

Open Sheds

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Weave a Towel with the Huntsville Fiber Guild – A Two-Part Workshop

Part 1 – Dress a Loom for a Towel

When: Thursday November 2, 1:00 p.m.;

Tuesday November 14 and 28, 6:00 p.m.

Attend one or more, your choice.

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. – 4:00 p.m.

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

Supply fee: \$15 for first towel, due at pre-registration; \$5 for each additional towel, due at workshop.

Pre-register by November 18.

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.

See the attached *Registration Form*. Pre-register by November 18 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.

Contact the Huntsville Fiber Guild for more information: **HsvFiber @gmail.com** or leave a message at **256-384-5515**.

Color Design for Spinning

After viewing Deb Menz's video *Color Design in Spinning*, a group of us would like to do a study. At one of our meetings, we will dye a variety of wool. We will design and spin yarn using Deb Menz's principles. We will then share our samples. To join us or for more information, please contact **CMLaymon @comcast.net**. We are looking at approximately \$50 cost for the dyes and fiber.

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Fiber Study Group

The *Fiber Study Group* meetings in November will be used to prepare weaving looms for the *Weave a Towel Workshop* on December 2. 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 November 14 and 28, 6:00 p.m., at a member's home in Toney. Contact the guild for directions. Suggest a topic for future 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.

Vendors Wanted for Craft Bazaar at Big Cove Presbyterian

On Saturday November 18, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., the Big Cove Presbyterian Church is hosting a *Craft Bazaar*. They are looking for a few vendors. The donation for a 6' x 6' booth is \$35. Please contact Julie Loggins at Julie.Loggins.Big.Cove.pcusa@gmail.com for details.

Third Annual Eleanor Murphy Library Craft Fair

On Saturday November 25, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., there will be a *Craft Fair* at the Eleanor Murphy Public Library (7910 Charlotte Drive SW, Huntsville). The Huntsville Fiber Guild will have a table for demonstrating fiber arts and advertising the guild. If you have some time to help, contact the guild. You do not have to stay the whole time.

Email APhillips@hmcpl.org if you want to apply for a table to sell items.

Festival of Trees

During the month of December, the Main Library (915 Monroe Street SW Huntsville) will have the annual *Festival of Trees*. We need to select a theme and make some ornaments. We do have some items from previous years. Contact the guild with your ideas.

We can set up our tree between November 30 and December 4. We'll choose a date and time when we know who wants to help.

Guild Plans for 2018

Saturday January 6, 2018, we will celebrate *Roc Day*. Friday-Sunday, March 16-18, 2018, the Huntsville Fiber Guild will host a *Marbling Workshop* taught by Pat Thomas. More details will come later.

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.

Constitution Village Lacers General Meeting

Constitution Village Lacers meets the second Monday of the month from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 980 Hughes Road Madison, Alabama. The next meetings will be November 13 and December 11. Our group is dedicated to furthering knowledge and practice of bobbin lace. Visitors are welcome. Come sit with an experienced lacemaker and learn how bobbin lace is made.

For directions and additional information on our group, please email worleysu@bellsouth.net.

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.

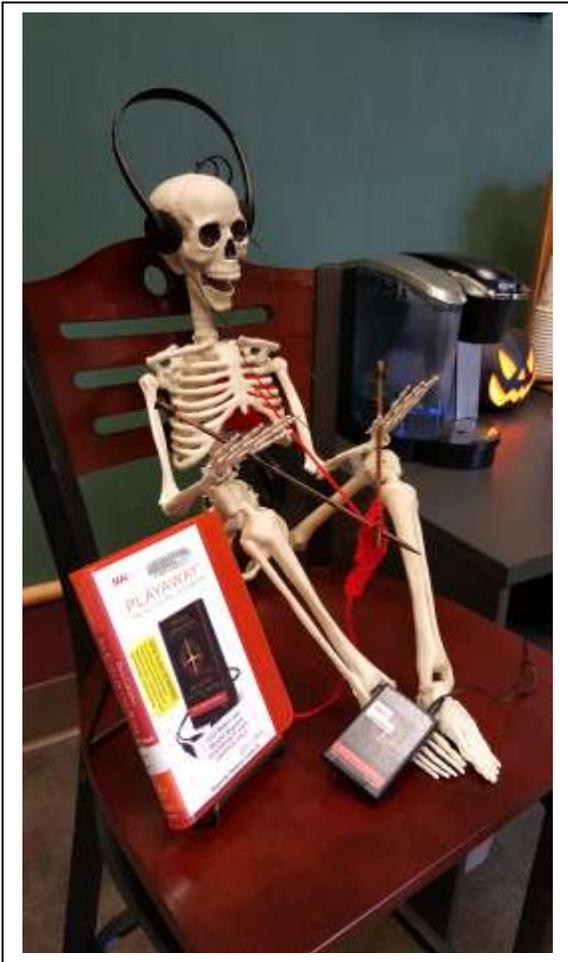
Please let us know if you're teaching any kind of fiber class or workshop, or know of other learning opportunities in the community. Non-profit classes, workshops and conferences will be advertised in the newsletter as a service to members. For-profit classes or workshops will be advertised for commercial members.

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.)

The Souvenir Skein – Is There Enough Yardage for a Scarf?

Follow this link to an Interweave article on estimating warp and weft:

<https://www.interweave.com/article/weaving/souvenir-skein-enough-yardage-scarf/>



Mindful Knitting Book Club

The Main Library (915 Monroe Street SW Huntsville) is starting a Monday morning *Mindful Knitting Book Club*. Beatrice is too excited to wait for the first meeting of our brand new book club, *Mindful Knitting!* Join us on October 30th at 10:00 a.m. in the *Readers Advisory* coffee nook (second floor) with your needles and yarn and gab away about whatever you are reading! We'll be there every Monday morning with our needles out!

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.

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 November 28, 5:00 p.m., is the deadline for contributions to the December newsletter. Send contributions by e-mail to HsvFiber@gmail.com.

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Upcoming Huntsville Fiber Guild Events

Thu Nov 2, 1:00	Fiber Study Group, Dress a Loom for a Towel at member's house
Sat Nov 4	Handmade Soap, Murphy Library
Tue Nov 14, 6:00	Fiber Study Group, Dress a Loom for a Towel at member's house
Sat Nov 25, 10:00	Craft Fair, Murphy Library
Tue Nov 28, 6:00	Fiber Study Group, Dress a Loom for a Towel at member's house
Tue Nov 28	Deadline for contributions to December newsletter
Sat Dec 2, 9:00	Weave a Towel at member's house
Sat Jan 6, 2018	Roc Day
Fri-Sun Mar 16-18	Marbling Workshop with Pat Thomas
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.

<i>Crochet a Mobius Cowl/Scarf Without Seams @ Murphy</i>	Thu Nov 2, 10:00-12:00
<i>Hand-Stitched Applique @ Main @ 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
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Weaving Classes
Mondays 9:00-1:00
Wednesdays 9:00-11:30
Weaving Room
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