

# Open Sheds

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## Celebrate Local Yarn Store Day

Saturday September 12 is *Local Yarn Store Day*. See <https://localyarnstoreday.com/>. It is more important than ever that we support our local yarn stores. We would not want them to close. We are fortunate to have several to choose from. Here are the ones I know about (listed alphabetically).

**Fiber Art Works**, Huntsville, AL, see <http://www.fiberartwork.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/fiberartworkhuntsville>.

**Hook a Frog Fiber and Fun**, Madison, AL, see <https://www.hookafrog.net/>.

Thanks to *Hook a Frog* for hosting our video meetings. They are planning two events in September.

On Saturday, September 12, 2020, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., *Hook a Frog* will present a special *Local Yarn Store Day (LYS Day)* event. *LYS Day* is a program designed to drive traffic to local yarn stores. *LYS Day* has brought thousands of ‘yarnies’ from across the US and Canada to go to their local shops to see the exclusive, unique products created specifically for *LYS Day*. Think of it as an international *Yarn Crawl!* We will have exclusive items and new yarn company items for the event. Tents will be up outside to assist with social distancing.

On Saturday, September 19, 2020, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., *Hook a Frog* will present a free event. Bring your wheels and stay all day! If the weather allows, we will have tents outside to allow for social distancing. We will have fiber for sale from several different vendors.

**Sparkle Studio** at Lowe Mill, Huntsville, AL, see <https://thatsparklestudio.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/ThatSparkleStudio>. *Sparkle Studio* is a HFG business member.

On Saturday, September 12, 2020, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., *Sparkle Studio* will present a *LYS Day* and *Spin in Public Day*. Spinners, weavers, crocheters, knitters, dyers, felters, sewists, and more are welcome to join us at this free event. EVERYONE is welcome! We will meet outside in the covered area in the Railroad Building. There will be lots of fresh air and social distancing. The *Studio* will be open from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and for special purchases during the event.

We’ll also be live streaming in our group for those who aren’t comfortable joining us in person.

Some of the new products available are:

- \* Alpaca fiber in a wide range of natural colors
- \* Alpaca fiber in a range of natural-dyed colors
- \* Custom made batts while you wait (wool, alpaca, bamboo, Angelina)

**Yarn Boutique**, Decatur AL, see <https://yarn-boutique-of-decatur.business.site/> and <https://www.facebook.com/YarnboutiqueofDecatur/>

## Member Poll: Tell Us Where You Buy Supplies

Where do you like to buy your yarn and supplies?. Are there other shops within 3 hours that you recommend? Send your recommendations to the guild email and we will publish them next month.

## Zoom Meetings

Huntsville Fiber Guild Zoom meetings are scheduled every other Thursday at 6:30 p.m. These occurred August 13 and 27 with show-and-tell about what everyone had been doing in the past two weeks.

The September meetings will be the Thursday September 10 and 24. We will send a reminder email the Wednesday before each call with the link to the meeting.

Many thanks to the host, Teresa from *Hook a Frog* in Madison. All are welcome to join the meetings, bring show-and-tell, and bring something to work on.

## Membership Dues Update – Dues Waived for 2020-2021 Membership Year

Normally, we would be asking for your membership fee for the 2020-2021 membership year. The board has decided to not charge membership dues this year due to the pandemic. If you would like to join the guild or remain a member, just fill out the attached *Membership Form* and *Fiber Arts Interest Survey*. Email this information to the guild.

Why bother with a *Membership Form* when there is no fee due? We want to know how to reach you, what fiber arts you enjoy and hear your program/workshop suggestions.

The Huntsville Fiber Guild membership year is October 1 – September 30. Both *Personal* and *Commercial Memberships* are available in the Huntsville Fiber Guild. 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.

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.

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.

## Workshops/Programs/Social Distancing Meetings - Ideas For the Coming Year

We need suggestions on how we can connect with each other and continue to help each other learn during the coming months. What kind of social distanced events do you all suggest? Would you like an on-line study group? What subject? Should we have a towel exchange? Hat exchange? Video calls? What platform do you



prefer? Do you know of a place where we can meet socially distant, either public or private, for a *Spin-In* or *Roc Day*? All ideas and suggestions will be appreciated. Please email the guild.

### **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.

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

*Enlarging Drafts*

<https://handwovenmagazine.com/ask-madelyn-enlarging-drafts/>

*Controlling the Primaries in Color Mixing*

[https://handwovenmagazine.com/controlling-the-primaries-in-your-color-mixing/?utm\\_source=drip&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Controlling+the+Primaries+in+Your+Color+Mixing&utm\\_content=HW+08.27.20+Newsletter](https://handwovenmagazine.com/controlling-the-primaries-in-your-color-mixing/?utm_source=drip&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Controlling+the+Primaries+in+Your+Color+Mixing&utm_content=HW+08.27.20+Newsletter)

*The Great Fleece Makeover*

[https://spinoffmagazine.com/the-great-fleece-makeover/?utm\\_source=drip&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=The+Great+Fleece+Makeover&utm\\_content=SO+09.01.20+Newsletter](https://spinoffmagazine.com/the-great-fleece-makeover/?utm_source=drip&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=The+Great+Fleece+Makeover&utm_content=SO+09.01.20+Newsletter)

*A Perfect Finish: Thwacking and Snapping Handspun Yarn*

[https://spinoffmagazine.com/a-perfect-finish-thwacking-and-snapping-handspun-yarn/?utm\\_source=drip&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=The+Great+Fleece+Makeover&utm\\_content=SO+09.01.20+Newsletter](https://spinoffmagazine.com/a-perfect-finish-thwacking-and-snapping-handspun-yarn/?utm_source=drip&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=The+Great+Fleece+Makeover&utm_content=SO+09.01.20+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.

### **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.

### **Newsletter Deadline**

Thursday September 24, 5:00 p.m. is the deadline for contributions to the October newsletter. Send contributions by email to [HsvFiber@gmail.com](mailto:HsvFiber@gmail.com).

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