

Open Sheds

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What: Natural Dyes – The Color Green

When: Saturday August 24, 2019, 9:30-1:00

Where: Peinhardt Living History Farm
Cullman, Alabama

Joint workshop with the Huntsville Fiber Guild.

Pre-registration required by August 14.

Email HsvFiber@gmail.com.

Supply fee: \$15, due at beginning of workshop. Exact change or check payable to Huntsville Fiber Guild.

Open to adults and youth ages 14 and up.

Nature doesn't provide many green dyes even though the color is all around. Nature provides lots of yellow dyes - flowers, leaves and onion skins. Join us in learning how to use indigo to make these yellows into greens. Learn how to prepare the fiber and the dyes, and how to overdyer to produce greens.

We'll be dyeing small samples of fiber. You'll leave with a notebook of samples and descriptions of how to get that shade of green.

Dress for the weather, wear a sunhat and closed toe shoes. We will be working outside with open fires. Bring a check (payable to Huntsville Fiber Guild) or exact change for the supply fee and your sack lunch. The leader will bring all the supplies for use in the workshop.

Those of us presenting the workshop will be preparing the fiber and dyes and the notebooks in advance. Your pre-registration by August 14 will allow us to have enough supplies so that everyone can participate.

See HuntsvilleFiberArts.com for more information. Email HsvFiber@gmail.com to pre-register by August 14 and reserve your supplies. There will be a *Waiting List*. Please be considerate: If you pre-register and need to cancel, let us know by August 21 so someone on the *Waiting List* can have the opportunity to attend.

Bring a sack lunch.

Directions to Peinhardt Living History Farm in Cullman, Alabama

Address: 1711 Tally Ho Cullman, AL.

From I-65, take exit 308 onto US 278 East. Turn right onto Talley Ho Street SW, less than 1 mile from the interstate, there is a Sunbeam bread store at this corner. Turn right at the Cullman Bowling Center. You'll pass the North Alabama Agriplex Heritage Center and the Red Hill School (restored white school building) on the right. Drive through the gate, and just past the Baton Cabin (restored log cabin) on the right, turn right and drive between Peinhardt Living History Farm Museum (a metal building) on the right and another restored log cabin on the left. Park in the gravel parking lot.

Guild Contact Information

Website

www.HuntsvilleFiberArts.com

Facebook and Ravelry

E-mail Address

HsvFiber@gmail.com

Telephone Number

Leave message at 256-384-5515

Mailing Address

Huntsville Fiber Guild

PO Box 1562

Huntsville, AL 35807

What: Sheep to Shawl Contest

When: Saturday September 21, 2019, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Where: Lowe Mill

The Huntsville Fiber Guild will sponsor a *Sheep to Shawl Contest* as part of *Spin in Public Day* being presented by Sparkle Studios and Fold Out Cat Studio at Lowe Mill. Teams will compete to process animal fiber, spin yarn and weave it into a shawl. There will be a \$200 team grand prize, plus other prizes. Register your team to be assured a spot by email to HsvFiber@gmail.com. There are no registration fees. Teams will provide all their own supplies and equipment. All skill levels are welcome. Any type of animal fiber which has been washed but not carded and may be dyed. Any type of loom to produce a shawl 20 inches by 72 inches, or at least 1440 square inches. See [Huntsville FiberArts.com](http://HuntsvilleFiberArts.com) for details. Individuals may register and be randomly placed on teams.

Trade Day on the Square – Advertise Sheep to Shawl Contest

On Saturday September 14, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., the Von Braun Lions Club is presenting *Trade Day on the Square*. The vendor/display tables will be around the Court House Square in downtown Huntsville. The Huntsville Fiber Guild can have a “display only” table at no charge. There will be free parking in the city parking garages on Clinton Avenue or Fountain Circle. Portable restrooms will be on the corner of Franklin and Southside Square. We will be able to start set up at 6:00 a.m. We must provide our own table, chairs and 10’x10’ canopy, if desired. I have braiding disks for childrens activities, and a loom that visitors can weave on. If you can help us advertise, contact the guild by August 7 so that I can submit our application for a table.

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.

Fiber Study Group

The *Fiber Study Group* is for people of all skill levels. The next meeting will be Tuesday August 13, 6:30 p.m., at the Cooper House / Central Presbyterian Church. The second meeting will be Tuesday August 27, 6:30 p.m., at the Cooper House / Central Presbyterian Church.

During the summer months, we will start the meeting on the front porch of Cooper House and then move to where we’ll meet in the church education building. If you plan to attend, email the guild no later than the morning of the Monday before each meeting so we will know you’re coming. If no one plans to come, the meeting will be cancelled.

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.

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 August 12. 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.

Decorate Display Case at Main Library

During the month of September, the Huntsville Fiber Guild will have a display in a case at the Main Library. We will advertise the September 21 *Sheep to Shawl Contest*. Who will apply their artistic talents to design the display? Contact the Guild with your ideas.

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.)

