

Common Threads

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

President's Message

"Nothing is impossible. The word itself says 'I'm Possible'" --Audrey Hepburn

Happy September. I hope this means a little cooler weather. Or, at least, not suffocating heat.

We had a booth set up at Farm Ya'll this past weekend and I understand from those that were there it was very successful! What's better a no charge space and having lots of interest from the attendees. Six people added their names to our email newsletter roll.

We all need to thank the following members for making our booth at Farm Ya'll a huge success:

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Ann Brown
Shannon McBride
Melissa Lehman

Please keep in mind that we will be at Public Day or Farm Day at Peinhardt. We will need assistance with this area also, we will have items for the public to make and take, show and tell items and looms available for the visitors to experience. We will need people to man this area. It's on Oct 22. We will be in the barn out of the weather.

See you all on the 24th for spinning and putting together our new banner.

Charlie Gardner

Beginning Spinning Workshop September 24, 2016

9:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m.

Maximum number of participants: 12

Minimum age limit: 14

Please preregistration by September 10, 2016

Supply fee: \$20 for spindle and fiber, \$15 if you are bringing your own spindle, to be paid to leader at the beginning of the workshop

Bring a sack lunch and a wire coat hanger

Learn to make your own yarn with a drop spindle. The drop spindle is a simple, versatile, portable spinning tool whose use dates to prehistoric times, but is still widely used by spinners today. The workshop will cover types of spindles, fiber characteristics and preparation, spinning basics, finishing your yarn, and an introduction to the spinning wheel. A limited number of spinning wheels will also be available for you to try.

Please indicate whether this is your first experience at spinning when you preregister. For those of you who have spinning wheels in good working condition, feel free to bring them. However, there will not be time in this workshop to include a spinning wheel repair session.

For those bringing their own drop spindles, please make sure they are in good condition and properly balanced in order to ensure a successful outcome; otherwise, you will need to purchase one from the instructor.

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Upcoming Workshops / Events / other news

September 24 (cont)

Variations in characteristics, quality, and preparation of personally owned fiber can negatively affect the spinning process, resulting in your having to use fiber provided by the instructor. The supply fee will not be discounted for those who bring their own fiber.

We will also be working on our new banner/sign as well, to be able to have it ready for Farm Day October 22. As a guild we have made the letters and now need to piece them together into our new sign. Please come with ideas on how to attach the letters to the background (duck cloth) and materials for your idea.

October 22

Peinhardt Living History Farm Public Day

Gates 9am-3pm (Guild members on morning shift arrive around 8am to help set up our booth in the barn)

Peinhardt Farm Day (Public Day) is where the farm is open to the public for 1 day out of the year. There are many vendors with farm related items. Many people demonstrating how things were done on a farm in the past.

Cullman Fiber Guild provides people demonstrating different techniques we've been learning. These include knitting, crocheting, weaving, spinning, basket making, and more.

Ms. Pat Peinhardt allows the Cullman Fiber Guild to meet at the farm for free. Her hospitality to us helps make it to where we do not have any dues at this time.

Please help us show our appreciation to Ms. Pat. All you have to do is show up at farm day with a project you've been working on. Demonstrating is really that simple! Yes, it will probably take you longer to finish than if you were at home, but by finishing a project at farm day you have demonstrated, possibly introduced something new to someone, possibly helped our guild grow, and inspired many.

We want to keep fiber arts alive! To do that we need to reach out to people that may be on the fence about learning something new, people they may not have the family history of fiber arts, as well as people that have nobody to teach them. One way to do this is by demonstrating at Farm Day.

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

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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 meetings: Sunday September 11 & October 9, 2pm-4pm

Continue making a Nantucket Basket or different basket. (If you have a basket in mind please let us know so the reed will be there for you.) Bring the pattern for the basket you would like to make next.

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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From the Huntsville Fiber Guild Newsletter:

Huntsville Fiber Guild

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

Huntsville Fiber Guild Open House September 18

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/

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.

Kathrin Weber will have a 2-day weaving workshop in Huntsville, September 9 & 10. She will show you how to design with multiple warp chains and to develop new techniques in the creation of fabrics. Then September 11, she will show you the basics of dyeing your own cellulose yarns. The dye techniques can be used to create warps or skeins of yarns. You can take one or both workshops. Details and costs of the workshops are in the attached flyer. Contact the Huntsville Fiber Guild for more information and to register.

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Calendar, Directions, Extras

Cullman Fiber Guild Calendar

September 11 Basket Study Group
September 24 *Beginning Spinning & Banner Construction*
October 9 Basket Study Group
October 22 *Farm Day (Public Day)*
November 13 Basket Study Group
December 11 Basket Study Group

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

Workshop Dates for 2017: January 28, February 25, March 25, April 22, May 20, June 24, July 22, August 26, September 23, *October Farm Day*

COMING SOON!!!
2017 workshop list will be in the next newsletter.

Directions:

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!!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
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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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