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Mug Rug Challenge and Swap

The *Huntsville Fiber Guild* is planning a **Mug Rug Challenge and Swap**. This event is open to members of the *Huntsville Fiber Guild*.

Members received this information earlier, on Tuesday October 27, 8:10 p.m. That is one of the benefits of membership in the *Huntsville Fiber Guild*. It's very easy to become a member, and there is no membership fee for the 2020-2021 membership year, just click the **Fill Out Form** button at the end of the email containing this attached file.

For the **Challenge**, submit a photograph of your completed set(s) of mug rugs along with a description. You will receive photographs and descriptions of all the mug rug sets submitted to the **Challenge**.

For the **Swap**, send in your completed set(s) of mug rugs and receive another set(s) of mug rugs in exchange.

See all the details below!

You can participate in the **Challenge** without **Swapping** mug rugs.

Get Ready, Get Set, Go!

Rules for Mug Rug Challenge and Swap Event

1. This event is open to current members of the *Huntsville Fiber Guild*. It is free to join the *Huntsville Fiber Guild* for the 2020-2021 year. Click on **Fill Out Form** at the end of this email to join.
2. Make a set of four coordinating or matching mug rugs. Each mug rug should be at least a 4-inch square or a 5-inch diameter circle (or a minimum area of 16 square inches) excluding fringe. Mug rugs may be larger. You may submit up to three sets of four mug rugs with each set using different techniques, colors and/or fibers.
3. Choose your fiber technique: weaving, knitting, crocheting, tatting, quilting, felting, macrame, anything involving thread, yarn, fabric, cord and/or rope.
4. Choose your fiber: plant, animal, man-made and combinations of these.
5. To participate in the **Mug Rug Challenge**:
 - (A) Submit a photograph of your set(s) of four mug rugs.
 - (B) Submit description(s) of the fiber technique(s) and the fiber(s). Add, if you wish to share, notes on inspiration, thoughts on your project, or some words about yourself.
 - (C) Include your name and contact information.
 - (D) Use "Mug Rug Challenge" as the subject of the email.
 - (E) Email these items to **HsvFiber@gmail.com** no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, December 8, 2020**.

Guild Contact Information Website

www.HuntsvilleFiberArts.com

Facebook and Ravelry

E-mail Address

HsvFiber@gmail.com

Telephone Number

Leave message at 256-384-5515

Mailing Address

Huntsville Fiber Guild
PO Box 1562
Huntsville, AL 35807

6. Participants in the **Mug Rug Challenge** will receive by email all the photographs and descriptions that are submitted.

7. To participate in the **Mug Rug Swap**:

(A) Submit a photograph of your set(s) of four mug rugs.

(B) Submit description(s) of the fiber technique(s) and the fiber(s). Add, if you wish to share, notes on inspiration, thoughts on your project, or some words about yourself.

(C) Include your name and contact information.

(D) Include the best email address (preferred) and/or telephone number and time of day to contact you.

(E) Tell us whether you will be dropping off your mug rugs in person or using the US Mail.

(F) Use "Mug Rug Swap" as the subject of the email.

(G) Email these items to **HsvFiber@gmail.com** no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, December 8, 2020**.

(H) Put each set of mug rugs in a Ziploc bag which contains a label with your name that shows on the outside. (You may also attach your name to each mug rug.)

(I) Send the Huntsville Fiber Guild your set(s) of mug rugs to be swapped either by making arrangements to drop off the materials in person or by US Mail.

- (i) To drop off the materials in person, the **Swap Coordinator** will make arrangements to meet you and receive your mug rug set(s) to be swapped at either the **Main Downtown Library** parking lot or the **Bailey Cove Library** parking lot later in the week. The **Main Downtown Library** is located at 915 Monroe Street; the **Bailey Cove Library**, 1409 Weatherly Plaza SE.

