

Common Threads

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

President's Message

"The magic is inside you. There ain't no crystal ball." "If you don't like the road you're walking, start paving another one."

-Dolly Parton

Sometimes life gets in the way of our passion be it weaving, spinning, crocheting sewing, knitting, tatting, basket weaving, whatever. You can always come back. There are instructions everywhere. You may think NOT IN CULLMAN, AL! Ah, yes it may be through books and article paper or internet. There's a YouTube for just about everything. Or, reach out to someone that does what you need assistance with.

I recently watched a YouTube on weaving an herb basket. Not only, did I learn how to make that basket, I learned several, new to me, techniques for general basket making. When I originally learned to make baskets, you know, back in the dark ages, there was very little available. At first there was a shop in Memphis where I could take classes. There were the books that could be bought and shipped across the country. There were very few people that took to basket making like I did. Most of the patrons of the shop (can't remember the name of it) took to weaving cloth rather than weaving baskets.

But, as time goes on, we now have a multitude of possibilities just sitting in our home, if we have the internet. If you do not, go to the library, they do.

Have fun. Ask questions. Seek out help. It's out there

We've made it through Thanksgiving. And, now we wait for Christmas, Hanukkah or whatever you celebrate. I hope that at least some of the gifts you give are made by you. You'd be surprised how happy that will make people. Yes, even your family.

I'm hoping a wonderful Christmas season for everyone!

We also wait for the January Fiber Guild meeting. It will be tatting. This will be lots of fun. Somewhat tedious I'm sure. If you don't try it you will never know if it's for you or not. See you there.

Charlie Gardner

January 28, 2017 Beginning Tatting

Cost: \$10

Maximum #: 10

You will be learning a basic Tatting stitch. You should come away from the workshop with a bookmark. The teacher will furnish all materials needed.

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How to Register for a Workshop:
-Sign up at a prior workshop
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Upcoming Workshops / Events / other news

February 25, 2017 Rug Hooking


Cost: \$5

Supplies needed: Embroidery hoop 8", scissors, & Crochet hook G or a little smaller. Instructors will supply other materials needed.

You will make one or two sheep ornaments approximately 2 1/2" X 3 1/2". Rug hooking can be done with strips of fabric, wool, and even yarn. The sheep we will be making will be hooked with yarn. You will need the embroidery hoop with a screw for tightening and a crochet hook.

March 25, 2017 Quilt Square

More information soon


Waiting lists happen. When you register we will reply and tell you that you are registered or on the waiting list. If you are on the waiting list and someone says they cannot go we will send you an email or call (if we have your number.) If you get this email or phone call you will need to reply or we will go to the next person on the waiting list.

Cullman Fiber Guild Basket Study Group meets every 2nd Sunday @ 2pm. We look forward to having more study groups in the future. Next Basket meeting: Sunday January 8, 2pm-4pm

Cullman Area Groups:

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

From the Huntsville Fiber Guild Newsletter:

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 Fiber Guild Calendar (for information about an event please contact the Huntsville Fiber Guild):

Dec 10, 12 - 4, Holiday Party, Madison Library

Dec 13, 6:45, Weaving Study Group, Central Presbyterian Church-Cooper House

Jan 7, 12:30-5:00, Roc Day, Lowe Mill

Feb 18, 10 - 4, Make a Project Bag, Madison Library

April 1, Family Farm and Market Day

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Calendar, Directions, Extras

Cullman Fiber Guild Calendar

2017

January 8 Basket Study Group
January 28 *Tatting*
February 12 Basket Study Group
February 25 *Rug Hooking*
March 12 Basket Study Group
March 25 *Quilt Square*
April 9 Basket Study Group
April 22 *Paper Making*
May 14 Basket Study Group
May 20 *Plastic Canvas*
June 11 Basket Study Group
June 24 *Picnic*
July 9 Basket Study Group
July 22 *Basket Making*
August 13 Basket Study Group
August 26 *Filet Crochet*
September 10 Basket Study Group
September 23 *Sock Dolls*
September 10 Basket Study Group
October *Farm Day (Public Day)*

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

Length of workshops vary, light snacks, water, and coffee generally are available.

Please feel free to bring a sack lunch, snack, and beverage if you like to any workshop.

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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