

# Open Sheds

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## **What: Gift from the Past – A Rosette**

When: Saturday February 16, 10:00– 12:00

Where: Madison Library Auditorium 2  
142 Plaza Boulevard, Madison.

Receive a *gift from the past* from Ruth Truett. Learn how to make rosettes that weavers taught to Ruth, and asked her to pass on to others. These rosettes can be used for corsages, embroidery, and added to your fiber projects for emphasis and color. Ruth is a member of the Greater Birmingham Fiber Guild, and she presented one of the first weaving workshops to the newly formed Huntsville Fiber Guild. You will need to bring 2 yards of yarn with an elastic nature, scissors for sturdy cardboard, and scissors for yarn.

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.

## **Important Sheep to Shawl Dates**

The Huntsville Fiber Guild is planning a *Sheep to Shawl Contest* as part of the *Lowe Mill Fiber Festival* Thursday-Saturday June 13-15. There will be several meetings to help prepare us for the contest. Here are some important dates:

Tue Feb 12, 6:30	<i>Weaving with Speed and Confidence</i> at Susan's studio
Tue Feb 26, 6:30	<i>Learning How to Use a Carder</i> in Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church
Tue Mar 12, 6:30	Planning the <i>Sheep to Shawl Demonstration</i> and the <i>Sheep to Shawl Contest</i> at Cooper House
Sat Apr 6	<i>Sheep to Shawl Demonstration</i> at <i>Family Farm and Market Day</i> at Agribition Center
Sat Jun 15	<i>Sheep to Shawl Contest</i> at <i>Lowe Mill Fiber Festival</i>

See the next three articles for details.

## **What: Weaving with Speed and Confidence**

When: Tuesday February 12, 6:30 p.m.

Where: member's home, contact the Guild to learn the location.

For this *Fiber Study Group* we'll have a field trip to a weaver's studio to learn *Weaving with Speed and Confidence*. Our study group this month will work on weaving efficiently and effectively by practicing on a loom I have set up.

We will work on getting your mind, your hands and your feet to all work in rhythm without having to pat your head and rub your tummy at the same time. Once you learn the proper posture for "your loom," where to actually place your feet on the treadles, how to hold a shuttle and when to beat, your wonky selvages will straighten themselves out on their own; your weaving will become more enjoyable and more efficient, thereby increasing your speed. Whether you are a beginning weaver or more advanced, I hope you will take away a better understanding of what you can accomplish.

Refreshments will be available and there will be a drawing for a door prize.

## **What: Learning How to Use a Carder**

When: Tuesday February 26, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church.

We'll practice using a drum carder to prepare fibers in preparation for spinning. Carding is the process of taking unordered fibers and lining the fibers up in preparation for spinning either on a drop spindle or a spinning wheel. It can also be used to blend different types of fibers or to blend colors of fibers together.

## **Fiber Study Group**

The *Fiber Study Group* is for people of all skill levels. The next meetings will be Tuesday February 12 and 26, 6:30 p.m. We will be preparing for the *Sheep to Shawl Demonstration* and *Sheep to Shawl Contest*.

On February 12, we're taking a field trip to Susan's studio to learn *Weaving with Speed and Confidence*.

On February 26, we will meet in the Cooper House at Central Presbyterian Church. We will learn how to use a carder in preparation for the *Sheep to Shawl Contest* at *Lowe Mill Fiber Festival* on June 15.

On March 12, we'll be planning the *Sheep to Shawl Demonstration* on April 6 at the *Family Farm and Market Day* and the *Sheep to Shawl Contest* on June 15 at the *Lowe Mill Fiber Festival*. There will be no meeting on March 26.

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.

## **Backstrap Weaving**

On Thursday and Friday March 28-29, Laverne Waddington will be teaching *Complementary Warp Pick Up Backstrap Weaving*. The early pre-registration deadline (and the reduced rate) for Huntsville Fiber Guild members is past. The fee is now \$200. See the new flyer attached to this newsletter for more details. See <https://backstrapweaving.com/> for more information on the instructor.

Laverne will be teaching *Warp-Faced Double Weave Backstrap Weaving* in Atlanta almost 2 weeks later. That workshop is not full. If you're interested in traveling to Atlanta, contact the Guild.

## **Contacting the Huntsville Fiber Guild**

The website is [www.HuntsvilleFiberArts.com](http://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](mailto: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 on February 11. We'll meet to work 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).

### **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](mailto: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 February 13. 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](mailto: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 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 5 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. There will be no late registrations for this workshop. Late registrants will be put on the *Waiting List*. 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.

### **Some 2019 Fiber Festival Dates**

There will be a *Middle Tennessee Fiber Festival* this year, on May 24-25. See [TNFiberFestival.com](http://TNFiberFestival.com) for details as they are released.

*Fiber in the Boro* will be November 3. See [FiberintheBoro.com](http://FiberintheBoro.com) for details.

### **Newsletter Deadline**

Tuesday February 26, 5:00 p.m. is the deadline for contribution to the March newsletter. Send contributions by email to [HsvFiber@gmail.com](mailto:HsvFiber@gmail.com).

## **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](http://WeavingBasics.tumblr.com) for details or email [WeavingBasics@yahoo.com](mailto:WeavingBasics@yahoo.com).

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 With English Paper Piecing @ Main	Tue Mar 12, 6:30-8:30
“Navajo Knot” Rag Mug Rug @ Madison	Fri Mar 22, 10:00- 12:00
Grandmother's Flower Garden Quilt Block With English Paper Piecing @ Murphy	Thu Apr 4, 10:00-12:00
Beyond Beginning Crochet @ Main	Tue Apr 9, 6:30- 8:30
Weave a Tote/Purse Basket @ Madison	Fri Apr 26, 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  
qranki@knology.net

## **Upcoming Huntsville Fiber Guild Events**

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