

# Open Sheds

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## **What: Spin-In**

When: Saturday May 19, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Where: Bailey Cove Public Library  
1409 Weatherly Plaza SE, Huntsville.

Join us for a *Spin-In*. Bring your spinning wheels and drop spindles, or other fiber projects. Bring your exotic fibers for show-and-tell. Those in the Deb Menz Study Group will have colorful fibers to show.

Don't be shy if you are a beginner. You know how we like to talk about and show our fiber projects.

There will be a business meeting, including nominations for officers. The election will be in June.

All officers are up for election. Volunteers are desperately needed. Offices can be shared.

## **What: Macrame Plant Hangers**

When: Tuesday May 8, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Where: Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church.

Learn how to make a macramé plant hanger. Bring 62 yards of super bulky yarn or cord and some beads or pay \$5 and get a ready-to-use kit to make a colorful macrame plant hanger. Bring scissors and a 2.5" or larger C-clamp if you have one. It takes a while to tie all the knots for the plant hanger so instructions will be provided and you can finish it at home.

Bring other fiber projects if you like, but please join us.

## **What: Slentra Braid**

When: Tuesday May 22, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Where: Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church.

Learn how to make Slentra braid by moving loops. Great quick technique for trims, cords and bracelets. Bring scissors and a 2.5" or larger C-clamp if you have one.

Bring other fiber projects if you like, but please join us.

## **Fiber Study Group**

You have read above about the May 8 and 22 *Fiber Study Group* meetings. We will not have *Fiber Study Group* meetings in June and July. 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.

## **Guild Contact Information**

### **Website**

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

### **Facebook and Ravelry**

### **E-mail Address**

HsvFiber @gmail.com

### **Telephone Number**

Leave message at 256-384-5515

### **Mailing Address**

Huntsville Fiber Guild

PO Box 1562

Huntsville, AL 35807

## **Spinner Needed - May 5 Somerville Celebration Festival**

Can you spare a couple of hours to promote the Huntsville Fiber Guild on May 5? We really need a spinner to draw attention to our booth. Come demonstrate your favorite fiber craft.

On Saturday May 5, the city of Somerville will host the *Somerville Celebration Festival* with vendors, craft guilds, reenactors and music. We will be there 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Set up can start as early as 9:00 a.m. We plan to be there by 11:00. The Huntsville Fiber Guild will have a demonstration booth, and hands-on activities for children.

The *Somerville Celebration Festival* will be on the historic courthouse square, 24 High Street, Somerville.

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.

## **What: Natural Dye Day June 23**

When: Saturday June 23, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Where: Peinhardt Living History Farm, Cullman, AL.

For driving directions, see [peinhardtlhf.tumblr.com/directions](http://peinhardtlhf.tumblr.com/directions).

Supply Fee: Option 1 = \$5, chemical fee if you're bringing up to one pound of your own fiber already mordanted, or up to one pound of wool fiber washed and ready to mordant;

Option 2 = TBD, chemical fee and one pound of wool yarn washed and ready to mordant.

Fee to be paid to leader at the beginning of the workshop.

Pre-registration deadline: June 9.

Maximum Number: 15.

Workshop open to adults and youth ages 14 and up.

Yellow comes from flowers, leaves and onion skins. Red comes from insects. Brown comes from nuts. Use plants, trees and insects to color fibers. We're planning black walnut hulls, pecan shells, marigold blossoms, mimosa leaves, onion skins, Queen Anne's lace, cochineal, logwood, indigo and a couple of other dyes. Learn how to prepare the fiber and the dyes. At the end of the day, you'll have a rainbow of colors.

**Important Information:** If you are bringing your own fiber, do not bring more than one pound. Be considerate of others wanting to dye. Your fiber must be either washed wool (that you can mordant at the beginning of the day) or washed and already mordanted fiber. If you are bringing roving or unspun fleece, bring something to contain the fiber in the dyepot, such as a lingerie bag. You may mordant your fiber before the workshop. There will be a pot of mordant (alum and cream of tartar) for wool available at the workshop. If you're not bringing wool, you must mordant the fiber yourself before the *Natural Dye Day*.

Washing fiber, mordanting and how to prepare the dye pot will be explained during the workshop. To receive information on washing and mordanting your fiber before the workshop, email **HsvFiber@gmail.com**.

Dress for the weather, wear a sunhat and closed toe shoes. We will be working outside with open fires. Bring a check (payable to Huntsville Fiber Guild) or exact change for the supply fee and your sack lunch.

