

# Open Sheds

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## Sheep to Shawl

The Huntsville Fiber Guild will be hosting a *Sheep to Shawl Contest* on June 15<sup>th</sup> at Lowe Mill. Start forming your team now and thinking of a great name! Registration for teams will open in April. This will be part of the *Lowe Mill Fiber Festival* Thursday-Saturday June 13-15, 2019.

There will be a \$200 grand prize for the winning team. We are still working on the guidelines for the competition but we do know that each team will have carders, spinners, and only one weaver. Any kind of loom allowed as long as finished shawl is 20 X 72 inches or at least 1440 square inches. All looms except for triangle looms can be prewarped. Teams will provide all their own equipment and supplies. Use any animal fiber that is cleaned and ready to card. The fiber may be dyed. No electric equipment will be allowed. We want people of all skill levels to participate. Points will be given for team spirit as well as quality of spinning and weaving. There will be other prizes including a *People's Choice Award*.

The final details will be announced in next month's newsletter.

The guild will host a practice event in April. Carders and spinners are invited to come make yarn for a weaver. Look for the dates and details in the next newsletter. This will be a great opportunity to come and see if you would like to join the fun in June.

## Fiber Study Group

The *Fiber Study Group* is for people of all skill levels. The next meeting will be Tuesday March 12, 6:30 p.m., at the Cooper House. We will be preparing for the *Sheep to Shawl Demonstration* and *Sheep to Shawl Contest*. There will be no meeting on March 26 due to the Laverne Waddington *Backstrap Weaving* workshop at the end of the week.

On February 12 we learned *Weaving With Speed and Confidence* and on February 26 we learned *How to Use a Carder*. Their workshops will help prepare the team members for the *Sheep to Shawl Contest*.

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

There are two seats left in this workshop. Beginners are welcome. On Thursday and Friday March 28-29, Laverne Waddington will be teaching *Complementary Warp Pick Up Backstrap Weaving*. The early pre-

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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**; 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.

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

Thanks so much to Ruth Truett for bringing us this gift from the past. She brought examples of how she has used the rosettes to decorate her work. The rosettes are simple to make, and we have been encouraged to share how to make them.

We enjoyed learning about Ruth's weaving education and her weaving teacher career.

Ruth encouraged us to share the rosette with others. We have permission to use the handouts provided as long as we leave the names on the handouts.

### **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 March 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).

### **End Feed Shuttle**

On February 12 at *Weaving with Speed and Confidence*, we used an end feed shuttle. Here is the web address for the end feed shuttle advertisement:

<https://www.lonestarloomroom.com/collections/tools-equipment/products/feed-shuttle?variant=24947323847>

### **Morgan County Bicentennial Festival**

On Friday April 5, 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., there will be a *Morgan County Bicentennial Festival*. This event will be for schoolchildren, and will be located at the *Morgan County Celebration Arena* in Priceville, Alabama. The organizers want the skills we are studying to be demonstrated. If you're willing to help, contact April Childers, [AKChilders@morgank12.org](mailto:AKChilders@morgank12.org).

### **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.)

### **Shuttle Tatting**

Tatting is a form of lace making that has undergone cyclic interest since the early-mid 1800s. Currently in a resurgence, this fiber art has the advantages of being extremely transportable and compact, minimal cost, reasonably quick to produce, and capable of a broad range of designs from jewelry to doilies to clothing accessories.

Learning to tat is not difficult and, once the basic steps are mastered, the full universe of patterns available on-line and in books is open for consumption.

While tatting can be done with needles, using shuttles appears – based on Facebook groups – to be somewhat the more favored method currently.

You can find tatters each Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Bailey Cove Public Library. We're always ready to teach new tatters, share our favorite tatting patterns, swap threads, and foster the art. We hope you will join us and tell your fiber art friends about our gatherings.

For more information, email Mike.Lyon @comcast.net.

What supplies will you need?

**2 tatting shuttles** - Tatting shuttles in a variety of styles may be found at Hobby Lobby (about \$3-5 each). You will need 2 of them (in different colors if you like), as most tatting designs require 2 shuttles. Personally, I recommend the plastic "Aerlit" or "Moonlit" models with the small metal hook on one end for doing joining. Shuttles without the hook are perfectly fine, although you will need a separate very fine crochet hook if your shuttle lacks one.

**2 balls of thread** - For thread, perhaps the best size to start with is size #20. You should be able to find balls in several colors at Hobby Lobby in the tatting section. Pick any colors you like. I recommend the Lizbeth brand.

Alternatively, an on-line source for all things relating to tatting is <http://www.hhtatting.com/>.

### **Crochet for Beginners**

If you're interested in learning to crochet, classes can be arranged to suit your schedule. There will be four two-hour classes, with homework required. The classes can meet at Bailey Cove Library, Eleanor Murphy Library or the Main Library. Let me know the days and times, as well as the place, that are best for you. I'll advertise the classes, and others may join the group. The maximum number in a class is 6 adults and youth ages 14 and up. Email WeavingBasics@yahoo.com.

### **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 March 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. 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 March 10, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., the *Basket Study Group* will be weaving a *Gourd on a Basket*. The supply fee will be \$8. There will be a beginners basket available for a \$5 supply fee.

