

Open Sheds

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Help with Main Library Display Case in August

On Tuesday August 1, 6:30 p.m., we will meet at the Main Library to put a display in a case. Bring your projects from the workshops this past year: Kathrin Weber's dyeing and weaving, triangle loom, "three fabrics, one dyepot," pocket basket, project bags, color gamp, spin-in, inkle loom and card weaving. Bring your "Tour de Fleece" skeins. Bring other colorful projects you've been working on this past year. We'll use this opportunity to invite visitors to the *Annual Open House* on Sunday September 17.

If you can't bring your items for the display at that time, contact the guild to arrange for pick up.

Weaving Study Group

During the summer months, the *Weaving Study Group* will meet the fourth Tuesday of the month. On Tuesday August 22 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 meetings will be Tuesday September 12 and 26. Suggest a topic you want to discuss at the 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.

Annual September Open House

On Sunday September 17, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., the Huntsville Fiber Guild will host the *Annual Open House* in the Auditorium at the Main Library (at intersection of Monroe and St. Clair). Bring show-and-tell and a friend. Members are asked to bring finger food. We will elect officers for the upcoming year. Have you learned a new technique you're willing to teach us? Bring ideas for programs.

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 17 *Annual Open House*, we'll elect officers for the 2017-2018 year.

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 this newsletter, when you see, "... *contact the guild*

Guild Contact Information

Website

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...,” 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.

Changes to Bobbin Lace Classes

Constitution Village Lacers has a new meeting place and a new time. Please join us every second Monday of the month from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church in Madison, Alabama, Classroom H216. The next meetings will be August 14 and September 11.

The church is located at 980 Hughes Road, Madison, Alabama, on the corner of Gillespie and Hughes. Park at the rear of the church and enter through the red doors of the "Joy" building. The church receptionist will direct you to the room. If the receptionist is not available, turn right and meander to "HOPE" building. (You will not exit the building.) If you need the elevator, **LOOK UP** for the sign. The elevator is in a small alcove on the right. If you do not need the elevator, the stairs will be on your left. At the top of the stairs, take a left out the door. Classroom "**H216**" is at the end of the hall on the right.

Contact WorleySu @bellsouth.net for more information, directions, and to confirm that there will be adequate equipment for beginners.

Cochineal Dyeing Workshop Report

Thanks to a member for bringing the big, heavy bucket of cochineal dye from the Middle Tennessee Fiber Festival in May. Thanks to another member for providing a place for us to “play.” We had the opportunity to make eight different shades/tints from the cochineal. I learned that cochineal on unmordanted wool does produce great colors.

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.

Crochet for Beginners @ Main in August

On Wednesday August 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2017, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., *Crochet for Beginners* will be taught at the Huntsville-Madison County Main Library, on the second floor. There is no supply fee. This class is open to adults and youth ages 14 and up. Pre-register by e-mail to WeavingBasics@yahoo.com by August 4.

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.

If these times are not convenient for you, or you want classes for youth under 14, let me know.

E-mail WeavingBasics@yahoo.com to pre-register and for more information.

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/Peinhardt Living History Farm News

At *Peinhardt Living History Farm*, two of the study groups will continue to meet, the *Basket Study Group* and the *Tatting Study Group*, and we hope there will be occasional workshops at *Peinhardt Living History Farm*.

E-mail WeavingBasics@yahoo.com for location and driving directions, and to pre-register.

The *Basket Study Group* usually meets on the second Sunday of the month. The next meeting is Sunday August 13, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 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 email to **WeavingBasics @yahoo.com**.

The *Tatting Study Group* will meet Saturday August 26, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Beginners and experienced tatters are welcome. Bring projects for show-and-tell, and those you need help with. Beginner supplies are size #5 tatting needle and size 10 cotton crochet thread. If you don't have these supplies, there will be some to share. No tatting experience is required. Pre-register for the *Tatting Study Group* by email to **WeavingBasics @yahoo.com**.

See **WeavingBasics.tumblr.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.

Nearby Events Coming Up

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

R&M Yarns Weaving Workshop: Beginners & Beyond 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 August 22, 5:00 p.m., is the deadline for contributions to the September newsletter. Send contributions by e-mail to **HsvFiber @gmail.com**.

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Upcoming Huntsville Fiber Guild Events

Tue August 1, 6:30	Set up display case at Main Library
Tue August 22, 6:45	Weaving Study Group, Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church
Tue August 22	Deadline for contributions to September newsletter
Tue September 12, 6:45	Weaving Study Group, Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church
Sun September 17, 2-4	Annual Open House in Main Library Auditorium
Tue September 26, 6:45	Weaving Study Group, Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church

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**.

Sew a Dinner Roll Rose @ Murphy
Needle Felted Carl the Cactus @ Main
Crochet for Beginners @ Main
Weave a Tote/Purse Basket @ Madison

Thursday August 3, 10:00-12:00
Tuesday August 8, 6:30-8:30
Wednesday August 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1:00–3:00
Friday August 25, 9:00-3:00

Introduction to Hairpin Lace @ Murphy
Hand-Stitched Applique @ Main
Foundation Piecing a Quilt Block @ Madison
Bias Weaving on the Rectangle Loom @ Bailey Cove

Thursday September 7, 10:00-12:00
Tuesday September 12, 6:30-8:30
Friday September 22, 10:00-12:00
Saturday September 30, 10:00– 4:00

Weave a Scarf on Soda Straws @ Murphy
Paint a Gourd Birdhouse @ Main
Weave a Melon/Egg Basket @ Madison

Thursday October 5, 10:00-12:00
Tuesday October 10, 6:30-8:30
Friday October 27, 9:00-3:00

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 - August 9, 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

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