

Open Sheds

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What: Roc Day

When: Saturday January 5, 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Where: 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. 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.

If you're planning to bring a door prize to *Roc Day*, contact the Guild to let us know how many so we can arrange for space to display them.

DVD's and Scarf Show-and-Tell

On Saturday January 19, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Madison Public Library, Auditorium 2, join us to see some instructional DVDs. Bring your scarves for show-and-tell.

Gift from the Past – A Rosette

On Saturday February 16, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Madison Public Library, Auditorium 2, receive a *gift from the past*. Learn how to make rosettes that weavers taught to our instructor, and asked her to pass it on to others. These rosettes can be used for corsages, embroidery, and added to your fiber projects for emphasis and color. You will need to bring 2 yards of yarn with an elastic nature, scissors for sturdy cardboard, and scissors for yarn.

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We will be ordering a special needle for making the rosettes. Contact the Guild by February 4 so we can order a needle for you.

Fiber Animal Tree at Main Library

Thanks to all who contributed “fiber animal” ornaments to the tree at the Main Library this past month. The tree advertised the Huntsville Fiber Guild, and highlighted the fiber animals with a quiz. Some of the fiber animal ornaments will be displayed at Roc Day.

In 2019, we need to plan a display for a Main Library display case in September, and a tree theme for December.

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. Early registration fees must be postmarked by January 4. 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 meetings will be Tuesday January 8 and 22, 6:30 p.m., in the Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church. We're hoping to see some finished tencel and bamboo scarves from our recent workshop.

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, 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 January 14, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. 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](mailto:worleysu@gmail.com).

For Sale: Loom and Wheel

45" Nilus Leclerc 4 harness loom. It weaves a full 45". I bought it about 1973, and it has always been in a/c and well maintained. It comes with raddle, lease sticks, Leclerc bench with storage in the seat, a detachable sectional beaming system and currently has a painted warp on it in a 4 shaft undulating twill pattern. The painted weft of cotton and rayon will be included OR I can take the warp off. Also included are shuttles and more yarn. \$700, might be negotiable.

Schacht Matchless single treadle spinning wheel with 3 or 4 bobbins. It spins at three different ratios. Two pounds of alpaca included. \$750.

Contact 256-653-3217 or [humeursrh @hotmail.com/](mailto:humeursrh@hotmail.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 – Ann Le Roy

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 January 9. 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. The *Basket Study Group* meets on the second Sunday of the month, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., February – September, except no May meeting. The *Tatting Study Group* meets on the third Saturday of the month, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., February – September, except no May meeting. The *Fiber Workshops* meet on the fourth Saturday of the month, starting at 9:00 a.m., February – August, except the third Saturday in May.

On Sunday February 10, the *Basket Study Group* will make a *Bread Basket on Slotted Racetrack Base*. Pre-registration is required by January 21, and the supply fee of \$10 must be received by that date. See PeinhardtLHF.tumblr.com for details.

On Saturday February 23, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., the *Fiber Workshop* will be *Homemade Soap – A Lost Art*. You'll learn how to safely handle lye, the properties that the various oils give to soap, how to use scents and how to make your own soap recipes. We will work in teams so each person will have the experiences of weighing and stirring. Pre-registration is required by February 13, and the supply fee of \$15 must be received by that date. See PeinhardtLHF.tumblr.com for details.

The other *Fiber Workshops* will be March 23, Learn Filet Crochet; April 27, Weave a Rush Seat; May 18, Introduction to Spinning and Carding and Blending Fiber; June 22, Triangle Loom Weaving or Bias Rectangle Loom Weaving; July 27, Make a "Navajo Knot" Mug Rug; August 24, Natural Dyes – The Color Green.

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 ...

Pin Loom Souvenirs

https://www.interweave.com/article/spinning/pin-loom-journeys-woven-memories/?k=B1tXozLKSijJuHEzHjPiv05MUEcArttgJ8%2B6vHkAwjIw%3D&utm_medium=email&utm_source=new

[tsa-nl-181219&cid=DM92896&bid=925273926](https://www.interweave.com/article/weaving/beweave-it-buffalo-plaid/)

Buffalo Plaid

<https://www.interweave.com/article/weaving/beweave-it-buffalo-plaid/>

Fiber Preparation Safety

https://www.interweave.com/article/spinning/safety-first-4-tips-for-preparing-fiber-for-spinning-without-hurting-yourself/?k=B1tXozLKSjJuHEzHjPiv05MUEcArttgJ8%2B6vHkAwjIw%3D&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter
[tsa-nl-181219&cid=DM92896&bid=925273926](https://www.interweave.com/article/spinning/safety-first-4-tips-for-preparing-fiber-for-spinning-without-hurting-yourself/?k=B1tXozLKSjJuHEzHjPiv05MUEcArttgJ8%2B6vHkAwjIw%3D&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter)

Knitting in the Classroom

<https://www.interweave.com/article/knitting/stem-knitting-craft-classroom/>

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

Tuesday January 22, 5:00 p.m., is the deadline for contributions to the February newsletter. Send contributions by e-mail to **HsvFiber@gmail.com**.

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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.

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**.

Crochet Mobius Cowl/Scarf Without Seams @ Murphy	Thu Jan 3, 10:00–12:00
Hedge Hog from Book @ Main	Tue Jan 8, 6:30–8:30
Crochet Mobius Cowl/Scarf Without Seams @ Madison	Fri Jan 25, 10:00–12:00
Draft Skirt Pattern @ Murphy	Thu Feb 7, 10:00–12:00
Crochet Mobius Cowl/Scarf Without Seams @ Main	Tue Feb 12, 6:30–8:30
Crochet for Beginners @ Murphy	Thu Feb 21 and 28, Mar 7 and 14, 10:00-12:00
Weave a Round Basket @ Madison	Fri Feb 22, 9:00–3:00
Grandmother's Flower Garden Quilt Block @ Main	Tue Mar 12, 6:30-8:30
"Navajo Knot" Rag Mug Rug @ Madison	Fri Mar 22, 10:00-12:00

Huntsville Madison County

Senior Center

Basket Classes

256-880-7080

Tuesdays 11:30

Ceramics Room

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

Weaving Room
qranki@knology.net

Upcoming Huntsville Fiber Guild Events

Sat Jan 5, 10:30-4:00	Roc Day at Lowe Mill Classroom
Tue Jan 8, 6:30	Fiber Study Group, Cooper House
Sat Jan 19, 10:00-1:00	DVDs and Scarf Show-and-Tell at Madison Public Library, Auditorium 2
Tue Jan 22, 6:30	Fiber Study Group, Cooper House
Tue Jan 22	Deadline for February newsletter
Sat Feb 16, 10:00-12:00	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