On Saturday March 23, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., the *Fiber Workshop* will be *Learn Filet Crochet*. Pre-registration is required by March 20 unless you're bringing your own supplies. The supply fee is \$5. We will learn the chain stitch and double crochet stitch and then put them together to make a bookmark or 'granny square', depending on your skill level. You will learn to design your own filet crochet items, from a small bookmark to a bedspread! See [PeinhardtLHF.tumblr.com](http://PeinhardtLHF.tumblr.com) for details.

The other *Fiber Workshops* will be 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](http://PeinhardtLHF.tumblr.com) for more information and location in Cullman and driving directions.

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

These following two fiber events are still accepting registrations. The *Southeast Fiber Forum* will be in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, on April 4-7, 2019. See <http://www.sefiberforum.org/> for more details and the workshops being offered.

The *Smoky Mountain Fiber Festival* will be in Townsend, Tennessee, on April 12-14, 2019. See <http://townsendartisanguild.net/fiber-arts.html> for more details and the workshops being offered.

There will be a *Middle Tennessee Fiber Festival* this year, on May 24-25. See [TNFiberFestival.com](http://TNFiberFestival.com) for more details and the workshops being offered.

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

### **No Family Farm and Market Day This Year**

The *Family Farm and Market Day* will not be held this year.

### **Have You Heard About ...**

#### **Knitting Increases**

[https://www.interweave.com/article/knitting/improve-knitting-increases/?k=B1tXozLKSiJuHEzHjPiv05MUEcArttgJ8%2B6vHkAwjIw%3D&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_campaign=kd-jre-nl-190206&cid=DM101548&bid=1009712357](https://www.interweave.com/article/knitting/improve-knitting-increases/?k=B1tXozLKSiJuHEzHjPiv05MUEcArttgJ8%2B6vHkAwjIw%3D&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=kd-jre-nl-190206&cid=DM101548&bid=1009712357)

#### **Knitting decreases**

<https://www.interweave.com/article/knitting/decreases-knitted-garments/>

#### **Cassimere**

[https://www.interweave.com/article/spinning/18th-century-weaving-fulling-cloth-shearing-swatches/?k=B1tXozLKSiJuHEzHjPiv05MUEcArttgJ8%2B6vHkAwjIw%3D&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_campaign=spd-tsa-nl-190220&cid=DM104115&bid=1035281772](https://www.interweave.com/article/spinning/18th-century-weaving-fulling-cloth-shearing-swatches/?k=B1tXozLKSiJuHEzHjPiv05MUEcArttgJ8%2B6vHkAwjIw%3D&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=spd-tsa-nl-190220&cid=DM104115&bid=1035281772)

#### **Reasons for Crochet Foundation Stitches**

[https://www.interweave.com/article/crochet/top-4-reasons-foundation-crochet-stitches/?k=B1tXozLKSiJuHEzHjPiv05MUEcArttgJ8%2B6vHkAwjIw%3D&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_campaign=cm-tsa-nl-190218&cid=DM103788&bid=1030820403](https://www.interweave.com/article/crochet/top-4-reasons-foundation-crochet-stitches/?k=B1tXozLKSiJuHEzHjPiv05MUEcArttgJ8%2B6vHkAwjIw%3D&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=cm-tsa-nl-190218&cid=DM103788&bid=1030820403)

#### **4 Variations on Single Crochet for Tapestry Crochet**

[https://www.interweave.com/article/crochet/single-crochet-tapestry-crochet/?k=B1tXozLKSiJuHEzHjPiv05MUEcArttgJ8%2B6vHkAwjIw%3D&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_campaign=cm-tsa-nl-190228&cid=DM105829&bid=1048838245](https://www.interweave.com/article/crochet/single-crochet-tapestry-crochet/?k=B1tXozLKSiJuHEzHjPiv05MUEcArttgJ8%2B6vHkAwjIw%3D&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=cm-tsa-nl-190228&cid=DM105829&bid=1048838245)

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.

### **For Sale**

Schacht 15 inch Flip loom with stand, trap and Heddle with dent of your choice. Price: \$430.

15 inch variable dent heddle. Price: \$75.

15 inch heddles with 5,8,10 and 12 dent. Price: \$30 each.

If interested contact the guild. Cash only.

## Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday March 26, 5:00 p.m. is the deadline for contribution to the April newsletter. Send contributions by email 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.

Grandmother's Flower Garden Quilt Block With English Paper Piecing @ Main	Tue Mar 12, 6:30-8:30
Two Ways to Colorful Silk Scarves @ Bailey Cove	Fri Mar 15, 1:00-3:00
"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
Spinning on the Drop Spindle @ Murphy	Thu May 2, 10:00-12:00
Spinning on the Drop Spindle @ Main	Tue May 14, 6:30-8:30
Two Ways to Colorful Silk Scarves @ Madison	Fri May 17, 2019, 10:00-12:00

## 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

Tue Mar 12, 6:30	Fiber Study Group – Sheep to Shawl Demonstration and Contest planning, Cooper House
Tue Mar 26	Deadline for April newsletter
Thu-Fri Mar 28-29	Backstrap Weaving Workshop – Laverne Waddington, Lowe Mill
Thu-Sat Jun 13-15	Lowe Mill Fiber Festival
Sat Jun 15	Sheep to Shawl Contest at Lowe Mill Fiber Festival