

Open Sheds

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Huntsville Fiber Guild Annual Open House

When: Sunday September 17, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Where: Auditorium at the Main Library
915 Monroe Street, Huntsville

Bring show-and-tell and a friend. Members are asked to bring finger food for our guests. Have you learned a new technique you're willing to teach us? Bring ideas for programs.

We will elect officers for the upcoming 2017-2018 year.

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.

Fiber Study Group – New Name and Purpose

The *Weaving Study Group* has been changed to the *Fiber Study Group* to encourage spinners, knitters, crocheters, etc. to join us. The *Fiber Study Group* will meet the second and fourth Tuesday at 6:45 in the Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church. The *Fiber Study Group* is for people of all skill levels. Everyone is welcome to come when your schedule permits. All guild members are welcome, whatever your fiber activity. 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.

On Tuesday September 26, you are invited to learn a kumi himo braid with 12 strands. The braid is round with a spiral ridge. You will also learn how to add beads to your work.

Fish Bowl Drawing: On Tuesday October 10, 6:45 p.m., at the *Fiber Study Group*, we'll seek inspiration in a *Fish Bowl Drawing*. (The answer is, I don't know what that is either. Come to find out.)

Color Gamp Unveiling: On Tuesday October 24, 6:45 p.m., at the *Fiber Study Group*, the color gamps will be unveiled. We started the project on March 18. Is 220 days enough to finish a color gamp?

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.

Upcoming Marbling Workshop

We are starting to plan a *Marbling Workshop* by Pat Thomas. The details are not complete. Keep watch for more news.

Pat Thomas is a full-time studio artist from Sevierville, Tennessee. She is a surface design, marbling, paper and fabric artist who is also co-owner of the historic Cliff Dwellers Gallery in Gatlinburg. Pat teaches private lessons, conducts workshops, and instructs classes at locations including Arrowmont and John C. Campbell

Folk School. Her work is represented and collected internationally. Visit her on www.Facebok.com/SeenMyMarbles.

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* ...," 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.

Bobbin Lace Classes

Constitution Village Lacers is working at a new meeting place and a new time since August. 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 September 11 and October 9.

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.

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 @ Bailey Cove in September

On Wednesday September 13, 20 and 27, and October 4, 2017, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., *Crochet for Beginners* will be taught at the Bailey Cove Library. 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 September 11.

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.

Special Days for Fiber Folks

See Interweave.com for ideas to celebrate *World Wide Spin in Public Day* on Saturday September 16. See WeaveSpinDye.org for ideas to celebrate *Spinning and Weaving Week* October 2 – 8.

Spin 2017 with SPARKLE Studio

When: Saturday, September 16, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Flying Monkey Theater, 2nd Floor at Lowe Mill ARTS & Entertainment
2211 Seminole Drive SW, Huntsville, AL 35805

You are invited to join us for a day of fiber fun on September 16. Activities at this event will focus on weaving and spinning, but everyone is welcome to attend and bring whatever project you would like to work on with you. Tables and chairs and plenty of space for spinning wheels and looms will be available.

- Special gift for first 25 people to arrive.*
- Door prizes throughout the day.
- Small selection of vendors for your fiber needs.
- Fleece to Shawl Competition: Watch Lowe Mill studio teams card, spin and weave fiber into a shawl on a triloom.
 - Finished shawls will be available to purchase through a silent auction.
 - Vote on your favorite shawl to receive a special Spinner's Choice award.

The event is free, but we ask everyone to register for a free ticket so we can prepare the theater with adequate seating and make nametags for everyone.

Facebook Event Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/110990736252180>

Eventbrite Ticket Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/110990736252180>

Sponsored by SPARKLE Studio, a collaboration of Amy Shelton of Crochetville and Roo Kline of Moonwood Farm

* Free gifts are very limited. Friends or family members who attend with you but do not practice any fiber arts activities should not take a free gift and should leave it for someone who will use and appreciate it.

Birmingham Annual Fiber Frenzy

On Saturday September 9, 10:00 a.m., the *Greater Birmingham Fiber Guild* is presenting the *Annual Fiber Frenzy* at Hoover Church of Christ Fellowship Hall. Come see what we are all about! Weaving, spinning, dyeing, knitting, tatting, crochet, etc. We love all things fiber related. There will be demonstrations, vendors and lots to see and feel. See facebook.com/greaterbirminghamfiberguild.

If you're planning to attend the *Fiber Frenzy* and want GBFG to provide lunch for you, email workshops @greaterbirminghamfiberguild.com by Sunday September 3.

Weaving Hints from Madelyn van der Hoogt

See www.interweave.com/article/weaving/ask-madelyn-most-popular/ for the answers to the most popular weaving questions Madelyn has answered in her *Handwoven* blog.

Printing Help for Your Computer

Here are two websites recommended to help you with printing. PrintFriendly.com helps with web pages by tweaking the formatting and removing unnecessary parts. SmallPDF.com turns several file formats into a PDF file.

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.)

Peinhardt Living History Farm Workshop 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 there will be **Fiber Workshops** at *Peinhardt Living History Farm*.

See PeinhardtLHF.tumblr.com for more information and location in Cullman and driving directions. Email PeinhardtLHF@gmail.com to pre-register.

There are two **Basket Study Group** meetings remaining in 2017, Sunday September 10 and October 8, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. We'll be making a tote/purse basket. The supply fee is \$8, to be paid to leader at beginning of workshop. This class is open to adults and youth ages 14 and up.

