

Open Sheds

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What: Dyeing and Oldest UFO Contest

When: Saturday March 21, 2020, 9:00-3:00

Where: Member's Weaving Studio in Toney

Do you have a fleece or animal/silk fiber yarn you can't use because it's the wrong color? Do you want to learn how to dye wool or other animal fibers and yarn? For our monthly meeting on Saturday March 21st the Huntsville Fiber Guild will host a fiber and yarn dyeing workshop from 9:00-3:00 at a member's weaving studio in Toney, AL. We'll be using fiber reactive dyes and vinegar to dye animal and silk-based fibers and yarn brought in by attendees. There is a \$5.00 supply fee to pay for the dyes. The workshop is open to adults and youth ages 14 and up.

If you're not into fiber dyeing we'll be working on fiber UFOs (unfinished objects). We'll have an oldest UFO contest where the person who finishes the oldest UFO project will get a prize. So get working on those old UFOs so you can finish them up at the March 21st meeting. Contact the guild for more information and for the workshop location address.

Weave a Tote Bag Continues

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

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.

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

Website

www.HuntsvilleFiberArts.com

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Fiber Study Group

The *Fiber Study Group* is for people of all skill levels. The next meetings will be March 10 and 24, 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.

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 March 9. 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 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.

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 March 14. 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.

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 March 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.

Pressed Flower Art Make and Take Workshop

On Saturday March 14, 10:00 a.m., the *Master Gardeners of North Alabama* will present *Pressed Flower Art Make and Take Workshop* at the Madison County Farmers Market. Come join us as we make greeting cards, bookmarks, and pictures using pressed dried flowers! All participants will make all three items. The cost is \$10 per person. All materials will be provided.

You must pre-register and prepay by March 12. Send a check to MGNA, 187 Coldsprings Drive Harvest, AL 35749.

The Madison County Farmers Market is at 1022 Cook Avenue, Huntsville.

Peinhardt/Cullman Fiber Workshops

The fiber workshops at Peinhardt Living History Farm in Cullman have resumed. Here is the 2020 calendar:

Peinhardt Living History Farm 2020 Fiber Workshops Calendar

Basket Study Group – Double Bottom Basket	Sun March 8, 2020, 2:00– 5:00
Ways with Yarn Study Group – Tunisian Crochet	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 – Double Ended Tunisian Crochet	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
Wet Felting	Sat May 16, 2020, 9:00
Basket Study Group	Sun June 14, 2020, 2:00–5:00
Ways with Yarn Study Group – Needle Tatting	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 – Tunisian Crochet	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 – Double Ended Tunisian Crochet	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
Peinhardt Farm Day	Sat October 17

See PeinhardtLHF.tumblr.com for more information on these workshops and the location in Cullman and driving directions.

Middle Tennessee Fiber Festival

The 2020 Middle Tennessee Fiber Festival will be Friday and Saturday May 22-23. I have attended for several years, and always enjoy their workshops. Their website is a work in progress, so keep checking their website, TNFiberFestival.com for descriptions of their workshops.

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 March 24, 5:00 p.m. is the deadline for contributions to the April 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.

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
Rag Top Gourd Bowl @ Murphy	Thu May 7, 2020, 10:00-12:00
Make a Terrarium @ Main	Tue May 12, 2020, 6:30-8:30
Leaf Pounding/Printing @ Madison	Fri May 15, 2020, 10:00-12:00
Leaf Pounding/Printing @ Murphy	Thu Jun 4, 2020, 10:00-12:00
Braid a Mug Rug @ Main	Tue Jun 9, 2020, 6:30-8:30
Weave a Basket on a Gourd Bowl @ Madison	Fri Jun 26, 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 Mar 10, 6:30	Fiber Study Group, Cooper House / Central Presbyterian Church
Sat Mar 21, 9:00-3:00	Dyeing and Oldest UFO Contest, member's weaving studio in Toney
Tue Mar 24	Deadline for contributions to April newsletter
Tue Mar 24, 6:30	Fiber Study Group, Cooper House / Central Presbyterian Church
Sat Apr 18, 10-2	Homemade Lotion and Cream Workshop, Bailey Cove Library
Sat May 16	Spinning Video and Hands-On Day for Beginners and Beyond
Sat Aug 22	Natural Dyeing Workshop, Peinhardt Living History Farm in Cullman
Sep	Huntsville Fiber Guild has Main Library display case