

Open Sheds

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What: Weave and Sew a Tote Bag

When: 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.

Summary of Important Dates

October 8, 6:30 p.m., Cooper House – deadline to sign up to choose your warp, pick pattern and color.

October 19, 9:30 a.m., Bailey Cove Library – make up date for those who cannot attend October 8 and October 22.

October 22, 6:30 p.m., Cooper House – divide yarn for dyeing warp.

November 1 – deadline to sign up if guild is creating your warp.

November 2, 10:00 a.m., member's *Weaving Studio* in Toney – Kathrin Weber Space Dyeing

November various dates, member's *Weaving Studio* in Toney – Warp looms.

December various dates, member's *Weaving Studio* in Toney – Weave and sew tote.

See the flyer attached to this newsletter for details. Share this flyer.

What: October Gathering

When: Saturday October 19, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Where: Bailey Cove Library,
1411 Weatherly Plaza SE, Huntsville, AL 35803

Bring your UFO's and current fiber projects to share and work on. This is also a make-up date for the October 8 and October 22 meetings at the Cooper House for the *Weave and Sew a Tote Bag* workshop. If you cannot attend the Tuesday evening meetings, come to get started on your tote.

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*

Guild Contact Information

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...,” 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 October 8, 6:30 p.m., at the Cooper House / Central Presbyterian Church. We will choose the warp, pick the pattern and color for the tote bags. The second meeting will be Tuesday October 22, 6:30 p.m., at the Cooper House / Central Presbyterian Church. We will divide the yarn for dyeing the warp.

If you plan to attend, email the guild no later than the morning of the Monday before each meeting. 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.

Dues are Due! 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, 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.

Sheep to Shawl Contest

The very first Huntsville Fiber Guild *Sheep to Shawl Contest* is now in the history books! Three cheers for the Huntsville Fiber Guild members who coordinated the event for their vision, persistence and hard work to manage the myriad details involved! HFG's team, the *Alpaca Punch Rocket Weavers*, set high goals, met many challenges, and fell short only in inches not heart.

A salute to the *Girls on Fire*, representing the Senior Center, winners of First Prize AND the People's Choice Award! Congratulations to your team members.

A salute to *Sparkle Cats*, from *Sparkle Studio* and the *Foldout Cat Studio*, winners of the Grand Prize! Congratulations to your team members.

Sparkle Cats also ran *Spin In Public Day* with a display of wheels to 'test drive'. Thanks to them also for the coordination with Lowe Mill for the location. *Sparkle Cats* handled registration and provided nametags and door prizes.

Handweavers Guild of America provided a door prize pack also.

A contest is just a demonstration without a judge. Many thanks to Jennifer K. Lackey, of the Greater Birmingham Fiber Guild, for sharing the day with us. We all appreciate the encouragement and feedback the teams received.

What did *you* learn at the Sheep to Shawl Contest? Do you want to be on the next team? Where and when? Please send your comments to the Guild, thank you.

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 October 14. We'll meet to work 10:00 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.)

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 or call 256-658-7314.

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 October 9. 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 Day

On Saturday October 19, Peinhardt Living History Farm will present a *Farm Day* celebrating pre-electric Cullman.

The fiber workshops will resume in February 2020. See **PeinhardtLHF.tumblr.com** for more information and location in Cullman and driving directions.

Have You Heard About ...

Alpaca facts

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EdVoUrImdxs&feature=youtu.be&utm_source=bronto&utm_medium=email&utm_term=Alpaca&utm_content=Cakes+vs.+Kits%3A+Which+Will+You+Choose%3F&utm_campaign=WS%3A+September+28%2C+2019+-+Cakes+and+Kits& bta_tid=03538360315476385204070966119685204351331843325743820028701284548353322240977472729679192768705716794628& bta_c=5zyid8lxfus7cqbw07xrxtquq0o3z

Knitting Tips

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rH4COUKOSVM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZO69tipkoKg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IG4XdtWUpw>

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

The *2019 Alabama Gourd Show* will be Friday and Saturday October 18 and 19. See AlabamaGourdSociety.org for details and hands-on workshops being offered.

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? Does anyone want to share a room? Contact the guild.

Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday October 22, 5:00 p.m. is the deadline for contributions to the November 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.

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
Angel Ornament @ Madison	Fri Nov 22, 2019, 10:00-12:00
Paper Craft @ Murphy	Thu Dec 5, 2019, 10:00-12:00
Angel Ornament @ Main	Tue Dec 10, 2019, 6:30-8:30

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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Sat Oct 19, 9:30-12:30	October Gathering / Bailey Cove Library UFO's and Make-up for October 8 and October 22 meetings
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