

Open Sheds

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What: Dye Fiber and Prepare Loom for Sheep to Shawl Contest

When: Saturday May 18, 2019, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Where: Member's Weaving Studio.

Contact guild for location.

All are welcome to learn how to use protein dyes on wool fiber, and to prepare a loom for weaving. The purpose of this meeting is to prepare our "team" for the Sheep to Shawl Contest.

More Learning to Spin Opportunities

For those who missed the opportunity to learn to spin at the April meeting, there are three more opportunities in May.

On Thursday May 2, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Eleanor

Murphy Library, and Tuesday May 14, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Main Library, Melissa Lehman will present *Spinning on the Drop Spindle*. See WeavingBasics.tumblr.com for details and learn how to pre-register. Space is limited so please pre-register.

On Saturday May 18, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., she will present *Introduction to Spinning and Carding and Blending Fiber* at *Peinhardt Living History Farm* in Cullman, Alabama. See PeinhardtLHF.tumblr.com for details and learn how to pre-register. Space is also limited here. Pre-register to be sure there will be enough materials for you.

Elections in June

At the June meeting, elections will be held. We need officers who want to help the guild grow. Please consider volunteering because you'll find you get so much more out of the guild when you contribute. If you want to nominate someone else to serve, you must have their permission to nominate them.

Sheep to Shawl

The Huntsville Fiber Guild will be hosting a *Sheep to Shawl Contest* this summer. Start forming your team now and thinking of a great name! We'll have news about the location and rules later.

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 at a time. 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.

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Fiber Study Group

The *Fiber Study Group* is for people of all skill levels. The next meeting will be Tuesday May 14, 6:30 p.m., at the Cooper House. We will be preparing for the *Sheep to Shawl Demonstration* and *Sheep to Shawl Contest*. The second meeting will be Tuesday May 28, 6:30 p.m., at the Cooper House.

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 on May 13. 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.

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.)

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.

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.

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.

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 May 8. 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* started 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 May 18, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., the *Fiber Workshop* will be *Introduction to Spinning and Carding and Blending Fiber*. The supply fee is \$20. See **PeinhardtLHF.tumblr.com** for details.

The other *Fiber Workshops* will be 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.

Sell Alpaca Fiber

Alpaca farm owner is looking for someone to help her market her alpaca fiber (mostly carded), yarn, and alpaca rugs for a percentage of the sale. Call 256-426-0062 (preferred) or email RussellAlpacaFarms@msn.com (with “alpaca fiber” in the subject).

Some 2019 Fiber Festival Dates

R&M Yarns will present a *Fiber Education Festival* on May 11, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in Georgetown, Tennessee. See <https://rmyarns.com/events> for details.

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

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

Have You Heard About ...

Threads of Feeling

<https://www.interweave.com/article/needlework/textiles-from-founding-museum/>

I'd Rather Be Weaving

<https://www.interweave.com/article/weaving/id-rather-be-weaving/>

Overshot Draft By Any Other Name

<https://www.interweave.com/article/weaving/overshot-draft-by-any-other-name/>

Space Dyed Warps

<https://www.interweave.com/article/weaving/best-structures-for-space-dyed-warps/>

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 May 28, 5:00 p.m. is the deadline for contribution to the June 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.

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
“Navajo Knot” Rag Mug Rug @ Murphy	Thu June 6, 2019, 10:00– 12:00
Beaded Lanyard for Badge or Glasses @ Main	Tue June 11, 2019, 6:30 – 8:30
Basket on Gourd Bowl @ Madison	Fri June 28, 2019, 9:00–3:00
Introduction to Weaving with the Inkle Loom @ Main	Tue July 9, 2019, 6:30-8:30
Beaded Lanyard for Badge or Glasses @ Murphy	Thu July 11, 2019, 10:00-12:00
Make a Grandmother's Flower Garden Quilt block With English Paper Piecing @ Madison	Fri July 26, 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 May 14, 6:30	Fiber Study Group
Sat May 18, 9:00	Dye Fiber and Prepare Loom for Sheep to Shawl Contest
Tue May 28	Deadline for June newsletter
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