

Common Threads

Brought to you by the Cullman Fiber Guild: Bringing the Past to the Present

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts."

-Winston Churchill

Spring is here with all its re-growth and beauty. After your muscles are tired from the planting, pruning and playing in the dirt, come inside for a relaxing session with your favorite fiber project. If you'll be too hot with wool, there's always cotton, bamboo, and the synthetics.

Our Navajo knot rug workshop was really fun. We all just knotted away. It's amazing how we all are given the same instructions and come up with similar, yet different looking rug samples. The rug Roberta's aunt (I think, or maybe mother, a relative for sure) made was absolutely beautiful. The knots were tiny. Don't know if I could ever do that.

Anyone that has a fiber related workshop that they're interested in, please contact Teresa Goodwin at PlowGirl37@yahoo.com.

Or the Guild email at CullmanFiber@yahoo.com.

-Charlie

Strawberry Festival, May 7

We have a booth at the Strawberry Festival Craft Show, May 7 (Saturday only) 8am-4pm. We need volunteers to help spread the word about our Cullman Fiber Guild. An anonymous donor has paid for our booth space!! That means we can sell. To sell you must volunteer to at our booth. Please let us know if you will be there.

April 23 or April 30 Macramé a Market Bag

Arrive 9:30 a.m.

Cost: Supplies- 6 spools Venetian Blind Cord and 2 rings 5". Bring your own supplies workshop is \$5. Instructor supplies, supplies \$20.

Learn how to turn knots into something beautiful and useful. Make a market bag to store things in, use at the store, even to keep fruits and veggies in, or whatever use you can think of. Bring pony beads for decoration.

We have two workshops scheduled they will be the exact same. As of right now April 23 is FULL. April 30th has space still available.



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Upcoming Workshops

May 21

Needle Felt a Bag and Coasters

Arrive 9:30 a.m.

Cost TBD

Instructors: April Mayfield and Charlie Gardner

Learn to Needle Felt a design on a canvas bag and on a set of 4 coasters. This is a fun and very forgiving craft.

A design of your choosing can be felted. You can use stencils (will not be able to be used for stenciling after), cookie cutters (with an open top), or you can also sketch your own design but make sure that for this first project the design is not too detailed. Hobby Lobby has 2 oz packets of wool for felting for \$1.59 (don't forget you 40% off coupon.) When choosing stencils and cookie cutters keep in mind your design size, we will have small bags (about 14" x 12") and coaster sets (about 4" x 4") to needle felt on.

SUPPLIES: Wool Roving (different colors for your designs), Felt pieces (helps making well defined designs), scissors, hot glue gun and glue if you have one (if not you should be able to borrow one, for putting together the coasters), cookie cutters or stencils (instructors will have some also).

NEW BANNER!!

We are making a new banner and want everyone's help. If you felt, weave, crochet, knit, or any other fiber related thing @ the April workshop there will be stencils for the lettering for the new banner.

Annual June Party / Picnic

June 25

POTLUCK!!! We will enjoy food from everyone present! Start deciding today what recipe you would like to make to share the deliciousness with other (you do not actually have to share the recipe, it can stay a secret. But we would love to be able to taste the deliciousness!!)

Bring your show and tell, \project you are working on, ideas for workshops, and anything else you can think of. You could even bring a friend that you think might be interested in the Fiber Guild. This is a fun introduce without needing to commit to a workshop just yet, we will have membership forms available as well.

BANNER!!

We are working on a fiber related banner for the Fiber Guild to have at public appearances. At the April workshop there will be stencils for letters. The picnic we will be finishing up the banner. This could mean putting the finishing touches on your letter(s), then piecing the banner together, and finishing with sewing the letters on. This is also when we will look to see about other embellishments (flowers, baskets, or anything else to finish our awesome new banner.

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Study Group / Info

Study Group

The Basket Study Group meets every 2nd Sunday @ 2pm. We look forward to having more study groups in the future.

Basket Study Group:

Next meeting: Sunday, May 8 2pm-4pm

Making a Nantucket Basket

If you want colored reed bring Rit dye in the color you want with a container just for the dye that will not be used for food afterward. Your toolkit should include: bucket to hold water, towel, Small garden clippers, Tape measure or yard stick, clothes pins, awl, and anything else you may want for basket making as well as \$20 to start your basket reed bank account.

Don't ever feel that you will be behind anyone else if you miss a Sunday. This is a "structured/non-structured" group. Everyone is welcome to come when your schedule permits.

If you are interested in making baskets, please come join us!

We are a laid back group of people interested in baskets. Bring a basket pattern or idea, possibly learn new techniques and basket materials, and always be ready for a basket adventure.

