

Open Sheds

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Mug Rug Challenge and Swap

The **Mug Rug Challenge and Swap** is coming to an end on Tuesday December 8. That is the deadline for you to email the photos and descriptions to the *Huntsville Fiber Guild*. This event is open to 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.

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 in the attached flyer.

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

It won't hurt to submit your photographs and description before December 8. There is no prize for being the last person.

Zoom Meetings

Huntsville Fiber Guild Zoom meetings are usually scheduled every other Thursday at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting will be December 10 with show-and-tell about what everyone had been doing in the past weeks. Since the fourth Thursday in December is a holiday, there will not be a meeting on that day.

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.

Do You Want to Celebrate Roc Day?

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.

Cozy Cove Farm

Cozette invites you to make an appointment to visit **Cozy Cove Farm** through December 23. See 70 llamas and alpacas, and the gift shop in the gazebo with handmade Alpaca items and Christmas ornaments and Llama dolls. There are some new arrivals, *baby Alpacas*. Alpaca fleeces are 50% off the price as marked. An appointment is required to limit the number of visitors.

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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/>

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.

Chattahoochee Handweavers Guild Virtual Workshops

The fiber guild in Atlanta is hosting virtual workshops. The next is **Deflected Doubleweave** presented by Natalie Rummond on February 6-7, 2021. See <https://chgweavers.org/workshops/> for details on this and other workshops they are planning.

Have You Heard About ...

Use Your Thrums: Knotted Cut Pile

https://handwovenmagazine.com/use-your-thrums-knotted-cut-pile/?utm_source=drip&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Use+Your+Thrums%3A+Knotted+Cut+Pile&utm_content=HW+11.19.20+Newsletter

Nalbinding Basics: Oslo Stitch

<https://spinoffmagazine.com/nalbinding-basics-oslo-stitch/>

How to Spin Paper

<https://spinoffmagazine.com/tis-the-season-how-to-spin-paper-for-wrapping-packages/>

Clasped-Warp Weaving

<https://handwovenmagazine.com/clasped-warp-weaving/>

How to Ply Yarn

https://longthreadmedia.nyc3.digitaloceanspaces.com/freemiums/How_to_Ply_Yarn.pdf?_s=3kqjmt8stfhftu8sxqbo&utm_source=drip&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Your+Free+Guide+on+How+to+Ply+Yarn

Soup Bowl Cozy

<https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/bags-pillows-gifts/gifts/free-soup-bowl-cozy-pattern>

Macrame Angel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3SpZ6L3mUo>

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

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