

Open Sheds

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What: Color and Yarn Designer for Spinners

When: Saturday October 21, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Where: Madison Public Library,
130 Plaza Boulevard, Madison.

Come watch a video presented by Deb Menz. Learn how Deb designs yarns that are rich, intriguing, complex and effective. Deb shows how to use a photo for inspiration, learn simple principles of color harmony, and train your eye to analyze the components of color.

The group will then discuss possible study projects. Some initial ideas might be:

- using a photo to design a yarn
- creating samples of color harmonies
- comparing color blends in singles, plies, knitting and weaving
- doing a group purchase of colored roving and creating a yarn with 6 to 12 mixes of colors.

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* usually meets 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 October 10 and 24. Suggest a topic you want to discuss at the meetings.

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 weaving a color gamp?

Weave Towels: On Tuesday November 14 and 28, we will meet at a member's home in Toney to dress looms for towels. We will weave the towels on Saturday December 2. Contact the guild for driving directions. 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.

Homemade Soap – A Lost Art

When: Saturday November 4, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Where: Eleanor Murphy Public Library, 7910 Charlotte Drive SW, Huntsville.

Supply fee: \$15, due by October 27, mail check to Huntsville Fiber Guild, PO Box 1562 Huntsville, AL 35807.

Open to persons ages 14 years and up.

Learn to make all natural handmade soap. This will not be “melt and pour” but “from scratch” homemade soap. Like grandma did it but better. You will learn to make your own soap and take home 2 pounds per person.

You'll learn how to safely handle lye, the properties that the various oils give to soap, how to use scents and how to make your own soap recipes.

Pre-register by October 27. Do not send cash through the mail. Make check payable to Huntsville Fiber Guild. Mail check to Huntsville Fiber Guild, PO Box 1562, Huntsville, AL 35807.

Please wear clothes that could get dirty, long sleeve shirts, long pants and closed toe shoes if possible.

Weave a Towel – A Two-Part Workshop

Part 1 – Dress a Loom for a Towel

When: Tuesday November 14 and 28, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Member's home in Toney, contact the guild for driving directions.

Start at the beginning by learning how to select the warp and weft and the pattern. We will measure the warp and dress the looms for weaving towels. We have five looms available for ***Part 2 – Weave a Towel*** workshop which need to be dressed. You are welcome to bring your own loom at these times to prepare for the December 2 workshop. No experience is required. Bring a chair, notepaper and pencil.

Part 2 - Weave a Towel

When: Saturday December 2, 9:00 a.m.

Where: Member's home in Toney, contact the guild for driving directions.

Supply fee: TBD, due at beginning of workshop.

We will weave towels on the looms we prepared earlier. No experience is required. You *do not* have to attend ***Part 1 – Dress a Loom for a Towel*** in order to attend this workshop. Pre-register by November 26 to reserve a loom or to reserve a space for your loom at the workshop. You will be welcome if you do not pre-register, but you might have to wait for equipment. Bring a chair.

Creators Fair

On Saturday October 28, 2017, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., the Huntsville-Madison County Main Library will present a *Creators Fair!* This event replaces the craft show last year. The Huntsville Fiber Guild will have a table to demonstrate fiber arts and crafts, and invite people to learn more about the guild. This is an opportunity to advertise the Huntsville Fiber Guild and our upcoming events: *Handmade Soap* on November 4, *Weave Towels* on December 2 and *Roc Day* on January 6.

Please consider coming to demonstrate your favorite fiber activity. You can come for one hour, or more. I will be there the whole time so you won't be by yourself.

Bring items for display that won't be hurt by visitors handling them.

The library has also invited local 3D printers associations as well as some of the Makers groups. The purpose is to show Huntsville what a strong Creator Community that we have. The library will also be offering a free class on using 3D printers that afternoon at 2:00 p.m. and a Repair Café from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Lots is happening.

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 October 9 and November 13.

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.

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.

Crochet for Beginners @ Main in October

On Tuesday October 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2017, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., *Crochet for Beginners* will be taught at the Main Library. There is no supply fee. This class is open to adults and youth ages 14 and up. Pre-register by email to **WeavingBasics@yahoo.com** by October 7.

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, and you want other days and times, or classes for youth under 14, let me know.

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

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.)

Fiber in the 'Boro

On Saturday October 21, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Fiber in the 'Boro will be held in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. See FiberInTheBoro.com for details.

Kathrin Weber Workshops in Nashville

On November 11-12, or November 13-14, the *Handweavers Guild of Nashville* will present Kathrin Weber's workshop, *Focus on the Warp*. For more information, contact email ElaineAldous@bellsouth.net or DTodhunt@bellsouth.net.

Peinhardt Living History Farm Workshop News

At *Peinhardt Living History Farm*, two of the study groups will continue to meet in 2018, 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.

Only one **Basket Study Group** meeting remains in 2017, Sunday 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.

Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday October 24, 5:00 p.m., is the deadline for contributions to the November newsletter. Send contributions by e-mail to **HsvFiber@gmail.com**.

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Upcoming Huntsville Fiber Guild Events

Tue Oct 10, 6:45 Fiber Study Group, Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church
Fish Bowl Drawing
Sat Oct 21, 1:30-4:30 Color and Yarn Designer for Spinners, Madison Library
Tue Oct 24, 6:45 Fiber Study Group, Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church
Color Gamp Unveiling
Tue Oct 24 Deadline for contributions to November newsletter
Sat Oct 28, 1:00-4:00 Creators Fair at Main Library
Sat Nov 4 Handmade Soap, Murphy Library
Tue Nov 14, 6:30 Fiber Study Group, Dress a Loom for a Towel at member's house
Tue Nov 28, 6:30 Fiber Study Group, Dress a Loom for a Towel at member's house
Sat Dec 2, 9:00 Weave a Towel at member's house
Sat Jan 6, 2018 Roc Day
Sat Apr 7, 2018 Family Farm and Market Day, Alabama Agribition Center

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 WeavingBasics@yahoo.com.

Weave a Scarf on Soda Straws @ Murphy

Crochet for Beginners @ Main

Paint a Gourd Birdhouse @ Main

Weave a Melon/Egg Basket @ Madison

Crochet a Mobius Cowl/Scarf Without Seams @ Murphy

Hand-Stitched Applique @ Main @ Main

Holiday Wreath in Fabric @ Madison

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Thu Oct 5, 10:00-12:00

Tue Oct 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1:00-3:00

Tue Oct 10, 6:30-8:30

Friday Oct 27, 9:00-3:00

Thu Nov 2, 10:00-12:00

Tue Nov 14, 6:30-8:30

Fri Nov 17, 10:00-12:00

Fri Dec 7, 10:00-12:00

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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