

# Open Sheds

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## What: Roc Day

When: Saturday January 11, 2020, 9:30-4:00

Where: Bailey Cove Library  
1409 Weatherly Plaza SE, Huntsville

The Huntsville Fiber Guild will celebrate *Roc Day* at Bailey Cove Library. We need you to show what we do. Bring your spinning wheels, looms, shuttles, needles and other tools to demonstrate the fiber arts you enjoy. Bring items to show what we've done in workshops.

Bring something you have hand-made for a door prize, or tools, materials or books you would want to win.

Help with the advertising by sharing the attached flyer.

Join this community celebration of the fiber arts. See demonstrations of spinning, weaving, crocheting, knitting and tatting with a chance to join in. Meet and network with local fiber artists. Find out about local beginning and intermediate classes.

All fiber artists, aspiring artists/makers and the public are welcome.

## Your Creative Roc Day Door Prize Donations Needed – Diane Cole

Donations are needed for door prizes to be given away at *Roc Day* 2020. To show off the creativeness of our members, we would like donations of fiber items you have made to use as door prizes at *Roc Day*. If you have some fiber creations would like to donate, contact the Guild or bring them to any guild meeting or event by January 1. Please include a card with your name as donator, what the item is, process used, i.e. knitting, crocheting, weaving, spinning, tatting, etc., what type of fiber was used, and care instructions if applicable. The card will be included with the door prize given way at *Roc Day*. This is your chance to show off a little and get some recognition for the beautiful work you have done.

## Weave a Tote Bag Continues

We are continuing the *Weave a Tote Bag*, with participants preparing their looms for weaving, and scheduling their working time.

## Weaving with the Inkle Loom – Beginner and Beyond

On Saturday February 15, 2020, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., the Huntsville Fiber Guild will present an inkle loom workshop at Bailey Cove Library. There is no supply fee. The workshop is open to adults and youth ages 14 and up.

## HFG Officers

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Beginners will learn to weave on an inkle loom, which can be used to make narrow bands. In class you can make a bookmark, hatband or strap, depending on how much time you want to spend. Begin to learn the language of weaving. The inkle looms will be ready to use when you arrive. At the end of the class, learn how to dress an inkle loom. No weaving experience is required.

Those who can already weave on an inkle loom will learn how to weave letters.

If you have an inkle loom and already know how to dress it, we'll gladly send you the draft for dressing your own inkle

loom so you can bring it to class.

Contact the guild by February 8 to reserve an inkle loom and handout. You will be welcome if you don't pre-register, but there may not be enough supplies.

### Homemade Lotion and Cream Workshop

On Saturday April 18, 2020, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., the Huntsville Fiber Guild and Bailey Cove Library will present a workshop on lotions and creams led by Margaret Mazikowski of *4 Maz Farms*.

**Paid pre-registration is required by April 10.** The supply fee of \$25 is due at pre-registration by April 10. Contact the guild to learn how to pay the supply fee. The workshop is open to adults and youth ages 14 and up.

Learn to make all natural lotions and creams. You will learn the properties that the various oils give lotions and creams, how to use scents, how to use preservatives or not, and how to make your own lotion and cream recipes. You'll make your own 6 ounces of lotion and 2 ounces of cream or salve to take home.

### 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.

### Red Rooster Retreat in 2020

The *Huntsville Bead Society* invites the *Huntsville Fiber Guild* to share in a crafting retreat in June or July 2020. Bring your own crafting supplies and equipment. There will be a well-lighted table waiting for you.

This retreat is not limited to beading! Bring your portable craft for some quality crafting time.

The retreat will be at *Red Rooster Retreat* (2140 County Road 870, Crane Hill, near Cullman). The retreat starts at noon on Friday and ends at noon on Sunday. The cost per participant will be about \$250. This includes five meals, starting with dinner on Friday and ending with brunch on Sunday; a dormitory-style bed including linens and towels; use of hot tub and pool. See [RedRoosterRetreat.com](http://RedRoosterRetreat.com) for details on the location.

Crafters will be invited to participate in classes provided by other participants. To attend each class, the crafter will pay a supply fee.

The *Huntsville Bead Society* plans to have a masseuse for participants at an extra charge.

