

# Open Sheds

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## **What: Weaving with the Inkle Loom – Beginner and Beyond**

When: Saturday February 15, 2020, 10:00-2:00

Where: Bailey Cove Library  
1409 Weatherly Plaza SE, Huntsville

The Huntsville Fiber Guild will present an inkle loom workshop that should be of interest to beginners and intermediate weavers. There is no supply fee. The workshop is open to adults and youth ages 14 and up.

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 by using a pick-up method.

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 receive the handout by email that you can print for yourself. A master copy of the handout will be available at the workshop that you can photocopy at the library (15 cents per page). You will be welcome if you don't pre-register, but there may not be enough supplies.

## **Weave a Tote Bag Continues**

We are continuing the *Weave a Tote Bag*, with participants weaving their yardage and their tote bag handles.

## **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. Make a check payable to Margaret Mazikowski, and either send it to the Huntsville Fiber Guild (P. O. Box 1562 Huntsville, AL 35807), or bring it to the Bailey Cove Library. Do not send cash through the mail. The check must be received by April 10, 4:00 p.m. 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.

## **Guild Contact Information**

### **Website**

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

### **Facebook and Ravelry**

### **E-mail Address**

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## 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 meetings will be February 11 and 25, 6:30 p.m., at the Cooper House / Central Presbyterian Church in Huntsville.

One of the tote bag weavers wants to know how to make a good selvage when weaving. Bring your ideas and questions on this subject.

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.

## Roc Day Report

*Roc Day 2020* was celebrated at the Bailey Cove Library on Saturday, January 18, after a weather delay from the 11th. The Huntsville Fiber Guild was joined by Mike Lyon with shuttle tating samples and demonstrations. Anna Hanlin from the *Huntsville Bead Society* was working on a beading project also. (There is more information about shuttle tating meetings at Bailey Cove Library and the *Huntsville Bead Society* later in this newsletter.) About 30 people in all attended, some all day, some just a while, with spinners and weavers to watch. Emily brought a warp-weighted loom patterned after looms used thousands of years ago. Several new names were added to the *Open Sheds* email list, and two signed up for the Inkle Weaving for Beginners and Beyond class. We had 20 door prizes given out in 3 drawings throughout the day with something for spinners, knitters, weavers and more! Thank you's go to everyone who donated a door prize, helped with set-up, clean-up and everything in-between. Thanks!

## 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**

*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 February 10. 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**

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 shuttle 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).

## Huntsville Bead Society

The *Huntsville Bead Society* meets on the second Saturday of the month, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at the Eleanor Murphy Library on Charlotte Drive. The next meeting is Saturday February 8. It's a good group to attend to learn about beading. I've enjoyed their meetings for several years now. They usually have a beading project that teaches a beading technique. For more information, and to learn the topic of their next meeting, email [HsvBeads@gmail.com](mailto:HsvBeads@gmail.com).

## 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 February 12. 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. Here is the full 2020 calendar:

### Peinhardt Living History Farm 2020 Fiber Workshops Calendar

Basket Study Group – Round Basket	Sun February 9, 2020, 2:00–5:00
Ways with Yarn / Needle Tatting Study Group	Sat February 15, 2020, 10:00-12:00
Spinning on a Drop Spindle: The Magic of Twist	Sat February 22, 2020, 9:00–1:00
Basket Study Group	Sun March 8, 2020, 2:00– 5:00
Ways with Yarn Study Group	Sat March 21, 2020, 10:00-12:00
Homemade Lotion and Cream Workshop	Sat March 28, 2020, 9:00–1:00
Ways with Yarn Study Group	Sat April 18, 2020, 10:00-12:00
Bead Embroidery - Introduction to Bead Applique	Sat April 25, 2020, 9:00– 11:00
Basket Study Group	Sun April 26, 2020, 2:00–5:00
Needle Felting	Sat May 16, 2020, 9:00
Basket Study Group	Sun June 14, 2020, 2:00–5:00
Ways with Yarn Study Group	Sat June 20, 2020, 10:00- 12:00
Loom Weaving Fiber Workshop	Sat June 27, 2020, 9:00
Basket Study Group	Sun July 12, 2020, 2:00–5:00
Ways with Yarn Study Group	Sat July 18, 2020, 10:00-12:00
Braid as Rag Mug Rug Fiber Workshop	Sat July 25, 2020, 9:00
Basket Study Group	Sun August 9, 2020, 2:00–5:00
Ways with Yarn Study Group	Sat August 15, 2020, 10:00-12:00
Natural Dyeing Fiber Workshop	Sat August 22, 2020, 9:00
Basket Study Group	Sun September 13, 2020, 2:00–5:00
Ways with Yarn Study Group	Sat September 19, 2020, 10:00-12:00

See [PeinhardtLHF.tumblr.com](https://www.peinhardtLHF.tumblr.com) for more information on these workshops and the location in Cullman and driving directions.

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

*Hems with Less Bulk*

<https://handwovenmagazine.com/hems-with-less-bulk/>

*Tips and Tricks for Warping Loom*

[https://handwovenmagazine.com/tips-and-tricks-for-warping-your-loom/?utm\\_source=drip&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Tips+%26+Tricks+for+Warping+Your+Loom&utm\\_content=HW+01.09.20+Newsletter](https://handwovenmagazine.com/tips-and-tricks-for-warping-your-loom/?utm_source=drip&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Tips+%26+Tricks+for+Warping+Your+Loom&utm_content=HW+01.09.20+Newsletter)

*Indigo*

[https://spinoffmagazine.com/growing-indigo-in-indiana/?utm\\_source=drip&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=The+Fractal+Stripe%3A+One+Method+for+Controlling+the+Striping+of+Painted+Roving&utm\\_content=SO+12.21.19+Newsletter](https://spinoffmagazine.com/growing-indigo-in-indiana/?utm_source=drip&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=The+Fractal+Stripe%3A+One+Method+for+Controlling+the+Striping+of+Painted+Roving&utm_content=SO+12.21.19+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.

## **For Sale – Loom and Fiber**

Rigid heddle loom with 10-dent reed, 25-inch weaving width, loom is 30 inches wide x 24 inches deep, includes stick shuttle: \$100. Alpaca fiber, washed and carded, in lots of natural colors: \$3 per ounce. Call 256-426-0062.

## **Newsletter Deadline**

Tuesday February 25, 5:00 p.m. is the deadline for contributions to the March 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 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	Fri Mar 27, 2020, 10:00-12:00
Crochet for Beginners @ Murphy	Thu Apr 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2020, 10:00-12:00
Thread Catcher" Bag with Sewing Machine @ Main	Tue Apr 14, 2020, 6:30-8:30
Weave a Heart Basket @ Madison	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, Qranki2@wowway.com

## **Upcoming Huntsville Fiber Guild Events in 2020**

Tue Feb 25	Deadline for contributions to March newsletter
Tue Feb 11, 6:30	Fiber Study Group, Cooper House / Central Presbyterian Church
Sat Feb 15, 10-2	Weaving with the Inkle Loom – Beginner and Beyond, Bailey Cove Library
Tue Feb 25, 6:30	Fiber Study Group, Cooper House / Central Presbyterian Church
Sat Apr 18, 10-2	Homemade Lotion and Cream Workshop, Bailey Cove Library
Sat Aug 22	Natural Dyeing Workshop, Peinhardt Living History Farm in Cullman
Sep	Huntsville Fiber Guild has Main Library display case