Email **HsvFiber@gmail.com** to pre-register by June 9 and reserve your supplies. There will be a *Waiting List*. Please be considerate: If you pre-register and need to cancel, let us know by Thursday June 21, 9:00 a.m., so someone on the *Waiting List* can have the opportunity to attend.

## **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. (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**

*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 May 14. 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.

### **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.

## Heartstrings at Central Presbyterian Church

*Heartstrings* is a group that makes premie hats and blankets for the NICU at Huntsville Hospital. The group meets in the Central Presbyterian Church building on the first Wednesday of the month, 6:45 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. in the Molly Byrne Room. Enter the church building immediately across from the Cooper House and go straight past water fountain and you're there at Molly Byrne Room. All are welcome, knitters, crocheters and weavers. Patterns are available. You do not have to be a church member to come. Contact the guild to learn about the yarn requirements for these items.

*Heartstrings* does not meet in June and July. Come early for good parking because there are other activities happening at the same time.

## 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. There will be only one meeting in May due to the two holiday weekends.

The upcoming workshops in Cullman are:

Sat May 19, 9:30–11:30	Colorful Silk Scarves with Sharpies and Tissue Paper – Adult Fiber Workshop
Sun June 10, 2–4	Basket Study Group – Weave a “Magnum” Basket
Sat June 16, 10–12	Tatting Study Group
Sat June 23, 9–3	Natural Dye Day – Adult Fiber Workshop
Sun July 8, 2-4	Basket Study Group
Sat July 21, 10-12	Tatting Study Group
Sat July 28, 9-3	Weaving Bands With the Inkle Loom – Adult Fiber Workshop
Sat July 28, 3-5	Weave a Scarf on Soda Straws – Children's Fiber Workshop
Sun Aug 12, 2-4	Basket Study Group
Sat Aug 18, 10-12	Tatting Study Group
Sat Aug 25, 9-1	Introduction to Rug Braiding – Adult Fiber Workshop
Sat Aug 25, 3-5	Introduction to Weaving on the Inkle Loom – Children's Fiber Workshop
Sun Sept 9, 2-4	Basket Study Group
Sat Sept 15, 10-12	Tatting Study Group
Sat Oct 20	Peinhardt Living History Farm Day

See **PeinhardtLHF.tumblr.com** for more information and location in Cullman and driving directions. Email **PeinhardtLHF@gmail.com** to pre-register. Unless a different deadline is specified in the web site, **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 . . .

What the public sees when you're spinning

[https://www.interweave.com/article/spinning/people-say-strangest-things-handspinners/?k=B1tXozLKSijJuHEzHjPiv05MUEcArttgJ8%2B6vHkAwjIw%3D&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_campaign=spd-tsa-nl-180418](https://www.interweave.com/article/spinning/people-say-strangest-things-handspinners/?k=B1tXozLKSijJuHEzHjPiv05MUEcArttgJ8%2B6vHkAwjIw%3D&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=spd-tsa-nl-180418)

Hemp from plant to cloth

[https://www.interweave.com/article/knitting/5-reasons-use-hemp-yarn/?k=B1tXozLKSijJuHEzHjPiv05MUEcArttgJ8%2B6vHkAwjIw%3D&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_campaign=kd-jre-nl-180420](https://www.interweave.com/article/knitting/5-reasons-use-hemp-yarn/?k=B1tXozLKSijJuHEzHjPiv05MUEcArttgJ8%2B6vHkAwjIw%3D&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=kd-jre-nl-180420)

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

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/).

### Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday May 22, 5:00 p.m., is the deadline for contributions to the June newsletter. Send contributions by e-mail to **HsvFiber@gmail.com**.

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### Upcoming Huntsville Fiber Guild Events

Sat May 5	Somerville Celebration Festival
Tue May 8, 6:30	Macrame Plant Hangers, Fiber Study Group, Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church
Sat May 19, 10-2	Spin-In and Meeting, Bailey Cove Public Library, Huntsville
Tue May 22, 6:30	Slenbra Braid, Fiber Study Group, Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church
Tue May 22	May newsletter deadline
Sat Jun 23	Natural Dye Day, joint meeting with 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**.

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

*Beyond Beginning Crochet @ Madison*  
*T-shirt Makeover @ Main*  
*Weave a Tote/Purse Basket @ Madison*  
*Needle Felted Pumpkin @ Main*  
*Weave a Tote/Purse Basket @ Bailey Cove*

Fri Jul 27, 2018, 10:00- 12:00  
Tue Aug 14, 2018, 6:30-8:30  
Fri Aug 24, 2018, 9:00- 3:00  
Tue Sep 11, 2018, 6:30-8:30  
Sat Sep 29, 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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