

Common Threads

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

"The most important part of life is the relationships we weave with others."

-Carol Sanders (basket maker/teacher; electrical and software engineer, Engineering manager at Boeing in MO) Taken from us too soon by a car accident at age 50.

Wow! Our first annual picnic was WONDERFUL. There was lots of great fellowship, harvesting of wisteria vines for basket making, food, and learning experiences. Daniel played Tarzan on one of the wisteria vines (almost 2" in diameter). We had many "door prizes" which went home with happy new owners. The weather really cooperated for us. It started sprinkling, just a little, around 3:30. It was definitely a very wonderful, relaxed day at the lake.

A huge thank you to Pat Peinhardt for allowing us to have our picnic at her house on Smith Lake.

Charlie

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!

July Weaving Kudzu Baskets

Saturday July 25, 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 Leader: Daniel Hessler
 Supply Fee: \$15, to be paid to leader at the beginning of the workshop.
**Location: Ms Pat Peinhardt's Lake House
 2425 County Road 255.**
 Maximum Participants: 12. Prefer experienced basket makers.

Learn to weave an Appalachian ear melon basket using kudzu, wisteria, supplejack and other local vines. The leader will provide hoops and vines for weaving, and the handout will cover harvesting, as well as techniques for weaving with vines. The folks who'll get the most out of it will be those who have already made a melon or egg basket.



Bring a sack lunch.

There is limited space in the class, but with sufficient interest we'll add another workshop on an alternate Saturday.

Directions: Good Hope Exit #304 (off of I-65) AL 69 South about 4 miles towards Smith Lake. Then turn left onto Co. Rd 255, road Dead Ends in about 2.5 miles. Destination is straight ahead. At the 69/255 intersection there is a store that has a lot of Southwest style pottery and sculptures.

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Upcoming Workshops

Pysanka (Easter Egg Decorating)

Saturday August 22, 9:30 a.m.

Leader: Teresa Czekalski

Supply Fee: \$10 (comes with traditional wooden tool, paid at beginning of workshop). \$12 (comes with plastic tool, paid by July workshop). Both kits come with 3 blown chicken eggs.

Location Peinhardt Living History Farm Museum building

Maximum Participants: 15

A pysanka is a Ukrainian Easter egg, decorated with Ukrainian folk designs using a wax-resist method. The designs are written with beeswax not painted on.

In 988 the decorated pysanka was adapted to play an important role in the Ukrainian rituals of Christianity. Many symbols were adapted to represent Easter and Christ's Resurrection.

During the Soviet regime over Ukraine the art of pysanka was banished, museum collections destroyed, and nearly forgotten. There has been a rebirth of this folk art since Ukraine's Independence in 1991.

Extras available for purchase at the workshop: Blown goose egg \$5, spaghetti wax 3/\$.75, dye packets for home \$.99.



Bias Rectangle Loom Weaving

Saturday September 26, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Supply fee: **Option 1:** \$1, includes photocopy of handout and use of 9" x 36" loom to weave a scarf during the workshop. Use donated yarn or bring your own yarn.

Option 2: \$4, includes photocopy of handout, larger selection of yarn and use of 9" x 36" loom to weave a scarf during the workshop.

Option 3, Shorter Workshop: \$1, includes photocopy of handout.

Maximum number of students using 9" x 36" looms (**Option 1** and **Option 2**): 9.

Open to adults and youth ages 14 and up.

Learn to weave on a rectangle loom with continuous thread to make a bias scarf. In this workshop we'll make a 9" x 36" scarf. You'll learn to make patterns by changing colors of yarn. You'll learn how to make your own rectangle looms in various sizes. No weaving experience is required.

The 9" x 36" scarf will require ~ 5 hours. If you can't stay that long, choose **Option 3**. Before lunch, you'll be able to weave several rows to learn how to weave, but won't finish a scarf.

Thanks to Barbara Batson for donating a sack of acrylic yarn to us. There will be more yarn available in case you don't find your color in the donated yarn (**Option 2**).

If you bring your own yarn bring a firm worsted weight yarn. NOT fuzzy. Bring ~ 65 yards for one-strand weaving, or ~ 65 yards for each strand of two-strand weaving. If desired, bring more for fringe (48 spaces narrow edges of scarf.)

The leader will bring all the tools and other supplies needed. Bring your own rectangle looms if you like. If your loom is larger than the looms provided for use in class, bring your own yarn and you will probably have to finish your work at home.

