

Open Sheds

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What: Fiber Arts Open House

When: Saturday September 15, 2018, 10:00 – 2:00
Where: New Madison Public Library, Auditorium 2
142 Plaza Boulevard Madison

The *Huntsville Fiber Guild* will have the annual *Open House* at the new Madison Public Library. Members should bring a friend, a fiber art to demonstrate, finished projects or works in progress to illustrate fiber arts, show-and-tell items, and a finger food to share. Drinks and paper goods will be provided.

The public is welcome to see various fiber arts being demonstrated and finished projects: weaving, spinning, knitting, crocheting, basket making, felting, dyeing, surface design, marbling, braiding, lace making, tatting, etc.

We will elect officers for the upcoming year.

We'll also discuss plans for the upcoming year.

Demonstrators for Fiber Arts Open House

We need to entertain our guests on September 15 by demonstrating fiber arts. Contact the guild by September 10 if you're willing to help. Let us know what you will demonstrate and how long you plan to stay.

Weave Pin Loom Animals

On a Saturday in October, we'll learn to *Weave Pin Loom Animals*. The date will be settled by the September 15 Fiber Arts Open House. Plan to bring your pin looms to share.

Weave a Tencel Scarf

After the success of the *Weave a Towel Workshop* this past year, we're planning a *Weave a Tencel Scarf Workshop*, September – December, 2018. Each person will weave one Tencel scarf, approximately 7" x 72". If time and skill permit, you may be able to weave samples or scarves on other looms. You have the option of weaving on your own loom (floor, table or rigid heddle) or borrowing a loom. You can do as much work as you want: you can create your warp and dress your own loom or a borrowed loom, or pay more to have other guild members create your warp and dress a borrowed loom. We will plan the scarves and order yarn in September, measure the warps and space dye some of the warps in October, warp the looms in November, and weave the scarves in December and finish weaving (if necessary) in January. This workshop is for novice weavers as well as advanced weavers. There is a limit of 12 participants due to the space at the member's *Weaving Studio* in Toney. See the flyer attached to this newsletter for details.

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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.

What: Needle Felted Pumpkin

When: Tuesday September 11, 2018, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Where: Main Library, 2nd Floor Event Room, 915 Monroe Street SW Huntsville.

Learn to make a pumpkin with personality by needle felting. No felting experience is required. The leader will bring all the tools and supplies for use in class. The supply fee is \$20. This workshop is open to adults and youth ages 14 and up. Contact **WeavingBasics @yahoo.com** to pre-register.

What: Weave a Tote/Purse Basket

When: Saturday September 29, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

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.

No basket making experience is required. Basket making is wet work, so wear old clothes and bring a towel. The leader will bring all the tools and other supplies you'll need to use during the workshop. Bring a sack lunch. The supply fee is \$14. This workshop is open to adults and youth ages 14 and up. Contact **WeavingBasics @yahoo.com** to pre-register.

Membership in the Huntsville Fiber Guild – Time to Renew

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 @ Bailey Cove will be Wednesday September 12, 19, 26 and October 10, 2018, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. There is no supply fee. This class is open to adults and youth ages 14 and up.

Learn to crochet from the beginning. You’ll learn the crochet stitches and how to read a pattern. Homework is required. Bring a size I or H crochet hook and firm, light-colored worsted weight yarn to the first class. Do not bring soft, fuzzy yarns or novelty yarns to the first class. You will be able to choose from a selection of class projects. No crochet experience is required.

Pre-register by September 8 by email to **WeavingBasics @yahoo.com**. You’ll receive the class handouts by email, or you can photocopy the handouts at the library.

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.

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 September 10. 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 @gmail.com.

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

September 12. This is a local chapter of the Crochet Guild of America. For more information, email AnnCrochetGifts@gmail.com.

Peinhardt Living History Farm Workshop News

Upcoming activities at *Peinhardt Living History Farm* include the *Basket Study Group* and the *Tatting Study Group*. The *Adult Fiber Workshops* and *Children's Fiber Workshops* for 2018 have been completed. The 2019 workshops are being planned.

The remaining 2018 workshops in Cullman are:

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 September 25, 5:00 p.m., is the deadline for contributions to the October 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 ...

Thread Weight vs. Yarn Weight

https://www.interweave.com/article/crochet/wpi-guide-yarn-substitution/?k=B1tXozLKSiJuHEzHjPiv05MUEcArttgJ8%2B6vHkAwjIw%3D&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=cm-jre-nl-180802&cid=DM60570&bid=621065549

Yarn or Rope?

https://www.interweave.com/article/spinning/alden-explains-it-all-whats-the-difference-between-plied-yarn-and-rope/?k=B1tXozLKSiJuHEzHjPiv05MUEcArttgJ8%2B6vHkAwjIw%3D&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=spd-tsa-nl-180806&cid=DM61520&bid=629881449

Remove Smoke Smell from Yarn

<https://www.interweave.com/article/crochet/remove-smoke-smell-yarn/>

Spinning to the Public

https://www.interweave.com/article/spinning/people-say-strangest-things-handspinners/?k=B1tXozLKSiJuHEzHjPiv05MUEcArttgJ8%2B6vHkAwjIw%3D&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=spd-tsa-nl-180808&cid=DM61960&bid=633479471

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 Sept 1 Huntsville Fiber Guild has a display case at Main Library
Tue Sept 11, 6:30 Fiber Study Group at Cooper House
Sat Sept 15 Annual Open House at Madison Public Library
Tue Sept 25, 6:30 Fiber Study Group at Cooper House, plan *Weave a Scarf* workshop
Tue Oct 9, 6:30 Fiber Study Group at Cooper House
Sat Oct 20 Make Pin Loom Animals at Madison Public Library
Tue Oct 23, 6:30 Fiber Study Group at Cooper House
Sat Nov 10 Meeting at Madison Public Library
Tue Dec 11, 6:30 Fiber Study Group at Cooper House

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Sat Jan 5 Roc Day at Lowe Mill
Sat Jan 17 Meeting
Sat Feb 16 Make Rosettes

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.

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
3-D Bow Tie Quilt Block @ Murphy	Thu Oct 4, 2018, 10:00- 12:00
Arm Knitting – No Needles! @ Main	Tue Oct 9, 2018, 6:30- 8:30
Weave a Country Vase @ Madison	Fri Oct 26, 2018, 9:00- 3:00
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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