

Open Sheds

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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.

Curious spectators are invited to see the competition and learn about fiber preparation. We'll demonstrate what happens during the time between shearing the animal and your wearing the clothes.

Of course, the Huntsville Fiber Guild will have a team. To join the team, contact the Guild. Or form your own team! See the guidelines attached to this newsletter.

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 for details. Individuals may register and be randomly placed on teams.

SPIN in Public Day

Join us for the 2nd Huntsville *SPIN in Public Day* held at Lowe Mill ARTS & Entertainment, co-hosted by *SPARKLE Studio* and *The Foldout Cat* with a *Sheep to Shawl Competition* hosted by the Huntsville Fiber Guild.

Admission is FREE but we ask that you please reserve a ticket for each person in your party so we can make sure we have nametags and seating for everyone. You can reserve tickets here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/566886877133763/>

We will provide chairs, but they are the folding plastic ones the Mill has available. If seating comfort is important to you, you are very welcome to bring your own chair/stool/other seating option with you.

- * Sheep to Shawl Competition
- * Door Prizes
- * Scavenger Hunt

The focus for this yearly event is on spinning and weaving, but fiber artists of all persuasions are welcome to join us for a fun-filled day of fiber activity! Bring your spinning wheel, a small portable loom, a project of some kind to work on, a book to read, or just spend time talking with other fiber enthusiasts!

Guild Contact Information

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Watch as teams compete to see who will be first to take washed, unprocessed fleece and turn it into a shawl by the end of the day. Watch the talented team members card/comb, spin, and weave alpaca and wool fiber. You'll even be able to vote on the *People's Choice Award* for your favorite finished shawl.

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 September 10, 6:30 p.m., at the Cooper House / Central Presbyterian Church. The second meeting will be Tuesday September 24, 6:30 p.m., at the Cooper House / Central Presbyterian Church.

During the summer months, we will start on the front porch of Cooper House, and a member will show us 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.

Weave and Sew a Tote Bag October 8 – December 2019

Start at the beginning to *Weave and Sew a Tote Bag*. Go through all the steps: plan the project, create the warp, space dye the yarn if desired, dress the loom, weave and create your own tote bag. This workshop is for novice and advanced crafters. Knowledge of weaving and sewing is not required. We'll teach you the basics.

Each person will weave 2-3 yards of cotton cloth which is enough to make 1-2 tote bags depending on your size preference. Make one large bag or 2 smaller ones. These tote bags make great reusable grocery haulers or craft storage bags. Give them as handmade gifts. You have the option of weaving on your own loom (floor, table or rigid heddle) or borrowing a loom for a small fee.

See the flyer attached to this newsletter for details.

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 September 9. 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.)

Needle Felted Pumpkin at Bailey Cove

On Saturday September 14, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Bailey Cove Library will present a *Needle Felted Pumpkin Workshop*. The supply fee is \$20. Contact Bailey Cove Library to pre-register and for more information.

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 @ Bailey Cove

Monday October 7, 14, and 28 and November 4, 2019

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

No supply fee.

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

Pre-register at Bailey Cove Library.

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** 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 September 11. 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 September 8, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. The project will be a vine basket. The *Tatting Study Group* will meet Saturday August 21, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Come to learn needle tatting and pattern reading. The next *Fiber Workshop* will be Saturday February 22, 2020. See PeinhardtLHF.tumblr.com for more information and location in Cullman and driving directions.

Have You Heard About ...

Know How for the Rigid Heddle Weaver

<https://yarnworker.com/when-if-ever-do-i-need-a-floor-loom/>

From Peggy Osterkamp's blog--"Shibori Beautifully Explained in CBS Video"

<https://peggyosterkamp.com/2019/08/shibori-beautifully-explained-in-cbs-video/>

The Art of Japanese Tie Dyeing

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=5&v=vYVgv4vK4BI

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.

Some 2019 Fiber Festival Dates

Spinning in Public Day is September 21.

Southeastern Animal Fiber Fair is October 25-27, 2019. See saffsite.org for details.

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

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.

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

Who wants to carpool? Share a room?

Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday September 24, 5:00 p.m. is the deadline for contributions to the October 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.

Book Craft @ Murphy	Thu Sep 5, 2019, 10:00-12:00
Needle Felted Ghost @ Main	Tue Sep 10, 2019, 6:30-8:30
Origami Tote Bag @ Madison	Fri Sep 27, 2019, 10:00-12:00
Triangle Loom Weaving @ Murphy	Thu Oct 3, 2019, 10:00-1:00
Crochet for Beginners @ Bailey Cove	Mon Oct 7, 14, and 28, and Nov 4, 2019, 1:00-3:00
A Bracelet in Viking Knit @ Main	Tue Oct 8, 2019, 6:30-8:30
Bread Basket on Slotted Base @ Madison	Fri Oct 25, 2019, 9:00-3:00
“Thread Catcher” Bag @ Murphy	Thu Nov 7, 2019, 10:00-12:00
Decorate a Straw Wreath @ Main	Tue Nov 12, 2019, 6:30-8:30
No Sew Quilted Ornament @ Madison	Fri Nov 22, 2019, 10:00-12:00
Paper Craft @ Murphy	Thu Dec 5, 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

Sun Sep 1	Decorate Guild display case at the Main Library
Tue Sep 10, 6:30	Fiber Study Group, Cooper House / Central Presbyterian Church
Sat Sep 21, 10-5	Sheep to Shawl Contest, Lowe Mill
Tue Sep 24, 6:30	Fiber Study Group, Cooper House / Central Presbyterian Church
Tue Sep 24	Deadline for October newsletter