

Open Sheds

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What: Holiday Gathering

When: Saturday November 10, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Where: Madison Library, Auditorium 1,
142 Plaza Boulevard, Madison.

Bring light finger food to get a start on the holidays.

The theme for the *2018 Library Tree* will be *Fiber Critters*. Those of us who set up the tree at the Main Library in 2017 decided while sorting through the ornaments. We will have sheep, rabbits, llamas, alpacas and silk worms on the tree.

Bring your completed fiber animal ornaments for the Christmas tree at the Main Library. There will be a prize for the most creative fiber animal.

We'll also have instructions for some fiber animal ornaments for you to make between now and when the tree is decorated at the end of November.

Weave a Tencel or Bamboo Scarf

After the success of the *Weave a Towel Workshop* this past year, we're having 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.

The second chance to space dye the Tencel or Bamboo is Tuesday October 30, 6:30 p.m., at the member's *Weaving Studio* in Toney. The last chance deadline to arrange for a warp and loom is November 1.

There will be several possible dates in November for those wanting to warp their looms at the member's *Weaving Studio* in Toney. Both beginners and experienced weavers are invited on Saturday November 17, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Assistance will be available for beginners on this date. You must RSVP to the guild so we'll know you're coming and what you'll need. Other dates will be scheduled as needed.

There will be several possible dates in December for those wanting to weave at the member's *Weaving Studio*. The first weaving date will be Saturday December 8, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. You must RSVP to the guild so we'll know you're coming. Other dates will be scheduled as needed.

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

Roc Day

Saturday January 5, 2019, 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., the *Huntsville Fiber Guild* will celebrate *Roc Day* at Lowe Mill classroom. *Roc Day* will be a community celebration of Fiber Arts. Meet and network with local fiber artists while working on your current spinning, weaving, crocheting, and knitting projects. Find out about local beginning and intermediate classes. All fiber artists, aspiring artists/makers and the public are welcome. Door prizes are being provided by sponsors and talented HFG members.

People can bring any fiber project to work on and show and tell to share. And bring a friend! Encourage your fiber friends to come join the fun. There will be a flyer coming later.

Your Creative Roc Day Door Prize Donations Needed

Donations are needed for door prizes to be given away at *Roc Day 2019*. This year to show off the creativeness of our members, we would like donations of fiber items you have made to use as door prizes at *Roc Day*. If you have some fiber creations would like to donate, contact the guild or bring them to any guild meeting or event by January 1. Please include a card with your name as donator, what the item is, process used, i.e. knitting, crocheting, weaving, spinning, tatting, etc., what type of fiber was used, and care instructions if applicable. The card will be included with the door prize given way at *Roc Day*. This is your chance to show off a little and get some recognition for the beautiful work you have done.

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.com/> for more information on the instructor.

Fiber Study Group

The *Fiber Study Group* will not meet in November at the Cooper House, as we will be preparing the looms for the *Weave a Scarf Workshop*. The next meeting at the Cooper House will be Tuesday December 11, 6:30 p.m., at the Cooper House.

You're invited to **Two Ways to Colorful Silk Scarves @ Main Library** Tuesday November 13, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. instead of the *Fiber Study Group*. See the following article, *Huntsville Public Library Workshops*, for details. The supply fee is \$7. Pre-registration is required due to limited supplies.

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.

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 November.

Two Ways to Colorful Silk Scarves @ Murphy Library will be on Thursday November 1, 2018, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and **@ Main Library** on Tuesday November 13, 2018, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Learn two ways to

make colorful silk scarves. Decorate one silk scarf with Sharpie markers and another silk scarf with bleeding tissue paper to create your one-of-a-kind fashion pieces. You'll learn how to "set" the colors at home. The leader will bring all the tools and supplies you'll need to use during the workshop. The supply fee is \$7. Pre-registration is required due to limited supplies.

Serge Christmas Tree Napkins @ Madison will be on Friday November 16, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; or 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Learn to make and fold "Christmas tree" napkins from circles of fabric. Learn how to plan serger projects, and how to use the serger in the "Makers' Space" at Madison Library. You'll make a set of four lined round napkins with rolled hems. This knowledge can be applied to table toppers, tablecloths, scarves, shawls, hems for lightweight skirts, etc. Bring 1 yard each of two different fabrics suitable for napkins, cotton or polyester/cotton blend, washed, dried and ironed as you intend to care for the napkins. The library serger will have green thread. The supply fee is TBD.

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.

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 November 12. 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). The 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 November 14. We can be found on facebook as *Chain Reaction*. At meetings we talk about crochet, patterns and yarn and share what we are making.

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

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 November 27, 5:00 p.m., is the deadline for contributions to the December 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.

Woodcarvers Show

The *North Alabama Woodcarvers Show* is Saturday November 10, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; and Sunday November 11, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., at the Jaycee Community Building. Admission is free. See <https://www.nawawoodcarvers.org/shows> for more details.

Have You Heard About ...

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 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
Sat Nov 17, 9:00-3:00 Warp Looms at member's Weaving Studio. You must RSVP to HsvFiber@gmail.com.
Tue Nov 27 Deadline for contributions to December newsletter
Sat Dec 8, 9:00-3:00 Weave scarves at member's Weaving Studio. You must RSVP to HsvFiber@gmail.com.
Tue Dec 11, 6:30 Fiber Study Group at Cooper House

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Sat Jan 5, 10:30-4:00 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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Huntsville Madison County Senior Center

Basket Classes
Tuesdays 11:30
Ceramics Room
256-880-7080

Weaving Classes
Mondays 9:00-1:00
Wednesdays 9:00-11:30
Weaving Room
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