

Open Sheds

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What: Weave a Tencel or Bamboo Scarf, At Last!

When: Saturday December 8, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Where: Member's *Weaving Studio* in Toney.

Contact the Guild to receive driving directions.

We have worked hard. The warp threads have been measured and dyed, the weft threads have been ordered and received, the looms have been dressed. There are four new weavers among us.

And now we can weave our scarves. Come prepared to work hard.

Or, bring another fiber project and join the group in some dedicated fiber time.

There will be several possible dates in December for those wanting to weave at the member's *Weaving Studio*. Other weaving dates will be scheduled as needed. Contact the Guild to make arrangements.

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. Share the flyer attached to this newsletter.

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.

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Tree at Main Library

The Huntsville Fiber Guild will decorate a tree at the Main Library on Saturday December 1, 10:00 a.m. Bring your fiber animal ornaments then, or contact the Guild to make arrangements to get them there.

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. A Huntsville Fiber Guild member benefit is early registration, until January 4, at a reduced rate of \$150. Non-members will be invited to register starting January 5, at a rate of \$200. See the flyer attached to this newsletter for more details. See <https://backstrapweaving.com/> for more information on the instructor.

After our workshop, Laverne Waddington will be teaching at the Greater Birmingham Fiber Guild. For more information as it becomes available, see <http://greaterbirminghamfiberguild.blogspot.com/>. Then she will be teaching *Warp-Faced Double Weave Backstrap Weaving* in Atlanta, and that workshop is not full. If you're interested in traveling to Atlanta, contact the Guild.

Fiber Study Group

The *Fiber Study Group* is for people of all skill levels. The next meeting will be Tuesday December 11, 6:30 p.m., in the Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church. We're hoping to see some finished tencel and bamboo scarves.

Everyone is welcome to come when your schedule permits. All guild members are welcome, whatever your fiber activity. Bring your show and tell. If you want to work on a project or talk about fiber, join us. Bring your fiber questions! Suggest a topic for future meetings.

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.

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.

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.

Constitution Village Lacers General Meeting

Constitution Village Lacers meets the second Monday of the month at Asbury United Methodist Church, 980 Hughes Road Madison, Alabama. We meet in room number H216. The next meeting will be a Christmas lunch on December 10. We'll meet to work 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., and then go to lunch at 11:30 a.m. The lunch place is TBD. 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 December 12. 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 (and to confirm this meeting date), 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.

Workshops in Atlanta

See the *Chattahoochee Handweavers Guild* site for their upcoming workshops: <https://chgweavers.org/>.

Some 2019 Fiber Festival Dates

There will be a *Middle Tennessee Fiber Festival* this year, on May 24-25. See TNFiberFestival.com for details as they are released.

Fiber in the Boro will be November 3. See FiberintheBoro.com for details.

Have You Heard About ...

Handweaving.net is a digital weaving archive with drafts, historic weaving documents, and more.
<https://www.handweaving.net/>

Random Stripe Generator

http://www.biscuitsandjam.com/stripe_maker.php

Peggy's Weaving Tips

<https://peggyosterkamp.com/100-great-weaving-tips/>

How to show off the colors in your painted warp

<https://www.warpandweave.com/show-off-colors-in-painted-warp/>

Thanks to Lyna for these tips.

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.

Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday December 26, 5:00 p.m., is the deadline for contributions to the January newsletter. Send contributions by e-mail to **HsvFiber @gmail.com**.

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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**.

Fold a Paper Star @ Murphy

Weave a Holiday Basket @ Main

Thu Dec 6, 2018, 10:00-12:00

Tue Dec 11, 2018, 6:30-8:30

Crochet Mobius Cowl/Scarf Without Seams @ Murphy

Hedge Hog from Book @ Main

Thu Jan 3, 2019, 10:00-12:00

Tue Jan 8, 2019, 6:30-8:30

Crochet Mobius Cowl/Scarf Without Seams @ Madison

Fri Jan 25, 2019, 10:00-12:00

Draft Skirt Pattern @ Murphy

Thu Feb 7, 2019, 10:00-12:00

Crochet Mobius Cowl/Scarf Without Seams @ Main

Tue Feb 12, 2019, 6:30-8:30

Weave a Round Basket @ Madison

Fri Feb 22, 2019, 9:00-3:00

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

qranks@knology.net/256-539-9319

Upcoming Huntsville Fiber Guild Events

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

Wed Dec 26 Deadline for contributions to January newsletter

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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