

Open Sheds

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What: Important Planning Meeting

When: Tuesday August 28, 2018, 6:30 p.m.– 8:30 p.m.

Where: Cooper House across street from Central Presbyterian Church at 406 Randolph Avenue Huntsville.

I. Prepare for Meeting: Nominate officers. Persons can nominate themselves. Offices can be shared. Person being nominated must agree to be nominated before the meeting. Contact the guild with your nominations ASAP.

II. Nominate a Slate of Officers at meeting. Election will be September 15 meeting.

III. Plan Workshops/Meetings: Suggest topics and/or leaders.

Editors Note: I have found that I get more from an organization when I give something of myself to it. Some of the officers in the Huntsville Fiber Guild have given more than their fair share, and are requesting a rest. If you have enjoyed any of the workshops we've had this past year, we need to hear from you. If you want Huntsville to have a really great fiber guild, we need to hear from you.

From the By Laws: "The object of this Guild shall be to foster knowledge of the fiber arts through workshops, demonstrations, educational programs, and exhibitions for members and others who are interested in working with fibers." Is this something you want?

What: Making Cold Soap on a Hot Summer Day

When: Saturday August 18, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Where: Member's home in Toney, contact the guild for driving directions.

Supply Fee: Depends on how much soap you take home.

Pre-registration deadline: August 11.

Workshop open to adults and youth ages 16 and up.

Learn to make all natural handmade soap as we experiment with what we learned in the November 2017 workshop. This will not be "melt and pour" but "from scratch" homemade soap. Like grandma did it but better. You will learn to make your own soap. You'll learn how to safely handle lye, the properties that the various oils give to soap, how to use scents and colors and how to make your own soap recipes.

We will have the equipment and supplies for you to make your own soap to take home. Or, you can watch and learn.

If you want to make soap, please wear clothes that could get dirty, long sleeve shirts, long pants and closed toe shoes if possible. Bring your own safety equipment: goggles, thick chore gloves and apron. Bring your own soap molds if you want something special.

Guild Contact Information

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Email **HsvFiber @gmail.com** to pre-register by August 11 and reserve your supplies. You are welcome if you don't pre-register, but there might not be enough supplies.

Weave a Tote/Purse Basket @ Madison on August 24

On Friday August 24, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., at Madison Library, you'll have the opportunity to make a basket. Madison Library is at 142 Plaza Boulevard, Madison.

Weave a 4.5" x 9" x 8" tall tote/purse basket. Learn how to handle reed, fill in the bottom and shape a basket. Dyed reed will be available for decorating your basket.

The supply fee is \$14, 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.

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

September Library Display Case

In September, the Huntsville Fiber Guild has reserved one of the display cases in the Main Library, 915 Monroe Street, Huntsville. We can highlight the workshops we've had and those we're planning, and let people know the guild exists. Contact the guild to share your ideas about the display.

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 August 13. 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 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.)

Chain Reaction Crochet Group

The *Chain Reaction* crochet group meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Panera Bread which is located in Bridge Street Town Centre, 6886 Governors NW, Huntsville. The next meeting is August 8. This is a local chapter of the Crochet Guild of America. For more information, email AnnsCrochetGifts@gmail.com.

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 2018 workshops in Cullman are:

Sun Aug 12, 2-4	Basket Study Group – Weave a Double Wall Basket
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.

Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday August 28, 5:00 p.m., is the deadline for contributions to the September newsletter. Send contributions by e-mail to **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 ...

Knitting Machines

<https://www.interweave.com/article/knitting/great-exhibition-1851-knitting/>

Wet Finishing

https://www.interweave.com/article/weaving/wet-finishing-101-detergents/?k=B1tXozLKSiJuHEzHjPiv05MUEcArttgJ8%2B6vHkAwjIw%3D&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=wt-tsa-nl-180620

Knitting with Black Yarn

https://www.interweave.com/article/crochet/10-tips-working-black-yarn/?k=B1tXozLKSiJuHEzHjPiv05MUEcArttgJ8%2B6vHkAwjIw%3D&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=cm-jre-nl-180712

Avoiding Draw-In

https://www.interweave.com/article/weaving/ask-madelyn-avoiding-draw-in-weft-angle/?k=B1tXozLKSiJuHEzHjPiv05MUEcArttgJ8%2B6vHkAwjIw%3D&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=wt-tsa-nl-180713

Working with Hemp Yarn

https://www.interweave.com/article/crochet/tips-working-hemp-yarns/?k=B1tXozLKSiJuHEzHjPiv05MUEcArttgJ8%2B6vHkAwjIw%3D&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=cm-jre-nl-180712

Tips and Tricks for Filet Crochet

https://www.interweave.com/article/crochet/7-tips-filet-crochet/?k=B1tXozLKSijJuHEzHjPiv05MUEcArttgJ8%2B6vHkAwjIw%3D&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=cm-jre-nl-180723&cid=DM58020&bid=597219590

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 Aug 18, 9:00 Making Cold Soap on a Hot Summer Day
Tue Aug 28, 6:30 Important Planning Meeting at Cooper House
Tue Aug 28 September newsletter deadline
Sat Sept 1 Huntsville Fiber Guild has a display case at Main Library
Sat Sept 15 Annual Open House at Madison Public Library
Sat Oct 20 Meeting at Madison Public Library
Sat Nov 17 Meeting at Madison Public 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.

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	Thu Sep 6, 2018, 10:00-12:00
Needle Felted Pumpkin @ Main	Tue Sep 11, 2018, 6:30-8:30
Arm Knitting – No Needles! @ Madison	Fri Sep 28, 2018, 10:00- 12:00
Weave a Tote/Purse Basket @ Bailey Cove	Sat Sep 29, 2018, 10:00- 4:00
Two Ways to Colorful Silk Scarves @ Murphy	Thu Nov 1, 2018, 10:00-12:00
Two Ways to Colorful Silk Scarves @ Main	Tue Nov 13, 2018, 6:30-8:30
String Beads @ Murphy	Thu Dec 6, 2018, 10:00-12:00

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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