

# Open Sheds

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## 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.

Near southeast corner of I-65 at Exit 308. For driving directions, see [peinhardtlfh.tumblr.com/directions](http://peinhardtlfh.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 = \$15, chemical fee and about 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.

See **PeinhardtLHF.tumblr.com** for more information. Email **PeinhardtLHF@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.

## World Wide Knit in Public Day

June 9 is *World Wide Knit in Public Day*. In this area, there are three celebrations.

### Guild Contact Information

#### Website

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

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*Rocket Stitches at the Gazebo* will be at the gazebo in Madison, on Front Street, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Bring knitting, crocheting and spinning. All are welcome. Bring your lawn chairs, and there will be some seating in the gazebo. There will be drawings throughout the day. Bottled water will be provided. If there is inclement weather, the event will move into *Hook a Frog*.

*Huntsville WWKIP Day* will be at *Flying Monkey Theater* in Lowe Mill, on the second floor of the south building, 2211 Seminole Drive SW Huntsville, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Bring your projects to sit and stitch. There will be vendors, door prizes and a fashion show. There will be opportunities to learn to knit or crochet. There will be electrical outlets if you'd like to bring your own task lighting.

*WWKIP* will be at *Yarn Boutique of Decatur*, High Point Market, 307 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Bring your knitting or crocheting. There will be door prizes. If the weather is inclement, we'll meet at the yarn shop across the street.

See <https://www.wwkipday.com/> for more details.

### **Weave a Round Basket on June 30**

On Saturday June 30, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., at Bailey Cove Library, you'll have the opportunity to make a basket. Bailey Cove Library is at 1409 Weatherly Plaza SE, Huntsville.

Weave a round basket in class. Learn how to handle round basket reed, how to start a round basket, and how to shape a basket. The finished baskets will be about 6 inches tall with a 5-inch diameter base. You can use colored reed and beads to decorate your baskets.

The supply fee is \$8, due at the beginning of the workshop. This workshop is open to adults and youth ages 14 and up. Contact the guild, HsvFiber @gmail.com, to pre-register. The maximum number of students is 12. You're welcome if you do not pre-register, but there might not be enough supplies.

Other Options: For those who know how to make a round basket, you have two options: weave a basket over a quart jar (use as a flower vase that will hold water) or weave a double-walled basket. Bring a quart jar for the flower vase.

If there is time, you can weave another basket, starting with a wooden base.

No basket making experience is required. Bring a towel (basket making is wet work) and sack lunch, and wear comfortable clothes. The instructor will bring all the tools and other supplies you'll need to use during the workshop.

### **Fiber Study Group**

We will not have *Fiber Study Group* meetings in June and July. When we resume, 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.

### **We're Going on Vacation**

The *Huntsville Fiber Guild* will be on vacation in July. The August newsletter will have details of a planning meeting in August.

### **Tour de Fleece Challenge**

The 2018 *Tour de Fleece* will be July 7 – July 29, 2018. This is a challenge to spin every day the *Tour de France* rides. The Interweave site has last year's information, but hopefully they will update it soon, <https://www.interweave.com/article/spinning/get-wheels-spinning-tour-de-fleece/>. Do you want to accept the challenge?

## **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**

*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 June 11. 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).

## **Deb Menz Study Group**

At the April meeting of the *Deb Menz Study Group*, we split the previously dyed fiber. Using Deb Menz's method, we picked a photograph or picture and analyzed the colors using colored pencils. We matched the colors to fiber and then layered the colors on a drum carder. We spun a small amount and then used the yarn to make knitted and woven samples. We made more batts for the May 19 *Spin-In*.

## **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.

## 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:

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 Workshop, joint meeting with Huntsville Fiber Guild
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](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. 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.

### Newsletter Deadline

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

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### Fiber in the 'Boro

On Saturday November 3, 2018, *Fiber in the 'Boro* will be at Lane Agricultural Center in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. See <https://www.fiberintheboro.com/> for details for details on classes and vendors.

### Have You Heard About ...

Identifying mystery fibers

<https://www.interweave.com/article/knitting/fiber-burn-test/>

Chain edgings for knitters

<https://www.interweave.com/article/knitting/the-chain-selvedge/>

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.

### Upcoming Huntsville Fiber Guild Events

Sat Jun 9	World Wide Knit in Public Day
Sat Jun 23	Natural Dye Day, joint meeting with Peinhardt Living History Farm, Cullman
July	Huntsville Fiber Guild on vacation
Tue July 24	August newsletter deadline
July 7 – July 29	Tour de Fleece
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).

Simple Bookbinding @ Murphy	Thu Jun 7, 2018, 10:00-12:00
3-D Bow Tie Quilt Block @ Main	Tue Jun 12, 2018, 6:30-8:30
Weave a Round Basket @ Madison	Fri Jun 22, 2018, 9:00-3:00
Weave a Round Basket @ Bailey Cove	Sat Jun 30, 2018, 10:00-4:00
Crocheting With Rags – Basket or Rug @ Murphy	Thu Jul 5, 2018, 10:00-12:00
Leaf Pounding/Printing @ Main	Tue Jul 10, 2018, 6:30-8:30
Beyond Beginning Crochet @ Madison	Fri Jul 27, 2018, 10:00-12:00
Leaf Pounding/Printing @ Murphy	Thu Aug 9, 2018, 10:00-12:00
T-shirt Makeover @ Main	Tue Aug 14, 2018, 6:30-8:30
Weave a Tote/Purse Basket @ Madison	Fri Aug 24, 2018, 9:00-3:00

Arm Knitting – No Needles! @ Murphy  
Needle Felted Pumpkin @ Main  
Arm Knitting – No Needles! @ Madison  
Weave a Tote/Purse Basket @ Bailey Cove

Thu Sep 6, 2018, 10:00-12:00  
Tue Sep 11, 2018, 6:30-8:30  
Fri Sep 28, 2018, 10:00- 12:00  
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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