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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 *Sparkle Studio (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.

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

Huntsville Worldwide Knit in Public Day 2017 by Sparkle Studio

Whether you knit, crochet, weave, spin, felt, dye, or do something else with fiber, you are invited to join us in the Flying Monkey Arts Theater at Lowe Mill on Saturday, June 10, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Bring a project to work on and join us for a day of fiber fun! We'll have plenty of room for looms and spinning wheels. The first 50 to register will receive a free goody bag. There will be door prize drawings throughout the day. We'll even be knitting and crocheting breast prostheses for Knitted Knockers (optional). You're welcome to bring in food and drink from any of the Lowe Mill vendors. If you want to work outside on the Lowe Mill grounds, please bring a chair from home. Stay all day or come and go as you please, enjoying the many other events taking place at Lowe Mill that day.

For full details and to register for your FREE ticket, please visit: <http://bit.ly/2oBueLc>. The event is free, but we're asking everyone to register for a free ticket so we can create nametags and email any last minute information about the event. We may need to send parking information, since it will possibly be a very crowded day at the Mill due to other events. The first 50 to register will receive a free goody bag. Those without a ticket will still be able to attend, as long as we don't exceed maximum capacity of the theater.

This first annual event is brought to you courtesy of SPARKLE Studio (an upcoming collaboration of Amy Shelton of Crochetville and Roo Kline of Moonwood Farm) and The Foldout Cat Studio (Liza Q Wirtz).

Contact Amy Shelton, amy@crochetville.com, for more information.

Rocket Stitches at the Gazebo - World Wide Knit In Public Day

Hook-A-Frog will celebrate WWKIP, Saturday June 10, 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. All fiber enthusiasts and new crafters are welcome. Knit, crochet, spin and/or weave – share our crafts with each other and the community. 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.

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Introduction to Card/Tablet Weaving

When: Tuesday June 27, 6:45 p.m.

Where: Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church.

Supply fee: \$10 if you keep the cards and shuttle, payable at workshop. Free to use supplies during class.

Pre-register by June 23 by email to HsvFiber@gmail.com. Handouts will be sent by email.

Workshop open to adults and youth ages 14 and up.

Learn an inexpensive and portable method of weaving that goes back to the Egyptians, card or tablet weaving. Begin to learn the language of weaving. Instead of a loom, you'll use cards and something to hold the warp threads under tension. Learn how to read card weaving patterns, thread the cards and how to turn them to weave. Card weaving produces a warp-faced fabric that is related to braiding.

If you have them, bring two C-clamps (at least 2-3") to use a table top. To make your work more portable, bring two C-clamps and a board at least 2' long. The leader will provide all the supplies and equipment for use in the workshop. No weaving experience is necessary.

Pre-register by June 23 to reserve cards, 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 cards for you to use.

Weaving Study Group

During the summer months, the *Weaving Study Group* will meet the fourth Tuesday of the month. On Tuesday June 27 at 6:45 p.m., we'll meet 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, join us. Bring your fiber questions!

The next summer meeting will be Tuesday July 25. Suggest a topic you want to discuss for the July meeting.

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.

Tour de Fleece

Spinner's get ready – It's time for Tour de Fleece! For those of you who are unfamiliar with this event, it was started by Ravelry as a fun way to spend a little time celebrating spinning while the Tour De France is "spinning". This event is very informal and relaxed. The only rules are to try to spin every day of the Tour De France (July 1-23 with the exception of rest days) and to set your own challenge! Your challenge can be simple – i.e. spin for 15 minutes per day, or ambitious – i.e. try a new technique, or type of fiber or try for a speed record! Everyone's goals will be different. There are multiple local teams as well as general groups – join as many as you'd like and have fun egging each other on! For more information see <http://www.ravelry.com/groups/tour-de-fleece>.

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.

At the September annual membership event, 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 June 12 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 July 10. 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.

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.

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 - June 14, 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

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 June 24, the *Cullman Fiber Guild* will have a picnic. Usually, the meetings are the fourth Saturday. 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 June 11, 2:00 – 4:00. You can finish your last basket, or start a new basket.

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 the wall, your spinning wheel or loom. Learn how to handle reed, and how to shape a basket. No basket making experience is required.

Bring your basket tool kit: water bucket for reed, garden clippers (sturdy scissors or bypass pruners), tape measure, clothes pins, awl or screw driver, needle nose pliers, and towel. If you don't have a tool kit yet, there will be some tools to share. If you want colored reed, bring Rid Dye and zip-lock plastic bag or container that will not be used for food afterward. Wear comfortable clothes.

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:

R&M Yarns Weaving Workshop: Beginners & Beyond June 26-28 and September 25-27 –

www.rmyarns.com/Beginning_Weaving.html

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 June 27, 5:00 p.m., is the deadline for contributions to the July newsletter. Send contributions by e-mail to **HsvFiber @gmail.com**.

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Upcoming Huntsville Fiber Guild Events

Sat June 10	World Wide Knit In Public Day
Tue June 27, 6:45	Card/Tablet Weaving, Cooper House
Tue June 27, 6:45	Weaving Study Group, Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church
Tue June 27	Deadline for contributions to June newsletter
July 1-23	Tour de Fleece
August	Guild has Main Huntsville Public Library display case

Huntsville Fiber Guild and the Huntsville Madison County Public Libraries

These beginner fiber workshops are open to adults and youth 14 and up. See **WeavingBasics.tumblr.com** for details, or e-mail **WeavingBasics @yahoo.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

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

Make a Gourd Shekere @ Main
Tuesday July 11, 6:30- 8:30

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

Sew a Dinner Roll Rose @ Murphy
Thursday August 3, 10:00-12:00

Needle Felted Carl the Cactus @ Main
Tuesday August 8, 6:30-8:30

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