

# Open Sheds

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## Celebrate Spinning & Weaving Week with HGA!

October 5-11, 2020

### Register to Participate in our Virtual Offerings

The *Spinning and Weaving Week* celebration reflects the truly international membership of the Handweavers Guild of America, Inc. (HGA), and the international traditions of our crafts. We invite fiber artists around the world to join together in celebration of our common heritage.

#### Guild Contact Information Website

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We're thrilled to offer activities and events for seven days devoted to celebrating spinning and weaving. Our programming will educate, inspire, and support the fiber art community. All events will take place online and via our Zoom webinar program. All virtual activities are free for members and members receive priority registration for the happy hours. Non-members will be charged a nominal fee to attend artist studio tours. Not a member? [Join Today](#).

All events are scheduled for Eastern Standard Time (EST). We continue to add to our schedule. For the latest updates on HGA's Spinning and Weaving Week initiatives, please visit our [Spinning & Weaving Week](#) webpage.

### Our Local Yarn Stores

We are fortunate to have several local yarn stores to choose from, 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.

On Saturday, October 10, 2020, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., *Hook a Frog* will present *I Love Yarn Day*. There will be a Halloween Event on October 31, 2020, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Check for the details later.

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

**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. The next meetings will be October 8 and 22 with show-and-tell about what everyone had been doing in the past two weeks.

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.

## **HELP: We Need Workshops/Programs/Social Distancing Meetings and Ideas For the Coming Months**

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.

### **Great Sites To Learn How to Crochet**

I’ve found some YouTubes with very clear instructions for beginning crocheters. The instructor is Jenny King, who is Australian. As she explains, when she is teaching how to make what she calls a *double crochet stitch*, we in the USA know it as a *single crochet stitch*. Also, her *treble crochet stitch* is our *double crochet stitch*. She describes the motions and also gives the technically correct names. Here are the links:

Lesson 1, Chain Stitch – Learn to Crochet with Jenny King

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zja1U-5eKuM>

Lesson 2, Your First Stitch (Single Crochet in USA)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9OFRRJgoz4w>

Lesson 3, The Next Stitch (Double Crochet in USA)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sOydhiWUWZE>

Lesson 1, Chain Stitch Left Handed

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qI6E\\_kObGd8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qI6E_kObGd8)

Lesson 2 Your First Stitch Left Handed (Single Crochet in USA)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oYZQgOAHgjc>

Lesson 3 The Next Stitch Left Handed (Double Crochet in USA)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jgUWmQcFQT4>

Even if you have tried to learn how to crochet before and failed, try these videos. I think children would find these videos helpful too.

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

I have found some videos on building a *rocket stove* that could be useful for backyard dyeing. It’s called a *rocket stove* because of the sound the fire makes. Here are some YouTubes that use bricks, and now that the weather is cooler, I need to dye some basket reed. It will be nice not to mess up the kitchen.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=onMbSLuC7Oc>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UAS6\\_PQyqQw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UAS6_PQyqQw)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IV6hGCI51ik>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z\\_Rozs12174](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z_Rozs12174)

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 October 22, 5:00 p.m. is the deadline for contributions to the November newsletter. Send contributions by email to HsvFiber @gmail.com.

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