Weave a 4.5" x 9" x 8" tall tote/purse basket. Learn how to handle reed, fill in the bottom and shape a basket. Learn to dye reed to decorate your basket. The finished basket will have two handles from nylon rope.

Both beginners and experienced basket makers are welcome. No basket making experience is required. You can work on the basket the group is making, or finish a basket you started earlier.

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

The 2018 **Basket Study Group** meetings are planned the second Sunday of the month, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., February through September, 2018, except in May. Before driving long distances, check **PeinhardtLHF.tumblr.com** to find updates to this schedule. These meetings are open to adults and youth ages 14 and up. The planned 2018 dates are: Sunday February 11, March 11, April 8, (*no May meeting due to Mother's Day*), June 10, July 8, August 12 and September 9.

No basket making experience is required. You can work on the basket the group is making, or finish a basket you started earlier. Find the group basket (and the supply fee) on **PeinhardtLHF.tumblr.com** the month before the meeting. You will pay for the basket making supplies when you start a basket.

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

Pre-Register a week before the Meeting: Email **PeinhardtLHF@gmail.com** to pre-register and reserve your supplies. You will be welcome if you don't pre-register, but there may not be enough supplies.

The 2018 **Tatting Study Group** meetings are planned the third Saturday of the month, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., February through September, 2018, except in May. Before driving long distances, check **PeinhardtLHF.tumblr.com** to find updates to this schedule. The planned 2018 dates are: Saturday February 17, March 17, April 21, (*no May meeting*), June 16, July 21, August 18 and September 15.

Beginners and experienced tatters are welcome! Bring projects you have been working on or need help with. Bring your own supplies: tatting needle, cotton crochet thread and pattern if you have one. For beginners, size 5 tatting needle and size 10 cotton crochet thread are suggested. There will be supplies to share at the meeting.

The **Fiber Workshops** are planned the fourth Saturday of the month, starting at 9:00 a.m., February through August, 2018, except in May, when the meeting will be the third Saturday. Before driving long distances, check **PeinhardtLHF.tumblr.com** to find updates to this schedule. The planned 2018 **Fiber Workshops** are: **Wet Felting**, February 24, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; **3-D Needle Felting**, March 24, 9:00 a.m.; **Spinning on Drop Spindle and Wheel**, April 28, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; **Colorful Silk Scarves with Sharpies and Tissue Paper**, May 19, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (*May Workshop is third Saturday due to Memorial Day weekend*); **Natural Dyeing**, June 23, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; **Weaving Bands With the Inkle Loom**, July 28, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; and **Rug Braiding**, August 25, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Pre-Register a week before the Workshop: Email **PeinhardtLHF@gmail.com** to pre-register and reserve your supplies. You will be welcome if you don't pre-register, but there may not be enough supplies.

Atlanta Needle Felting Workshop

On Saturday and Sunday, September 23-24, the *Chattahoochee Handweavers Guild* will present **Needle Felting a Character Doll Face** by Irene Heckel. See chgweb.com or contact workshops@chgweb.com for more information.

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/>

Loom For Sale

For sale: 40" Macomber loom located in Blountsville, about an hour from Huntsville. Contact susfin41@otelco.net.

Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday September 26, 5:00 p.m., is the deadline for contributions to the October newsletter. Send contributions by e-mail to **HsvFiber@gmail.com**.

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Upcoming Huntsville Fiber Guild Events

Tue September 26	Deadline for contributions to October newsletter
Tue September 12, 6:45	Fiber Study Group, Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church
Sun September 17, 2-4	Annual Open House in Main Library Auditorium, election of officers
Tue September 26, 6:45	Fiber Study Group, Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church Learn a 12-strand kumi himo braid, and how to add beads
Tue October 10, 6:45	Fiber Study Group, Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church Fish Bowl Drawing
Sat October 21	Possible spinning video
Tue October 24, 6:45	Fiber Study Group, Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church Color Gamp Unveiling
Sat January 6, 2018	Roc Day

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 email WeavingBasicsw@yahoo.com.

<i>Introduction to Hairpin Lace @ Murphy</i>	Thu Sep 7, 10:00-12:00
<i>Hand-Stitched Applique @ Main</i>	Tue Sep 12, 6:30-8:30
<i>Crochet for Beginners @ Bailey Cove</i>	Wed Sep 13, 20 and 27, 5:00-7:00
<i>Foundation Piecing a Quilt Block @ Madison</i>	Fri Sep 22, 10:00-12:00
<i>Bias Weaving on the Rectangle Loom @ Bailey Cove</i>	Sat Sep 30, 10:00-4:00
<i>Weave a Scarf on Soda Straws @ Murphy</i>	Thu Oct 5, 10:00-12:00
<i>Paint a Gourd Birdhouse @ Main</i>	Tue Oct 10, 6:30-8:30
<i>Weave a Melon/Egg Basket @ Madison</i>	Friday October 27, 9:00-3:00
<i>Crochet a Mobius Cowl/Scarf Without Seams @ Murphy</i>	Thu Nov 2, 10:00-12:00
<i>Introduction to Hairpin Lace @ Main</i>	Tue Nov 14, 6:30-8:30
<i>Holiday Wreath in Fabric @ Madison</i>	Fri Nov 17, 10:00-12:00
<i>Holiday Wreath in Fabric @ Murphy</i>	Fri Dec 7, 10:00-12:00
<i>Holiday Wreath in Fabric @ Main</i>	Tue Dec 12, 6:30-8:30

**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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