Teachers can schedule classes, and charge students for class supplies. Teachers must provide all supplies needed for the class.

In order to plan the event and reserve the *Red Rooster Retreat*, at least 14 people need to commit by Saturday January 11, 2020. There is a maximum of 23 people for this retreat. The *Huntsville Bead Society* will need a \$70 deposit by April 11, 2020.

As of December 16, the potential dates are July 17-19, 2020, or July 31 and August 1-2, 2020. When you let us know you're interested, tell us which date is best.

For more information, contact Anna Hanlin, [HsvBeads@gmail.com](mailto:HsvBeads@gmail.com).

### **Fiber Study Group**

The *Fiber Study Group* is for people of all skill levels. The next meetings will be January 14 and 28, 6:30 p.m., at the Cooper House / Central Presbyterian Church in Huntsville.

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 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.

## **Constitution Village Lacers General Meeting – Suzy Worley**

*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 January 13. 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](mailto: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 – Mike Lyon**

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.

Come to *Roc Day* on January 11 to see a demonstration of shuttle tatting and learn more!

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 (and to confirm the meeting dates), email [Mike.Lyon@comcast.net](mailto:Mike.Lyon@comcast.net) or call 256-658-7314.

## **Chain Reaction Crochet Group – Ann Le Roy**

*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 January 15. 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](mailto: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://www.tumblr.com/peinhardtLHF) for more information and location in Cullman and driving directions.

## **Have You Heard About ...**

### *Ancient Knitting*

[https://spinoffmagazine.com/twist-analysis-twined-knitting/?utm\\_source=drip&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Twist+Analysis+Twined+Knitting&utm\\_content=SO+12.17.19+Newsletter](https://spinoffmagazine.com/twist-analysis-twined-knitting/?utm_source=drip&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Twist+Analysis+Twined+Knitting&utm_content=SO+12.17.19+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.

## **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.

## **Newsletter Deadline**

Tuesday January 28, 5:00 p.m. is the deadline for contributions to the February newsletter. Send contributions by email to [HsvFiber@gmail.com](mailto: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](https://www.tumblr.com/weavingbasics) for details or email [WeavingBasics@yahoo.com](mailto:WeavingBasics@yahoo.com).

Viking "Knit" – No Needles @ Murphy	Thu Jan 9, 2020, 10:00-12:00
Crochet a Necklace @ Main	Tue Jan 14, 2020, 6:30-8:30
Viking "Knit" – No Needles @ Madison	Fri Jan 24, 2020, 10:00-12:00
Crochet a Necklace @ Murphy	Thu Feb 6, 2020, 10:00-12:00
3-D Pinwheel Quilt Block @ Main	Tue Feb 11, 2020, 6:30-8:30
Weave a Round Basket @ Madison	Fri Feb 28, 2020, 9:00-3:00
3-D Pinwheel Quilt Block @ Murphy	Thu Mar 5, 2020, 10:00-12:00
Rag Top Gourd @ Main	Tue Mar 10, 2020, 6:30-8:30

Crochet a Necklace @ Madison @ Madison  
Crochet for Beginners @ Murphy  
Thread Catcher" Bag with Sewing Machine @ Main  
Weave a Heart Basket @ Madison

Fri Mar 27, 2020, 10:00-12:00  
Thu Apr 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2020, 10:00-12:00  
Tue Apr 14, 2020, 6:30-8:30  
Fri Apr 24, 2020, 9:00-3:00

### **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, 256-539-9319, Qranki2@wowway.com

### **Upcoming Huntsville Fiber Guild Events**

#### **2020**

Sat Jan 11, 9:30-4	Roc Day, Bailey Cove Library
Tue Jan 14, 6:30	Fiber Study Group, Cooper House / Central Presbyterian Church
Tue Jan 28, 6:30	Fiber Study Group, Cooper House / Central Presbyterian Church
Tue Jan 28	Deadline for contributions to February newsletter
Sat Feb 15, 10-2	Weaving with the Inkle Loom – Beginner and Beyond, Bailey Cove Library
Sat Apr 18, 10-2	Homemade Lotion and Cream Workshop, Bailey Cove Library