

Open Sheds

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What: Color and Yarn Designer for Spinners

When: Saturday February 17, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Where: Bailey Cove Library

1409 Weatherly Plaza SE, Huntsville

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.

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.

Project Time: All Are Invited

On Saturday February 17, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at Bailey Cove Library, all are invited to bring their current projects and show-and-tell. Not a spinner? You can use the reserved space to work on other fiber projects. The room is big enough.

What: Dress a Rigid Heddle Loom

When: Tuesday February 27, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Where: Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church

Learn to dress a rigid heddle loom using a warping peg, called "direct warping." The plan is to make a warp 6" wide and 8' long. Bring firm worsted weight yarn, at least 160 yards for the warp and 160 yards for the weft. Bring your rigid heddle loom in working order with 10 epi or 8 epi reed, and warping peg. If your loom doesn't have a stand, bring 2 C-clamps. There will be a few rigid heddle looms available if you don't have one and want to learn. Contact the guild by February 20 to reserve your seat in this workshop, as space will be limited. Also, reserve a loom by contacting the guild.

Fiber Study Group

During the *Fiber Study Group* on February 27, some of us will be learning to dress a rigid heddle loom. 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. Bring your show and tell. If you want to work on a project or talk about fiber, join us. Bring your fiber questions!

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The February meeting will be Tuesday February 27, 6:30 p.m., in the Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church. 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.

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.

Successful Roc Day

Over 120 people attended Roc Day. Thanks to all who supplied door prizes and organized the event. Thanks to those of you who came to show what a fiber guild is about.

We Enjoyed Weavettes

At the January *Fiber Study Group*, we learned how to make lavender sachets on weavette looms.

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 February, I'm offering a crocheted rabbit ornament. This one is very simple. There are lots of rabbit patterns on the internet. See <http://whiskersandwool.blogspot.com/2011/04/easter-marshmallow-bunnies-free-pattern.html> for one of the patterns I'm using. There is one error: in Rnd 2, change pattern from "... 2 dc in last st. ..." to "2 dc in next st, 2 sc in last st. ..." I will add half of a cotton puff or pom pom for the bunny tail.

Who will provide the March critter instructions? Will the pattern be crochet, embroidery, felting, knitting, rug hooking, tapestry, weaving, wrapping? Make a sample, and contact the guild with your ideas.

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 meetings will be 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.

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.

Needle Tatting and Crochet for Beginners Classes to be Scheduled

There is already a set of **Needle Tatting for Beginners** classes scheduled, Thursday February 8, 15, 22 and March 1, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., at the Main Library.

Learn to make lace with a tatting needle. You'll learn the basic stitches and how to read patterns. Class projects include trims that can be attached to handkerchiefs and garments, and ornaments that can be starched or glued to note cards. Homework is required. No tatting experience is required. Pre-register by February 2 by email to **WeavingBasics@yahoo.com**.

There is no fee for these classes. Students will receive a handout by email. Students must provide their own supplies. The book *Learn Needle Tatting Step-by-Step* by Barbara Foster is recommended, but not required. Students need a size 5 tatting needle, size 10 crochet cotton, and scissors. The tatting needle and book can perhaps be purchased locally, or see HHTatting.com.

If you're interested in learning needle tatting or crochet, email **WeavingBasics @yahoo.com** with the days and times that are most convenient for you. I try to collect a few people who have the same preferences to schedule classes. I teach these classes at some of the libraries, such as the Main Library, Bailey Cove Library and Eleanor Murphy Library.

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 February workshops in Cullman are:

Sun Feb 11, 2-4	Basket Study Group – Weave a Basket Over a Jar
Sat Feb 17, 10-12	Tatting Study Group
Sat Feb 24, 9-3	Wet Felting – Adult Fiber Workshop
Sun Feb 25, 2-4	Knit a Scarf With Your Arms – No Needles! – Children's Fiber Workshop

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.

Backstrap Weaving with Greater Birmingham Fiber Guild

The *Greater Birmingham Fiber Guild* will present two backstrap weaving workshops with Laverne Waddington: *Complementary-Warp Pick-Up* on April 2 and 3 and *Double Weave* on April 4 and 5. Registration details are not available yet. See <http://greaterbirminghamfiberguild.blogspot.com/> for details when they become available.

Have You Heard About . . .

Drop Spindle for Beginners

https://www.interweave.com/article/spinning/about-drop-spindle-spinning/?k=B1tXozLKSiJuHEzHjPiv05MUEcArttgJ8%2B6vHkAwjIw%3D&utm_medium=email&utm_source=undefined&utm_campaign=undefined

Spinning Silk

<https://www.interweave.com/article/spinning/taking-easy-spinning-silk-sara-lamb/>

Antique Patterns

<http://www.antiquepatternlibrary.org/html/warm/catalog.htm#TOP>

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.

Florida Tropical Weavers Conference

March 15-18, in Leesburg, Florida, at the Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center, the Florida Tropical Weavers Guild will present their state weaving conference. There will be lots of fiber workshops. See the details at www.ftwg.org. Registration ends February 25.

Weaving Equipment For Sale # 1

Ashford 8-inch Sample It Loom (rigid heddle) with 4 extra heddles (very good condition) \$185 (new \$237). Schacht Inkle Loom (used once) \$90 (new \$114.95). 9-yard Warping Board \$60 (new \$73). Contact the guild if interested.

Weaving Equipment For Sale # 2

Schacht Baby Wolf 4- shaft/7 treadle with a reed. I'm asking \$900 for it. Harrisville 22" 8 shaft/10 treadle with a reed. I'm asking \$800 for it. Harrisville Rug Loom 60" 4 shaft . If you have ever wanted one let's talk. Contact the guild if interested.

Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday February 27, 5:00 p.m., is the deadline for contributions to the March newsletter. Send contributions by e-mail to **HsvFiber@gmail.com**.

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Upcoming Huntsville Fiber Guild Events

Sat Feb 17, 10-1	Deb Menz's <i>Color in Spinning</i> DVD, Bailey Cove Library
Tue Feb 27, 6:30	Fiber Study Group, Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church
Tue Feb 27	March newsletter deadline
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 for details or email WeavingBasics@yahoo.com.

Braid a Mug Rug @ Murphy

Dinner Roll Rose @ Madison

Introduction to Needle Tatting @ Main

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

Thu Feb 8, 15, 22 and Mar 1, 4-6

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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