

Open Sheds

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Inkle Loom Weaving

When: Saturday May 20, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Where: Bailey Cove Library, 1409 Weatherly Plaza Drive, Huntsville.

Thanks to generous people who have donated thread and yarn, there is no charge for the thread/yarn we'll use.

Open to adults and youth ages 14 and up.

Begin to learn the language of weaving. You'll weave a band on an inkle loom which can become a bookmark, hatband or small pouch, which can be used to hold a cell phone, MP3 player or coins. The instructor will prepare the inkle looms before class and bring all the tools and supplies you'll need to use during the workshop. You'll also learn how to prepare an inkle loom for weaving. No weaving or sewing experience is required.

For those who have already woven on an inkle loom, learn pick-up to weave letters to add a message to your band.

Pre-register by May 17 to reserve an inkle loom, and to receive the workshop handout by email. You'll be welcome to the workshop if you don't pre-register, but there may not be an inkle loom for you to use.

The instructor will bring all the supplies for use in the workshop. Bring a sack lunch.

If you have an inkle loom and already know how to dress it, I'll gladly send you the draft for dressing your own inkle loom so you can bring it to class.

Come to the Tuesday May 2 *Weaving Study Group* to learn how to dress your own inkle loom before the workshop.

If you have an inkle loom you're willing to loan for the workshop, contact the guild by May 12 so we can make arrangements to dress the loom.

Weaving Study Group

The *Weaving Study Group* will meet Tuesday May 2 at 6:45 p.m. at a member's house. If you want to prepare your inkle loom for the May 20 *Inkle Loom Workshop*, bring your inkle loom. Others should bring their current fiber projects and questions.

The *Weaving Study Group* will meet Tuesday May 23 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!

Guild Contact Information

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Leave message at 256-384-5515

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Huntsville Fiber Guild

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Contact the guild to learn the location of the May 2 meeting.

We normally meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays. The next meetings will be Tuesday June 13 and 27. Suggest a topic you want to discuss for the June 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. 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.

Your Guild Needs You

We need nominations for officers for the 2017-2018 year. Are you willing to step up and make the guild grow? Would you consider sharing an office? Do you know someone who would be a good officer? If you're nominating another person, ask them if they're willing to serve *before* nominating them.

On Saturday June 17, we'll elect officers for the 2017-2018 year.

Bobbin Lace Classes

Constitution Village Bobbin Lacers will meet at member's homes for the coming months. The next meeting will be on Monday May 8 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 June 12. 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.

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.

If you're willing to help, contact the guild.

World Wide Knit In Public Day – Two Local Opportunities

Saturday June 10 is *World Wide Knit In Public Day*. We have two local opportunities presented by *Hook-a-Frog* and *Crochetville*. Huntsville Fiber Guild members are encouraged to take advantage of both or either of these events. Bring your current projects. Come and go as you want throughout the day.

Hook-A-Frog will celebrate WWKIP, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., at the *Downtown Madison Gazebo*, 14 Front Street, Madison (at the corner of Front Street and Main Street). The first 20 people will receive goodie bags, and there will be hourly door prizes and a grand prize drawing at 2:00 p.m. There are plenty of restaurants in walking distance and the Whistle Stop Sweet Shop. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll go to *Hook-A-Frog* just around the corner.

Crochetville will celebrate WWKIP, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., at *Flying Monkey* on the second floor of *Lowe Mill*, 2211 Seminole Drive, Huntsville. Take the stairs or elevator to the second floor. *Flying Monkey* is in front of the theater. Yarn and patterns will be available to make a pair of breast prostheses for *Knitted Knockers*. These will be given for free to local women. There will be door prizes and a limited number of

goody bags. Bring your own lunch, or purchase snacks and drinks from one of the Lowe Mill venues. There will be a limited number of chairs available.

See www.wikipedia.com for news on the national event, and these two local events.

April Family Farm and Market Day and Spin-In

Thanks to those who represented the guild at the *Family Farm and Market Day*. We had a great booth location and talked with lots of visitors. Thanks to Margaret Mazikowski for the booth.

The *Spin-In* at *Hook-A-Frog* brought out several people we've not seen in a long time. Have you heard about the bunnies? It was appropriate, being the day before Easter.

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.

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 - May 10, 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

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 Wednesday May 3, 10, 17 and 24, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., the Main Library at 915 Monroe Street 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 I (5.5 mm) or size H (5.0 mm) 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.

Cullman News: Cullman Fiber Guild

On Saturday May 27, the *Cullman Fiber Guild* will present *3D Blocks in Plastic Canvas*. On June 24, there will be a picnic. Usually, the meetings are the fourth Saturday. E-mail **CullmanFiber@yahoo.com** for location and other details, and to pre-register.

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:

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

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

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/>

Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday May 23, 5:00 p.m., is the deadline for contributions to the June 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

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

Crochet for Beginners @ Main
Wednesday May 3, 10, 17 and 24, 5:30–7:30

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

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

Crochet a Necklace @ Murphy
Thursday July 6, 10:00-12:00

Crochet a Necklace @ Madison
Friday July 28, 10:00-12:00

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

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 May 2, 6:45	Weaving Study Group, member's home
Sat May 20, 10:00-3:00	Inkle Loom Weaving – Beginning and Beyond
Tue May 23, 6:45	Weaving Study Group, Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church
Tue May 23	Deadline for contributions to June 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