for Beginners @ Bailey Cove*  
Thursday April 20, 27, May 4 and 11, 1:00-3:00

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

*Weave a Round Basket @ Bailey Cove*  
Saturday April 29, 10:00– 4:00

*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**.

### Nearby Events Coming Up

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

*R&M Yarns Weaving Workshop: Beginners & Beyond* June 26-28 and September 25-27 –  
[www.rmyarns.com/Beginning\\_Weaving.html](http://www.rmyarns.com/Beginning_Weaving.html)

*SE Fiber Forum* April 20-23 - [www.SEFiberForum.org](http://www.SEFiberForum.org)

*Smoky Mountain Fiber Arts Festival* April 21-23 - [www.SmokyMountainFiberArtsFestival.org](http://www.SmokyMountainFiberArtsFestival.org)

*R&M Yarns 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fiber Education Festival* May 13 – [www.rmyarns.com](http://www.rmyarns.com)

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

*Heritage Skills Seminars* October 2-5 - <https://extension.tennessee.edu/eastern/pages/heritage-skills-seminars.aspx>

*Fiber in the 'Boro* October 21 - <https://www.fiberintheboro.com/>

*Foundation Piecing a Quilt Block @ Murphy*  
Thursday June 1, 10:00-12:00

*Crochet a Necklace @ Main*  
Tuesday June 13, 6:30-8:30

*Weave a Basket with a D Handle @ Madison*  
Friday June 23, 9:00-3:00

*Weave a Tote/Purse Basket @ Bailey Cove*  
Saturday July 29, 10:00– 4:00

*Weave a Tote/Purse Basket @ Madison*  
Friday August 25, 9:00-3:00

*Introduction to Bias Weaving on the Rectangle Loom @ Bailey Cove*

Saturday September 30, 10:00– 4:00

*Weave a Melon/Egg Basket @ Madison*  
Friday October 27, 9:00-3:00

### **Spinning Equipment for Sale**

For Sale: A pre-Suzie Majacraft spinning wheel, 9 spools, Majacraft Suzie spinning wheel stool, Majacraft Lazy Kate, quilted bag for spinning wheel, and various specialty fiber. \$725. Contact currette@aol.com. Photos are available.

### **Newsletter Deadline**

Tuesday April 25, 5:00 p.m., is the deadline for contributions to the May newsletter. Send contributions by e-mail to **HsvFiber@gmail.com**.

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### **Upcoming Huntsville Fiber Guild Events**

Sat April 1	Family Farm and Market Day, Agribition Center
Tue April 11, 6:45	Weaving Study Group, member's home
Sat April 15, 10:00-4:30	Spin-In, Hook-a-Frog
Tue April 25, 6:45	Weaving Study Group, member's home
Tue April 25	Deadline for contributions to May newsletter
Wed May 31, 6:00	Crafty Hours, Main Huntsville Public Library
Sat June 10	World Wide Knit In Public Day
August	Guild has Main Huntsville Public Library display case