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Study Group / Info

Study Group

Right now we only have a Basket Study Group that meets every 2nd Sunday @ 2pm. We look forward to having more study groups in the future.

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

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

Start making your basket "tool kit" if you don't have one already. Remember, wear "play" clothes. We really will not get dirty but, possibly wet.

At the July study group some people will start making an Apple Basket like this one pictured. Charlie will be ordering the supplies soon. Please let her know if you are interested in making this basket July 12. Email the guild and we will tell her or call 205-540-5694 and leave a message.



Please be considerate! Workshops can have waiting lists. If you pre-register and then find you cannot attend, notify the *Cullman Fiber Guild* so that the first person on the **Waiting List** will be able to take advantage of this learning opportunity.

Teachers Directory

The *Spinning and Weaving Group*, of *The National Needlearts Association*, is starting a *Teachers Directory*. See www.spinweave.org/teachers-directory/ for details.

Weaving Workshops in Linden, Tennessee

On July 17-18, the *Buffalo River Artisans Cooperative* in Linden, Tennessee, will present **Introduction to 4-Harness Weaving: Exploration of Twill Weave**. Meet at 3:00 p.m. on July 17 to assign looms or check your loom threading, then discuss twill structure and the project, which will be two towels in different variations. On Saturday, the class will be 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The class fee is \$125, plus a materials fee of \$20 if student uses a pre-warped loom.

On August 7-8, the *Buffalo River Artisans Cooperative* will present **Introduction to Rag Rug Weaving in a Log Cabin Threading**. This is a class for 4-harness or rigid heddle weaving. The structure is plain weave threaded in a Log Cabin Color and Weave threading. Meet 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. on August 7 to assign looms or check your loom threading, then discuss the rag rug project. On Saturday, the class will be 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The class fee is \$125, plus a materials fee of \$20 if student uses a pre-warped loom.

Contact RoanCreekWeaving@yahoo.com for more details.

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Calendar, Directions, Extras

Cullman Fiber Guild Calendar

July 12 Basket Study Group
July 25 Making Vine Baskets
August 9 Basket Study Group
August 22 Pysanka (Easter Egg Decorating)
September 13 Basket Study Group
September 26 Bias Rectangle Loom Weaving
October 11 Basket Study Group
October 24 Peinhardt Living History Farm Day

NEXT YEAR

That's right!! It's already time to think about what workshops, programs, and field trips you may want for 2016. We start this early to be able to ensure we can try and find teachers for what you want to learn. Please send us and email, call, tell us on facebook, send a carrier pigeon, or whatever way works good for you to tell us what you are interested in doing.

Dates for 2016 (pending approval): January 23, February 27, March 26, April 23, May 21, June 25, July 23, August 27, September 24

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

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

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

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

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

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

Huntsville Fiber Guild
<https://sites.google.com/site/hsvfiber/>

Huntsville Library Fiber Workshops
Please see weavingbasics.tumblr.com or hmcpl.org

Huntsville Spinners meet on the second and fourth Thursdays at Books-a-Million on University Drive, Huntsville at 7:00 p.m.

Huntsville Fiber Guild Weaving Group, 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. Participants are bringing in wonderful finished projects, pictures of projects in progress on their looms, and projects in the planning stages. Some of us bring a project to work on (table looms are welcome) and some just sit and talk. Everyone is welcome to come when your schedule permits.

Huntsville Fiber Guild Meeting, Make Felted Dryer Balls. Saturday July 18, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Bailey Cove Library, 1409 Weatherly Plaza Drive, Huntsville. Do you want to reduce dryer time and eliminate the need for fabric softener? Some folks have found that using felted dryer balls does just that. Learn to make these wet felted dryer balls with us. No felting experience is needed. If you have old panty hose, bring a pair. Pre-register by e-mail to HsvFiber@gmail.com by July 10 so there will be enough supplies.

Huntsville Constitution Village Lacers, bobbin lace, Grapple room @ Summit Crossing Church, 7200 Governor's West second Monday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We always welcome new lacers. We share books, patterns and help if needed. Please call if you have questions, e-mail marygeier2@gmail.com. If you are new, please call ahead to confirm so that we can bring loaner equipment for you to practice on.

Georgia Fiber Festival, Sept 10-12, Columbus, GA
www.gafiberfest.com

Fiber in the 'Boro, Oct 24, Murfreesboro, TN
www.fiberintheboro.com

SAFF, Oct 30, 31, & Nov 1, Fletcher, NC
www.saffsite.org

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