

# Open Sheds

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## Roc Day 2018

When: Saturday January 6, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.,

Where: Lowe Mill second floor classroom.

There will be demonstrations of spinning, weaving, crocheting, knitting and other fiber arts. You need to be there to show what a “fiber guild” does. The sponsors will provide door prizes.

We’ll work on the wrapping paper baskets started in the December 12 *Fiber Study Group*. If you want to start a wrapping paper basket, bring a roll of wrapping paper (foil paper looks great), scissors and string or yarn to complement the paper.

Help us with advertising by sharing the flyer attached to this newsletter.

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

## Directions to Lowe Mill Second Floor Classroom for Roc Day

There will be magnetic *Roc Day* signs on the orange doors that are the closest to the classroom. (All public doors are orange and have large numbers on them.) There will also be other signs pointing you in the correct direction.

The closest stairs are located at orange door #3. Going south on Seminole Drive, enter the complex at the first opening in the fence, drive past the unused guard shack and look for the door about two-thirds of the way down the building on the right. Park in the lot near door # 3. After going to the second floor, turn left and walk down the hall. The classroom will be on the right.

If you want to use the elevator, use orange door #13, located on the north end of the loading dock. Going south on Seminole Drive, enter the complex at the first opening in the fence, drive past the unused guard shack, proceed straight ahead and then to the right to the grassy parking area. You will see the large Lowe Mill water tower. The ramp is located at the south end of the loading dock and the elevator door is on the north end. Tell the elevator operator you want to go the classroom and get off on the second floor. Follow signs to the classroom.

## Deb Menz Study Group

Saturday February 17, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at Bailey Cove Library, we will have another opportunity to see Deb Menz’s *Color in Spinning* DVD.

We plan to have a *Study Group* to experiment with color and spinning. We will have a dye day to dye Merino fiber. Then we will use Deb Menz’s methods to create beautiful yarn. Contact CMLaymon @comcast.net for questions. We are looking at approximately \$50 cost for the dyes and fiber.

## Guild Contact Information

### Website

[www.HuntsvilleFiberArts.com](http://www.HuntsvilleFiberArts.com)

### Facebook and Ravelry

### E-mail Address

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Leave message at 256-384-5515

### Mailing Address

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## **Marbling Workshop in March**

We are looking forward to having Pat Thomas teach a *Marbling Workshop* on Friday evening through Sunday, March 16-18, 2018. See the information and registration form attached to this newsletter. Share the attached flyer to help us with advertising.

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 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 workshop fee for members will be \$150. As an incentive to register early, pay before February 1 for a 10% discount (\$135). The fee for non-members will be \$170, which includes the Guild membership fee (before February 1, \$155).

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](http://www.Facebook.com/SeenMyMarbles).

Editor's Note: At John C. Campbell Folk School, the weekend workshops are \$354 plus lodging, meals and travel. Our workshop sounds like a good deal to me.

## **Fiber Study Group**

There will be one *Fiber Study Group* meeting in January, then we'll resume meeting the second and fourth Tuesdays in February. 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. We'll discuss *weavettes*. Bring any weavette projects and tools. Bring show-and-tell and your finished towels from the *Weave a Towel* workshop. 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.

## **Successful Weave a Towel Workshop**

The twelve of us who participated in the Weave a Towel Workshop declare it a success. We are very grateful for the meeting place where we could work on ten looms, and leave them safely for several weeks.

## **Early Start on 2018 Library Tree Decorations**

The theme for the *2018 Library Tree* will be *Fiber Critters*. Those of us who set up the tree at the Main Library decided while sorting through the ornaments. 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. Pick your favorite fiber technique.

For January, I'm offering a crocheted sheep ornament. I found several crocheted sheep patterns on the internet, and came up with my own pattern. Contact the guild to receive the crochet sheep ornament pattern.

Who will provide the February critter instructions? Will the pattern be crochet, embroidery, felting, knitting, rug hooking, tapestry, weaving, wrapping? Contact the guild with your ideas.

## **Contacting the Huntsville Fiber Guild**

The website is [www.HuntsvilleFiberArts.com](http://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 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. 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, discounts 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.)

## 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 . . .

Using the color wheel for knitting and weaving – keep reading, it does deal with weaving too.

[https://www.interweave.com/article/knitting/colorwork-palette-stranded-knitting/?k=B1tXozLKSijJuHEzHjPiv05MUEcArttgJ8%2B6vHkAwjIw%3D&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_campaign=kd-jre-nl-171215](https://www.interweave.com/article/knitting/colorwork-palette-stranded-knitting/?k=B1tXozLKSijJuHEzHjPiv05MUEcArttgJ8%2B6vHkAwjIw%3D&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=kd-jre-nl-171215)

Definition of ease in fitting garments.

[https://www.interweave.com/article/crochet/garment-ease-crocheters-knitters/?k=B1tXozLKSijJuHEzHjPiv05MUEcArttgJ8%2B6vHkAwjIw%3D&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_campaign=cme-jre-nl-171218](https://www.interweave.com/article/crochet/garment-ease-crocheters-knitters/?k=B1tXozLKSijJuHEzHjPiv05MUEcArttgJ8%2B6vHkAwjIw%3D&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=cme-jre-nl-171218)

Temples.

[https://www.interweave.com/article/weaving/ask-madelyn-use-temple/?k=B1tXozLKSijJuHEzHjPiv05MUEcArttgJ8%2B6vHkAwjIw%3D&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_campaign=wt-tsa-nl-171220-handwoven-scarves-black-white](https://www.interweave.com/article/weaving/ask-madelyn-use-temple/?k=B1tXozLKSijJuHEzHjPiv05MUEcArttgJ8%2B6vHkAwjIw%3D&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=wt-tsa-nl-171220-handwoven-scarves-black-white)

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.

## Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday January 23, 5:00 p.m., is the deadline for contributions to the February newsletter. Send contributions by e-mail to **HsvFiber@gmail.com**.

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## Upcoming Huntsville Fiber Guild Events

Sat Jan 6, 2018, 10-3 Roc Day, Lowe Mill second floor classroom  
Tue Jan 23, 6:45 Fiber Study Group, Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church, Weavettes  
Tue Jan 23 February newsletter deadline  
Sat Feb 17, 10-1 Deb Menz's *Color in Spinning* DVD, Bailey Cove Library  
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  
Sat Sept 1 Huntsville Fiber Guild has a display case at Main Library

## 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](http://WeavingBasics.tumblr.com) for details or email [WeavingBasics@yahoo.com](mailto:WeavingBasics@yahoo.com).

*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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