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Are You Interested in the Cullman Fiber Guild Weaving Study Group?

Even if you don't have a weaving loom, as members of the Cullman Fiber Guild, you have an opportunity for hands-on experience with weaving looms. Peinhardt Living History Farm has received several looms as donations. In particular, there are two Structo looms that Pat Peinhardt wants dressed so museum visitors can see them.

We need to decide on dates and times that will work for those interested in this study group. For instance, when there is a short workshop on a fourth Saturday, we could meet in the afternoon, or whenever is convenient.

Let us know if you're interested in a loom weaving study group and when would be convenient for you. There should be more information at upcoming workshops as well.

New Website:

www.Cullmanfiber.weebly.com

Websites are always a work in progress. Some sites let you have more ease with updating your information than others, while some just look pretty. Our webmaster has tried to find a perfect middle ground for us to be able to have a successful website. There is still some updating going on with the new site, but it is up and running.

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Calendar, Directions, Extras

Cullman Fiber Guild Calendar

April 23 *Macramé a Market Bag*
April 30 *Macramé a Market Bag (#2)*
May 7 *Strawberry Festival Craft Show*
May 8 *Basket Study Group*
May 21 *Needle Felting*
June 12 *Basket Study Group*
June 25 *Annual Picnic*
July 10 *Basket Study Group*
July 23 *TBD*
August 14 *Basket Study Group*
August 27 *Farm Ya'll*
September 11 *Basket Study Group*
September 24 *Broom Making*
October 8-9 *Oktoberfest*
October *Farm Day*
November 13 *Basket Study Group*
December 11 *Basket Study Group*
December *Holiday Luncheon*

Workshops are subject to change due to instructor health, availability, etc.

Remember: You don't have to take a workshop to be able to show up and have fun. Work on your own project or just socialize!

Directions:

!!All workshops are located @ Peinhardt Living History Farm Museum in Cullman, Alabama unless otherwise specified!!

Peinhardt Living History Farm in Cullman, Alabama

From I-65, take exit 308 onto US 278 East. Turn right onto Talley Ho Street SW, less than 1 mile from the interstate, there is a Sunbeam bread store at this corner. Turn right at the Cullman Bowling Center (1710 Tally Ho Street NW). Drive through the gate and just past the Baton Cabin (restored log cabin) on the right, turn right and drive between Peinhardt Living History Farm Museum (a metal building) on the right and another restored log cabin on the left. Park in the gravel parking lot.

Newsletter Submission:

Newsletter Submissions should be submitted to
cullmanfiber@yahoo.com

We as a fiber guild work on bringing the past to the present. That means learning and sharing different arts that started in the past. Every kind of art deserves a chance to survive and we work hard to make sure it does.

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Area Events / Area Guilds

Cullman Knifty Knitters meet every Tuesday from 2:30pm-4:30pm in the Cullman County Library. Yarn and needles are free. All ages welcome. Crocheters invited too.

Heartland Quilt Guild of Cullman meets on the second Thursdays at 6pm @ Christ Covenant Church, St. Joseph St.

Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild of Cullman meets the second Friday of every month in the basement of the Colonel Cullman Museum @ 9:30am

Greater Birmingham Fiber Guild
<http://www.greaterbirminghamfiberguild.blogspot.com>

West Alabama Fiber Guild
<http://wafguild.blogspot.com/>

Huntsville Fiber Guild
<http://www.HuntsvilleFiberArts.com> or 256-384-5515 or HsvFiber@gmail.com

Huntsville Library Fiber Workshops
Please see weavingbasics.tumblr.com or email weavingbasics@yahoo.com

Huntsville Spinners meet on the second and fourth Thursdays at Books-a-Million on University Drive, Huntsville at 7:00 p.m. as well as on the first and third Thursdays at Fiber Artwork 5pm.

Huntsville Fiber Guild Weaving Study Group meets the Second and Fourth Tues Night 6:45pm, Central Presbyterian Church, Cooper House. People of all skill levels are having fun talking about their weaving projects. Join the Facebook group [facebook.com/groups/HuntsvilleHandweavers/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/HuntsvilleHandweavers/)

Huntsville Constitution Village Lacers, bobbin lace, Welcome new lacers and share books, patterns and help if needed. Please e-mail if you have questions, marygeier2@gmail.com. If you are new, please call ahead to confirm so that we can bring loaner equipment for you to practice on.

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Middle TN Fiber Festival, May 27-28, 2016

Dickson, TN
www.tnfiberfestival.com

Fiber in the Boro, October 22, 2016

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