

Open Sheds

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Weave a Wrapping Paper Basket

When: Tuesday December 12, 6:45 p.m.

Where: Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church.

Join us at the *Fiber Study Group* on December 12 to weave a basket from wrapping paper. Bring a roll of wrapping paper (foil paper looks great), scissors and string or yarn to complement the paper. Bring your finished towels from the December 2 *Weave a Towel* workshop, and ideas for *absolute* last minute gifts.

Deb Menz Study Group

We plan to have a Study Group to experiment with color and spinning. We will have a rerun of the Deb Menz's *Color in Spinning* DVD for those who missed the October viewing. We will then have a dye day to dye Merino fiber. Finally we will use Deb Menz's methods to create beautiful yarn. Contact the guild for questions. We are looking at approximately \$50 cost for the dyes and fiber.

Roc Day 2018

Saturday January 6, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., we will celebrate *Roc Day* in the Lowe Mill second floor classroom. There will be demonstrations of spinning, weaving, crocheting, knitting and other fiber arts. The sponsors will provide door prizes.

Last year about 50 visitors registered their attendance. Others dropped in when they saw/heard us.

You're needed to provide demonstrations to show what a "fiber guild" does.

If you know of a potential sponsor, contact the Guild. Sponsors are asked to donate at least one door prize. In return, sponsors will be listed on the advertising, and may have table space at the event to promote upcoming classes and business. Unfortunately, the terms of the rental agreement prohibit sales.

Great Gift Idea – Marbling Workshop

We are looking forward to having Pat Thomas teach a *Marbling Workshop* on Friday evening through Sunday, March 16-18, 2018. Registration and all the details will be sent soon. This is a great thing to put on your wish list.

Pat Thomas is a surface design, marbling, paper and fabric artist who is also co-owner of the historic Cliff Dwellers Gallery in Gatlingburg, Tennessee. Pat conducts workshops and classes at locations including Arrowmont and John C. Campbell Folk School. Her work is represented and collected internationally. See examples of her work at www.Facebook.com/SeenMyMarbles.

In our workshop, we will learn to float paint on thickened water, manipulate colors into traditional and contemporary patterns with simple tools, and print our own original marbled papers. Participants will progress

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through historic designs and branch out into the myriad number of adaptations possible. Techniques learned in this workshop can be adapted to fabric and three dimensional objects.

The fee for members will be \$150, unless payment is received before February 1, and you'll receive a 10% discount. The fee for non-members will be \$170, which includes the Guild membership fee.

Editor's Note: At John C. Campbell Folk School, the weekend workshops are \$354 plus lodging, meals and travel.

Fiber Study Group

There will be one *Fiber Study Group* meeting in December and one in January. See the details of the December 12 meeting in the first newsletter article. 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 first 2018 meeting will be Tuesday January 23, 6:45 p.m., in the Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church. Bring show-and-tell and your finished towels from the *Weave a Towel* workshop. Suggest a topic for future meetings.

Regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays will resume in the Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church in February. .

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.

Early Start on 2018 Library Tree Decorations

First, thanks to four members for setting up the tree at the library. While admiring our handiwork, we had a great idea.

The theme for the *2018 Library Tree* will be *Fiber Critters*. We will have sheep, rabbits, llamas, alpacas and silk worms on the tree. Exercise your creativity in designing these ornaments. Each month, we will share instructions for making a fiber critter so you can work on them as throughout the year.

Who will provide the first critter instructions?

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. We meet in room number H216. The next meeting will be December 11. The first 2018 meetings will be January 8, February 12 and March 12. 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](mailto: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.)

Mindful Knitting Book Club

The Main Library (915 Monroe Street SW Huntsville) is starting a Monday *Mindful Knitting Book Club*. Join us on Mondays at 1:00 p.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 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*. We will be adding **Children's Fiber Workshops** in 2018. The study groups, adult fiber workshops and children's fiber workshops will start in February.

See **PeinhardtLHF.tumblr.com** for more information and location in Cullman and driving directions. Email **PeinhardtLHF@gmail.com** to pre-register. **Pre-Register a week before the meetings** to reserve your supplies. You will be welcome if you don't pre-register, but there may not be enough supplies.

Have You Heard About . . .

Products for making rugs non-skid:

https://www.interweave.com/article/crochet/non-skid-rug-backing/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=cme-jre-nl-171106&utm_content=979600_EDT_CM171106&utm_medium=email&k=B1tXozLKSijJuHEzHjPiv05MUEcArttgJ8%2B6vHkAwjIw%3D

How to soften some scratchy yarns:

https://www.interweave.com/article/crochet/crochet-class-how-to-soften-yarn/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=cme-jre-nl-171116&utm_content=981608_EDT_CM171116&utm_medium=email&k=B1tXozLKSijJuHEzHjPiv05MUEcArttgJ8%2B6vHkAwjIw%3D

Please make contributions for the *HYHA* section of the newsletter. If you find it interesting or helpful, the chances are that someone else might also.

Early Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday December 19, 5:00 p.m., is the deadline for contributions to the January newsletter. Notice the early newsletter deadline. Send contributions by e-mail to **HsvFiber@gmail.com**.

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Upcoming Huntsville Fiber Guild Events

Sat Dec 2, 9-4	Weave a Towel
Tue Dec 12, 6:45	Fiber Study Group, Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church
Tue Dec 19	Deadline for contributions to January newsletter
Sat Jan 6, 2018, 10-3	Roc Day
Tue Jan 23, 6:45	Fiber Study Group, Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church
Fri-Sun Mar 16-18	Marbling Workshop with Pat Thomas
Sat Apr 7	Family Farm and Market Day, Alabama Agribition Center
Sat Jun 23	Natural Dyeing Workshop, Peinhardt Living History Farm, Cullman

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**.

Holiday Wreath in Fabric @ Murphy
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Thu Dec 7, 10:00-12:00
Tue Dec 12, 6:30-8:30

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12-Strand Kumi Himo Braid with Beads @ Murphy
Dinner Roll Rose @ Main

Thu Jan 4, 10:00-12:00
Tue Jan 9, 6:30-8:30

Braid a Mug Rug @ Murphy
Dinner Roll Rose @ Madison
12-Strand Kumi Himo Braid with Beads @ Main
Weave a Round Basket @ Madison

Thu Feb 1, 10:00-12:00
Fri Feb 2, 10:00-12:00
Tue Feb 13, 6:30-8:30
Fri Feb 23, 9:00-3:00

Crochet for Beginners @ Murphy
Paint a Gourd Birdhouse @ Main
12-Strand Kumi Himo Braid with Beads @ Madison

Thu Mar 1, 8, 15 and 22, 10:00-12:00
Tue Mar 13, 6:30-8:30
Fri Mar 23, 10:00-12:00

Origami Tote Bag @ Murphy
Braided Mug Rug @ Main
Weave a Melon/Egg Basket @ Madison

Thu Apr 5, 10:00-12:00
Tue Apr 10, 6:30-8:30
Fri Apr 27, 9:00-3:00

**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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