

# 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.

You will receive contact information for the member's *Weaving Studio* in Toney upon registration so that you can make an appointment for warping and weaving.

## **Summary of Important Dates**

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

November 2 – cancelled.

November 16, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., member's *Weaving Studio* in Toney – Kathrin Weber Space Dyeing

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

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

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

## **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.

## **Fiber Study Group**

The *Fiber Study Group* is for people of all skill levels. The next meeting will be Tuesday November 12, 6:30 p.m., at the Cooper House / Central Presbyterian Church. Wind your warp for the *Weave and Sew a Tote Bag*. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no fourth Tuesday meeting in November.

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.

## **Guild Contact Information**

### **Website**

[www.HuntsvilleFiberArts.com](http://www.HuntsvilleFiberArts.com)

### **Facebook and Ravelry**

### **E-mail Address**

HsvFiber @gmail.com

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### **Mailing Address**

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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, 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.

### **Christmas Tree at Main Library**

The Huntsville Fiber Guild will be setting up a Christmas tree in the Main Library on the first floor. We can set up the tree anytime during library hours (9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Saturday, and 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Sunday) between Monday, November 25 and Sunday, December 1. We will have a new tree. We'll need to take down the tree no later than Sunday January 5.

Those interested in setting up the tree will determine when we set it up. Contact the Guild to volunteer.

## **Another Sheep to Shawl?**

We have received a call from *Handweavers Guild of America* urging us to form a *Sheep to Shawl Team* for *Convergence 2020*. They want to be sure that the southeast is well represented at this event. (We send them a copy of our newsletter and they noticed we had a contest.)

I hope some of you are interested in being part of a team for *Convergence 2020*. I think everyone who participated in September would do well on a team at *Convergence 2020*.

See the rules at <https://weavespindye.z2systems.com/np/clients/weavespindye/event.jsp?event=243&>

The rules are not that different from the ones we used. Notice that you can enter the *Sheep to Shawl* without attending the entire conference. You just buy the \$10 day ticket. There is a \$25 per team registration fee. The sheep to shawl contest is Saturday July 25, 2020, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

If you form a team and need more team members let me know. I can send out email to all our members.

## **Crochet for Beginners @ Bailey Cove**

There will be a 4-part *Crochet for Beginners* offered at *Bailey Cove Library* on Mondays November 4, 18, 25 and December 2, 2019, 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. There is no supply fee. This class is open to adults and youth ages 13 and up.

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. Pre-register by email to WeavingBasics@yahoo.com.

To set up another set of *Crochet for Beginners* classes or a set of *Introduction to Needle Tatting* classes, email WeavingBasics@yahoo.com.

## **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. Due to the Veterans Day holiday, the next meeting will be on November 18. We'll meet to work 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please bring a lunch. 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 November 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/Cullman Fiber Workshops

The fiber workshops at Peinhardt Living History Farm in Cullman will resume in February 2020. See [PeinhardtLHF.tumblr.com](https://PeinhardtLHF.tumblr.com) for more information and location in Cullman and driving directions.

## Have You Heard About ...

*Floating Selvedges*

[https://handwovenmagazine.com/the-best-and-worst-ways-to-weight-floating-selvedges/?utm\\_source=drip&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=The+Best+%28and+Worst%29+Ways+to+Weight+Floating+Selvedges&utm\\_content=HW+10.03.19+Newsletter](https://handwovenmagazine.com/the-best-and-worst-ways-to-weight-floating-selvedges/?utm_source=drip&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=The+Best+%28and+Worst%29+Ways+to+Weight+Floating+Selvedges&utm_content=HW+10.03.19+Newsletter)

*Crochet Sweaters*

[https://www.interweave.com/article/crochet/crochet-sweaters-side-bottom-top-down/?utm\\_source=Selligent&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=cm-trj-nl-191003-crochetist-new&utm\\_content=&utm\\_term=](https://www.interweave.com/article/crochet/crochet-sweaters-side-bottom-top-down/?utm_source=Selligent&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=cm-trj-nl-191003-crochetist-new&utm_content=&utm_term=)

*5 Secrets of Natural Dyes*

[https://spinoffmagazine.com/five-secrets-natural-dye/?utm\\_source=drip&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Five+Secrets+of+Natural+Dye&utm\\_content=SO+10.22.19+Newsletter](https://spinoffmagazine.com/five-secrets-natural-dye/?utm_source=drip&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Five+Secrets+of+Natural+Dye&utm_content=SO+10.22.19+Newsletter)

*Rolag vs Puni*

[https://spinoffmagazine.com/what-is-a-rolag-anyway/?utm\\_source=drip&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Five+Secrets+of+Natural+Dye&utm\\_content=SO+10.22.19+Newsletter](https://spinoffmagazine.com/what-is-a-rolag-anyway/?utm_source=drip&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Five+Secrets+of+Natural+Dye&utm_content=SO+10.22.19+Newsletter)

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

*Fiber in the Boro* will be November 3. See [FiberintheBoro.com](https://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 opened 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.

### **Leclerc Nilus Loom and English Combs For Sale**

Leclerc Nilus 8 harness floor loom with Texsolv heddles, 30 inches wide, not portable, includes three reeds, 8-, 10-, and 12-dents per inch, \$2000. 5 pitch English combs with protective cover, \$200. Pictures can be provided. Contact Colleen Laymon by email, CMLaymon @comcast.net, or phone, 256-509-0272.

### **Cricket Loom Heddles For Sale**

Schacht 15-inch Flip/Cricket Loom 15-inch variable dent heddle. \$45. Other 15-inch heddles, 8, 10 and 12 dent. \$25 each. (The loom has already been sold.)  
9 yard warping board. \$40. Contact the Guild.

### **Schacht Ladybug Equipment For Sale**

Bulky Flyer, \$156. Bulky Bobbin, \$35. High Speed Whorl, \$20. High Speed Bobbin, \$41. Bulky Bobbin, \$35. (The spinning wheel has already been sold.) Contact the Guild.

### **Newcomb Looms For Sale**

2 Newcomb Studio Rug Looms, 4 harness, with bench and creel, no reed included. \$500 OBO. Free setup. Inquire at Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center. Contact Becky at 256-880-7081.

### **Macomber Loom For Sale**

4-harness Macomber loom with 48" weaving width, very good condition. Overall width is 56", needs 4'x5' floor space. This loom is from the estate of an avid weaver, and includes a box of equipment that goes with the loom, all for \$2300. Email FBarnes@farmerstel.com.

### **Newsletter Deadline**

Tuesday November 26, 5:00 p.m. is the deadline for contributions to the December newsletter. Send contributions by email to HsvFiber @gmail.com.

### **Permission to Copy**

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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](http://WeavingBasics.tumblr.com) for details or email [WeavingBasics@yahoo.com](mailto:WeavingBasics@yahoo.com).

Crochet for Beginners @ Bailey Cove  
"Thread Catcher" Bag @ Murphy  
Decorate a Straw Wreath @ Main  
Angel Ornament @ Madison  
Paper Craft @ Murphy  
Angel Ornament @ Main

Mon Nov 4, 18, 25, Dec 2, 2019, 3:30–5:30  
Thu Nov 7, 2019, 10:00-12:00  
Tue Nov 12, 2019, 6:30-8:30  
Fri Nov 22, 2019, 10:00-12:00  
Thu Dec 5, 2019, 10:00-12:00  
Tue Dec 10, 2019, 6:30-8:30

