

# Open Sheds

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## **What: Deb Menz Study Group - Carding for Color and Yarn Design**

When: Saturday April 28, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Where: Member's home in Toney, AL

After seeing *Color in Spinning* by Deb Menz, we decided to study mixing colored fiber using drum carders and/or hand carders. On March 10 we dyed merino fiber for our study. We will meet on Saturday April 28, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., to card wool dyed at last study group meeting. We may have time to spin some samples.

All are welcome to attend even if you've not attended the first two events.

For those members that want to take fiber to continue the study, please email [CMLaymon @comcast.net](mailto:CMLaymon@comcast.net). We need to know before April 26 so we can split the wool, and determine the cost.

Email the guild for driving directions.

## **Fiber Study Group**

The next *Fiber Study Group* meetings will be Tuesday April 10 and 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cooper house. Bring all those UFO's (UnFinished Objects) and enjoy talking fiber. Bring your finished projects as well for show and tell: finished towels, scarves, marbled paper and fabric, and fiber critters for the library tree. Everyone is welcome – come spin, knit, weave, crochet, etc.

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.

## **2018 Family Farm Day & Market**

Can you spare a couple of hours to promote the Huntsville Fiber Guild on April 7?

On Saturday April 7, the *Tennessee Valley Women in Agriculture* will present the free *Family Farm Day & Market* at the Alabama Agribition Center (4925 Moores Mill Road Huntsville). 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 Saturday April 7, 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](http://www.tvwomeninag.com) for details.

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.

## **Guild Contact Information**

### **Website**

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

### **Facebook and Ravelry**

### **E-mail Address**

[HsvFiber @gmail.com](mailto:HsvFiber@gmail.com)

### **Telephone Number**

Leave message at 256-384-5515

### **Mailing Address**

Huntsville Fiber Guild

PO Box 1562

Huntsville, AL 35807

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

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. Pick your favorite fiber technique.

The April ornament is a rabbit made from a square. It can be a woven, knitted or crocheted square. See or <http://wonderfuldiy.com/wonderful-diy-easy-knitted-square-bunny/> or <https://www.studioknitsf.com/how-to-knit-a-bunny-from-a-square-for-easter/>.

Who will provide the May 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](http://www.HuntsvilleFiberArts.com). The telephone number is **256-384-5515**. Please leave a message, and an officer will reply to your message. (If you don't leave a message, we'll assume you are a telemarketer, and won't attempt to return the call.) 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 – Suzy Worley**

*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 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.

### **Marbling Workshop Review**

The *Marbling Workshop* by Pat K. Thomas was great. There were 8 members who benefited from learning how to make the historic patterns. We used carragheenan (her spelling) instead of methyl cellulose. We worked on paper, fabric, a bear and an egg. Thanks to all who made the workshop possible.

### **Crochet for Beginners and Needle Tatting Classes To Fit Your Schedule**

*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 upcoming workshops in Cullman are:

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| Sun Apr 8, 2–4         | Basket Study Group  |
| Sat Apr 21, 10–12      | Tatting Study Group   |
| Sat Apr 28, 9–1        | Spinning on Drop Spindle and Wheel – Adult Fiber Workshop                   |
| Sat Apr 28, 3-5        | Weave a Basket – Children’s Fiber Workshop                                  |
| Sat May 19, 9:30–11:30 | Colorful Silk Scarves with Sharpies and Tissue Paper – Adult Fiber Workshop |
| Sun Jun 10, 2–4        | Basket Study Group – Weave a “Magnum” Basket                                |
| Sat Jun 16, 10–12      | Tatting Study Group   |
| Sat Jun 23, 9–3        | Natural Dyeing – Adult Fiber Workshop                                       |

See [PeinhardtLHF.tumblr.com](http://PeinhardtLHF.tumblr.com) for more information and location in Cullman and driving directions. Email [PeinhardtLHF@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### **Spring Farm Days at Burritt on the Mountain**

On Friday April 6 through Sunday April 8, *Burritt on the Mountain* will present *Spring Farm Days*. If you are willing to demonstrate weaving, call 256-512-0146 for the details. For more information on the event, see <https://burrittonthemountain.com/event/spring-farm-days/>.

### **Have You Heard About . . .**

Determining Warp Setts

<https://www.interweave.com/article/weaving/ask-madelyn-choosing-setts/>

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.

### **Fiber Festival Listings**

April 20-22, 2018, *Smoky Mountain Fiber Arts Festival* in Townsend, Tennessee. see <http://www.townsendartisanguild.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/](http://www.tnfiberfestival.com/).

### **Weaving Equipment For Sale**

Two 4-harness, six treadle Newcomb Floor Looms, 46-inch weaving width, no reeds. \$500 (OBO). Will deliver within 100 miles of Huntsville.

8-shaft Schacht table loom with stand, hand levers, one reed, 20-inch weaving width. Stand \$215, loom \$918. Sale \$300 (OBO).

If interested, call Becky at 256-880-7080, extension 250.

### **Newsletter Deadline**

Tuesday April 24, 5:00 p.m., is the deadline for contributions to the May newsletter. Send contributions by e-mail to [HsvFiber@gmail.com](mailto:HsvFiber@gmail.com).

### **Permission to Copy**

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### **Upcoming Huntsville Fiber Guild Events**

Sat Apr 7	Family Farm and Market Day, Alabama Agribition Center
Tue Apr 10, 6:30	Fiber Study Group, Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church
Tue Apr 24, 6:30	Fiber Study Group, Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church
Tue Apr 24	May newsletter deadline
Sat Apr 28	Deb Menz Study Group Carding
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).

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

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

*Beyond Beginning Crochet @ Murphy*  
*Beyond Beginning Crochet @ Main*  
*Braid a Mug Rug @ Madison*

Thu May 3, 2018, 10:00-12:00  
Tue May 8, 2018, 6:30-8:30  
Fri May 18, 2018, 10:00-12:00

*Simple Bookbinding @ Murphy*  
*3-D Bow Tie Quilt Block @ Main*  
*Weave a Round Basket @ Madison*  
*Weave a Round Basket @ Bailey Cove*

Thu Jun 7, 2018, 10:00-12:00  
Jun 12, 2018, 6:30-8:30  
Fri Jun 22, 2018, 9:00-3:00  
Sat Jun 30, 2018, 10:00-4:00

**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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