

Open Sheds

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What: Deb Menz Study Group - Dyeing for Color and Yarn Design

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

Where: Member's home in Toney, AL

After seeing *Color in Spinning* by Deb Menz, we have decided to study mixing colored fiber using drum carders and/or hand carders. On March 10 we will dye merino fiber for our study. We will meet on Saturday April 28, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., to card our various colored merino and spin to create yarn using Deb Menz's techniques.

All are welcome to both or either event. If you want some of the dyed fiber, contact CMLaymon @comcast.net. The fee for the fiber is yet to be determined.

Email the guild for driving directions.

Fiber Study Group

The next *Fiber Study Group* meeting will be Tuesday March 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cooper house. Bring all those UFO's (UnFinished Objects - I bet you started a project in January and got busy and it isn't finished yet) and enjoy talking fiber. Bring you finished projects has well for show and tell. Hopefully the new rigid heddle weavers will bring their finished scarves to show off. Everyone is welcome – come spin, knit, weave, crochet,etc.

We will not meet the fourth Tuesday in March, the 27th. We plan to meet both the second and fourth Tuesdays in April.

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 still have room for 2 people in the Marbling Workshop March 16-18. Please send in your registration ASAP if you want to be able to take this great class. Marbling is great fun and Pat is a great teacher!

The Marbling Workshop with Pat K. Thomas is 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.

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The workshop fee for members will be \$150. The fee for non-members will be \$170, which includes the Guild membership fee.

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.

We Enjoyed Rigid Heddles

At the February *Fiber Study Group*, we learned how to dress a rigid heddle loom using a warping peg, called “direct warping.”

2018 Family Farm Day & Market

On Saturday April 7, the *Tennessee Valley Women in Agriculture* will present the free *Family Farm Day & Market* at the Alabama Agribition Center. The festival hours are 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Set up will be 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. on festival day, or Friday April 6, 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The Huntsville Fiber Guild will have a demonstration booth, and hands-on activities for children. If you want to be a vendor, see www.tvwomeninag.com for details.

Are you willing to help represent the Huntsville Fiber Guild at this event? Bring equipment and display items that can be touched by visitors. Do you have ideas for hands-on children’s activities? You do not have to stay the entire day. We have to supply our own tables and chairs. Contact the guild so we can make arrangements for enough table space.

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.

The March ornament is a sheep woven on a weavette. Contact the guild for directions.

Who will provide the April 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 March 12 and April 9. 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.

Crochet for Beginners and Needle Tatting Classes Can Be Scheduled

Crochet for Beginners and *Introduction to Needle Tatting* classes can be scheduled to suit your schedule. 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

Activities at *Peinhardt Living History Farm* include the *Basket Study Group*, the *Tatting Study Group*, *Adult Fiber Workshops* and *Children's Fiber Workshops* in 2018.

The March workshops in Cullman are:

Sun Mar 11, 2–4	Basket Study Group
Sat Mar 17, 10–12	Tatting Study Group
Sat Mar 24, 9–3	3-D Needle Felting: Black Faced Sheep – Adult Fiber Workshop, pre-register by March 14

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. See <http://greaterbirminghamfiberguild.blogspot.com/> for details.

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.

Fiber Festival Listings

April 20-22, 2018, *Smoky Mountain Fiber Arts Festival* in Townsend, Tennessee. see <http://www.townsendartisansguild.net/fiber-arts.html> and on Facebook.

May 12, 2018, *R&M Yarns Fiber Education Festival*, see <https://www.rmyarns.com/>.

May 5-6, 2018, *Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival*, see <http://sheepandwool.org/>.

May 19-20, 2018, *Kentucky Sheep and Fiber Festival*, see <https://www.kentuckysheepandfiber.com/>.

May 25-26, 2018, *Middle Tennessee Fiber Festival*, see www.tnfiberfestival.com/.

Newsletter Deadline

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

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Upcoming Huntsville Fiber Guild Events

Sat Mar 10	Deb Menz Study Group Dye Day
Tue Mar 13, 6:30	Fiber Study Group, Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church
Fri-Sun Mar 16-18	Marbling Workshop with Pat Thomas
Tue Mar 27	April newsletter deadline
Sat Apr 7	Family Farm Day and Market, Alabama Agribition Center
Sat Apr 28	Deb Menz Study Group Carding and Spinning
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.

Crochet for Beginners @ Murphy

Thu Mar 1, 8, 15 and 22, 10:00-12:00

Simple Bookbinding @ Main

Tue Mar 13, 6:30-8:30

12-Strand Kumi Himo Braid with Beads @ Madison

Fri Mar 23, 10:00-12:00

Origami Tote Bag @ Murphy

Thu Apr 12, 10:00-12:00

Braided Mug Rug @ Main

Tue Apr 10, 6:30-8:30

Weave a Melon/Egg Basket @ Madison

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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