

Open Sheds

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What: Weave Pin Loom Animals

When: Saturday October 27, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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

Learn to *Weave Pin Loom Animals*. We'll make a bunny in class, and learn how to make a sheep. Plan to bring your 4"x4" pin looms to share, and DK weight yarn. Please contact the guild if you need to borrow a pin loom. If you have a 2"x4" pin loom, bring it as well.

All are invited to join us. Bring your current project for quality "fiber time."

Weave a Tencel or Bamboo Scarf

After the success of the *Weave a Towel Workshop* this past year, we're planning a *Weave a Tencel or Bamboo Scarf Workshop*, September – December, 2018. Each person will weave one scarf, approximately 7" x 72", of 10/2 Tencel or 5/2 Bamboo. 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 planned the scarves and received some yarn in September. We will 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.

Tuesday October 9, 6:30 p.m., at the Cooper House, we will work on preparing the warps for dyeing.

If you want to attend any of these sessions, contact the guild so you'll hear about any schedule changes for the *Weave a Scarf Workshop*.

2019 Backstrap Weaving

On March 28-29, we are planning a two-day *Complementary Warp Pick Up* backstrap weaving workshop taught by Laverne Waddington. The workshop will be on Thursday and Friday to fit her teaching schedule. She will be coming to us straight from her home in Bolivia. Check upcoming newsletters for the details. See <https://backstrapweaving.wordpress.com/> for more information on the instructor.

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.

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Huntsville Public Library Workshops

Most months, there are three workshops at various branches of the Huntsville Public Library. Most of these workshops are directed at beginners in the fiber arts, however, they are a good introduction to a new fiber art for more experienced folks. The Huntsville Fiber Guild is advertised at these workshops. These workshops are usually open to adults and youth ages 14 and up. Here are the topics for October.

3-D Bow Tie Quilt Block @ Murphy Library will be on Thursday October 4, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. There is a \$3 supply fee. Learn to sew a 3 dimensional bow tie quilt block by hand. It's an easy patchwork pattern, perfect for beginners. No hand sewing experience is required. Bring a thimble if you need one.

Arm Knitting – No Needles! @ Main Library will be on Tuesday October 9, 2018, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. There is no supply fee. Learn to knit a lacy scarf with your arms. Don't bring your knitting needles! Learn how to cast on, how to make the knit stitch, and how to cast off. Bring one skein of extra bulky (code 6) yarn (Homespun Thick and Quick is one brand) or two skeins of bulky (code 5) yarn. No knitting experience is required.

Weave a Country Vase @ Madison Library will be Friday October 26, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. There is a \$5 supply fee. Weave a basket over a quart jar to use as a flower vase that will hold water. Learn how to handle round reed, and how to shape a basket. No basket making experience is required. Bring a quart jar, towel (basket making is wet work) and sack lunch, and wear comfortable clothes.

See WeavingBasics.tumblr.com for details. Email WeavingBasics@yahoo.com to pre-register.

Membership in the Huntsville Fiber Guild – October 1 is 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 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 October 8. 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

Chain Reaction is a local chapter of the Crochet Guild of America (CGOA). We are all about crochet, as is the only national organization dedicated to the craft of crochet. CGOA provides the opportunity for members to learn more about crochet, be inspired by innovative designs, and connect with other passionate crocheters.

Our local group meets the second Wednesday of each month, 6:30 p.m., at Panera Bread in Bridge Street Town Center. The next meeting is October 10. We can be found on facebook as *Chain Reaction*. At meetings we talk about crochet, patterns and yarn and share what we are making.

In the past we have made hats, and blankets for charity. Some months we have a theme. The theme for the October meeting is fall.

Our local chapter, the *Chain Reaction* group, has no dues at this time. Our members include all levels of crocheters. In the future I am thinking of sharing some crochet techniques.

The national CGOA is a community of more than 3,000 enthusiasts from all over the country—and the world—who connect about crochet on all levels. You can learn as a beginner, become a master, be inspired by new designs, and engage through our educational programs and annual conference. As a member, you'll receive

free patterns, member discounts, access to educational classes and programs, and a subscription to *Crochet! Magazine*. You can join—or start—your own local chapter. You can network virtually with crocheters of diverse backgrounds, or in real time at local chapter meetings or at the annual conference. Individual membership is only \$35 a year.

For more information, email AnnsCrochetGifts@gmail.com. See <https://www.crochet.org/> for more information on the national organization.

Peinhardt Living History Farm Workshop News

On Saturday October 20, we will celebrate Peinhardt Living History Farm Day. You're invited to see demonstrations of activities from pre-electric Cullman.

The *Fiber Workshops*, *Basket Study Group* and *Tatting Study Group* will start in February 2019.

See **PeinhardtLHF.tumblr.com** for more information and location in Cullman and driving directions.

Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday October 23, 5:00 p.m., is the deadline for contributions to the November newsletter. Send contributions by e-mail to **HsvFiber@gmail.com**.

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2018 Alabama Gourd Show in Cullman

On Friday and Saturday, October 19 and 20, the *Alabama Gourd Show* will be in the Cullman Civic Center. Admission is free. The show hours are 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. There are gourd crafting classes offered on both days. See AlabamaGourdSociety.org for more details.

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 ...

Priscilla Publications

<http://www.antiquepatternlibrary.org/html/warm/priscil.htm>

Aspinneration

https://www.interweave.com/article/spinning/begin-the-great-aspinneration/?k=B1tXozLKSiJuHEzHjPiv05MUEcArttgJ8%2B6vHkAwjIw%3D&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=spd-tsa-nl-180926&cid=DM72807&bid=738830748

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

Tue Oct 9, 6:30	Fiber Study Group at Cooper House, create warps for Weave a Scarf Workshop
Sat Oct 20, 10:00	Space Dyeing for Weave a Scarf Workshop, member's Weaving Studio
Tue Oct 23, 6:30	Fiber Study Group at Cooper House, create warps for Weave a Scarf Workshop
Tue Oct 23	Deadline for contributions to November newsletter
Sat Oct 27, 9:00	Make Pin Loom Animals at Bailey Cove Public Library
Tue Oct 30, 6:30	Space Dyeing for Weave a Scarf Workshop, member's Weaving Studio
Sat Nov 10, 10:00	Holiday Gathering at Madison Public Library, Auditorium 1

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 Weave a Scarf Workshop Show-and-Tell
Sat Feb 16, 10:00 Make Rosettes at Madison Public Library, Auditorium 2
Thu-Fri Mar 28-29 Backstrap Weaving Workshop – Laverne Waddington
Sat Apr 6 Family Farm Day at Agribition Center

Huntsville Fiber Guild and the Huntsville Madison County Public Libraries

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Two Ways to Colorful Silk Scarves @ Murphy
Two Ways to Colorful Silk Scarves @ Main
Serge Christmas Tree Napkins @ Madison

Thu Nov 1, 2018, 10:00-12:00
Tue Nov 13, 2018, 6:30-8:30
Fri Nov 16, 2018. 10:00 – 12:00;
or 1:00 – 3:00

String Beads @ Murphy
Weave a Holiday Basket @ Main

Thu Dec 6, 2018, 10:00-12:00
Tue Dec 11, 2018, 6:30 – 8:30

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
qranski@knology.net/256-539-9319