2020 Convergence

Handweavers Guild of America's *25th Convergence* will be July 24-30, 2020, in Knoxville, Tennessee, at the Knoxville Convention Center: just one year and 200 miles away! Convergence registration will open October 1, 2019 for general registration.

What is Convergence?

"Welcome to the ultimate international fiber art experience, HGA's Convergence® conference where you can immerse yourself in the inspiration and stimulation of exhibits, classes, textile tours, shopping and more!

... Convergence is a highly anticipated, biennial opportunity to view hundreds of juried fiber art in a variety of exhibition settings.

... Our most popular Convergence event, this spectacular Fashion Show features wearable art selected from fiber artists from around the world.

... Stay at the Conference Hotel and be a part of it all. You will have a better Convergence experience if you stay at the conference hotel. The close proximity to Convergence activities and the ability to network with other attendees makes this an easy choice. In addition, by staying at the conference hotel you help keep future Convergence rates low.

... Listen and learn from respected speakers in the fiber art community.

... All under one roof, shop for fiber art supplies and original handcrafted goods while enjoying shows and demonstrations. Exhibitors showcase a wide array of yarns, books, and equipment, including specialty items usually only available online. Art and craft enthusiasts appreciate the selection of handmade goods exquisitely crafted by artisans such as baskets, jewelry and more.

... With something of interest for everyone from the beginner to the expert, choose from more than 100 Sessions taught by innovative Fiber Art Leaders. Sessions vary from 90 minute seminars to three day workshops and include topics on weaving, spinning, dyeing, basket making, felting, sewing, professional development and more.

... Tours are custom designed for HGA's Convergence conference. Lunch is often included. Tours depart from and return to the Knoxville Convention Center.

... Volunteering is the perfect opportunity to meet fellow fiber artists while performing a valuable service. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks from assisting with the mounting and dismounting of exhibitions, to monitoring art exhibits."

But wait, there's more!

" And as always, HGA is pleased to offer priority registration to our Fiber Trust supporters. Your gift of \$100 or more to the Fiber Trust offers you many advantages, including Priority Convergence Registration. Priority registration allows you to sign up for your classes before registration opens to the HGA membership and the general public. Several classes filled during priority registration for the 2018 Convergence in Reno so the advantage of this is certainly obvious. Donors who have given \$100 or more since January 1, 2019 will be eligible to register on September 24, 2019, and donors who have given \$300 or more since January 1, 2019 will be eligible to register even earlier on September 17, 2019."

For more information, see <https://weavespindye.org/convergence/> .

Who wants to carpool? Share a room?

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**.

Crochet for Beginners @ Main

Thursday August 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2019

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

No supply fee.

Maximum number: 6 adults and youth ages 14 and up.

Pre-register by e-mail to **WeavingBasics @yahoo.com** by August 6.

Learn to crochet from the beginning. You'll learn the crochet stitches and how to read a pattern. Homework is required. Bring a size I (5.5 mm) or size H (5.0 mm) crochet hook and firm, light-colored worsted weight yarn to the first class. Do not bring soft, fuzzy yarns or novelty yarns to the first class. You will be able to choose from a selection of class projects.

No crochet experience is required.

E-mail **WeavingBasics @yahoo.com** to pre-register and for more information.

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 August 14. 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 *Basket Study Group* will meet Sunday August 11, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. We will continue working on a basket from the last meeting. There will be a beginning basket for those who are new to basket making.

The *Tatting Study Group* will meet Saturday August 17, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Come to learn needle tatting and pattern reading.

The last 2019 *Fiber Workshop* will be Saturday August 24, *Natural Dyes – The Color Green*. This will be a joint workshop with the Huntsville Fiber Guild. We'll start setting up at 9:00, and start the workshop at 9:30. See **PeinhardtLHF.tumblr.com** for more information and location in Cullman and driving directions.

Fiber For Sale

Carded alpaca fiber in lots of different colors, very soft, \$3.50 per ounce. More than 5 ounces will be \$3.00 per ounce. Also there is lots of yarn, \$6.50 per ounce. Raw fiber is \$2.50 per ounce. I have pictures, but come and

see and feel for yourself. It is beautiful fiber from my own Alpacas that I bred. Please call me at 256-426-0062 preferred or email me at russellalpaca farms @msn.com.

Some 2019 Fiber Festival Dates

Spinning in Public Day is September 21.

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

Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday August 27, 5:00 p.m. is the deadline for contributions to the September 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.

Beyond Beginning Crochet @ Murphy
Crochet for Beginners @ Main
Origami Tote Bag @ Main
Weave a Melon/Egg Basket @ Madison
Needle Felting @ Main
Origami Tote Bag @ Madison

Thu Aug 1, 2019, 10:00-12:00
Thu Aug 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1:00-3:00
Tue Aug 13, 2019, 6:30-8:30
Fri Aug 23, 2019, 9:00-3:00
Tue Sep 10, 2019, 6:30-8:30
Fri Sep 27, 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
256-880-7080,
Qranki2@wowway.com

Upcoming Huntsville Fiber Guild Events

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