At the agreed upon time, the **Swap Coordinator** will be sitting in her car in the library parking lot with a **Huntsville Fiber Guild** sign, the car windows rolled up, and a plastic bag outside the car for you to drop your Ziploc bag(s) into.

- (ii) To use the US Mail, place the Ziploc bag(s) into a large envelope, address to: Huntsville Fiber Guild PO Box 1562 Huntsville, AL 35807. Include a check or money order payable to the Huntsville Fiber Guild in the amount of \$4 to cover return postage and return envelope. (Never send cash through the mail.) The envelope must be **postmarked by December 8, 2020**.

8. If you participate in the **Mug Rug Swap**, at the end you will receive a set of mug rugs from another fiber artist. You can enter up to three different sets of mug rugs, and receive a set of mug rugs in exchange for each set you contribute to the **Mug Rug Swap**.

To receive the materials in person, the **Swap Coordinator** will contact you to make arrangements to meet you at either the **Main Library** parking lot of the **Bailey Cove Library** parking lot the week of December 14, 2020. To receive the materials by US Mail (using the \$4 you sent for return postage and return envelope), the **Mailing Coordinator** will mail them so that you will receive the materials by December 21, 2020.

9. Participants in the **Mug Rug Swap** will receive by email all the photographs and descriptions that are submitted.

HELP: We Need 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.

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.

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/>

Zoom Meetings

Huntsville Fiber Guild Zoom meetings are usually scheduled every other Thursday at 6:30 p.m. The next meetings will be November 12 and December 10 with show-and-tell about what everyone had been doing in the past two weeks. Since the fourth Thursdays in both November and December are holidays, there will not be meetings on those days.

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.

Free Mug Rug Weave-A-Long to Learn About Color

This *Weave-A-Long* started on October 24, but you can still join in. See: <https://www.warpandweave.com/classes/discover-color/>.

I am really enjoying this online course. Even if you don't weave the mug rugs, I think there is good information on picking colors in this course. Since I have woven overshot before, a lot of the information is a repeat but there are a lot of tips included. I especially am enjoying seeing all the weavers post pictures and interacting on Facebook. I think there are at least 1000 people participating. I encourage you to register and check out the information. We learned about this at our video meeting. Of course, it is inspiring me to make mug rugs for the swap.

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, see the end of the email containing this attachment. Click the "Fill Out Form" button at the end of this email.

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.

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* ...," 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 ...

How to Maintain Spinning Wheel

<https://spinoffmagazine.com/how-to-maintain-your-spinning-wheel-oil-and-lubrication/>

Drive Band Basics for Antique Wheels

<https://spinoffmagazine.com/drive-band-basics-for-antique-wheels/>

Creative Solutions for Antique Wheels

<https://spinoffmagazine.com/creative-solutions-for-troublesome-antique-wheels/>

Dodec Spinning Wheel Plans

<https://spinoffmagazine.com/dodec-spinning-wheel-plans-by-porter-threads/>

Make Cigar Box Charkha

<https://spinoffmagazine.com/cigar-box-charkha/>

Painters Tape and Thread Crochet

https://pieceworkmagazine.com/painters-tape-to-the-rescue-for-thread-crochet-projects/?utm_source=drip&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=The+Legend+of+Tea+Cozies&utm_content=PW+10.21.20+Newsletter

Paco Vicunas, Vicunas and Alpacas

https://www.interweave.com/fiber-nation/tale-two-sweaters/?utm_campaign=Interweave%20Knitting%20%20Newsletters&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=98053738&_hsenc=p2ANqtz--2AZENI-psA7BFluZfvzDjd9dCFIZbAA6YwIZHWFeVY0R2r_TbtxicBKT7854h5f9SgIOsLoLEaOO1fozgTWM3AmsgCQ&utm_content=98053738&utm_source=hs_email

Knitting in the Portuguese Style

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gzfYS9_t27k&app=desktop

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

Tuesday November 24, 5:00 p.m. is the deadline for contributions to the December newsletter. Send contributions by email to HsvFiber @gmail.com.

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