



Welcome to the West Alabama Fiber Guild!



About Us:

WAFG is a volunteer-based group dedicated to promoting and celebrating the artistry and beauty of fiber arts in the West Alabama community. Guild members teach, learn, and practice a wide range of fiber arts including: knitting, crochet, spinning, weaving, kumihimo, embroidery, felting, tatting, macrame, and dyeing among others. We also organize fun fiber related outings and social activities!

Meeting Location/Schedule:

2513 7th St, Tuscaloosa, AL - Parking lot access off 8th St behind Jimmy Johns/Dunkin'.

1st Sunday of the Month: Social Sunday

3rd Sunday of the Month: Workshop Day

We start at 1pm with a Social Hour (unless adjusted to accommodate for a longer workshop).

At 2pm, we have a quick business meeting followed by a workshop (per schedule).

5th Sundays of the Month: If they happen, there will be no formal meeting.

Current Leadership Committee Members:

Glynda McIver

Monica Newman Moore

Kristin Harrell

Lau Trevino

Claire Williams

Membership Levels:

To participate in the guild as a “**Friend**”, all you have to do is come! All levels of fiber knowledge/skill are welcome.

If you would like to become a “**Patron**” of the guild, you will need to pay dues.

Dues need to be paid to Monica by March 31st via cash, check, or Venmo (please include your name and “WAFG Dues” in your payment notes).

<u>Membership Levels:</u>	<u>Friend of the Guild:</u>	<u>Patron:</u>
Fee:	None	\$20/year
Access to Meetings:	✓	✓
Workshop materials::	✗ *List or cost announced in advance	✓ *Most are included with dues
Check out books:	✗	✓
Borrow Guild Equipment:	✗	✓
Sell at markets:	✗	✓ (+ \$5 artist pass for Kentucky specifically)

Code of Conduct:

WAFG is a safe space for all members of our community who enjoy fiber arts, regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, etc.

Discriminatory language, rude/aggressive behavior, etc. **are not permitted.**

How to engage with the group:

Join our newsletter, this is the best way to stay up to date and is our official channel of communication to members, and follow our Instagram and Facebook pages!

Dates to note for the January-December Calendar Year:

January - 1st Sunday - Yearly Planning - setting workshops, discussing field trips, discussing Kentuck dates, planning fiber challenges, and voting on dues.

April - date tbd in January - Anniversary/WAFG Birthday Party Pot Luck

June - date tba - World Wide Knit In Public Day - we usually have a picnic or meet up in a new space to craft, laugh, and share our arts!

September - date tbd in January - Kentuck Prep Day - mandatory for all members who want to sell items.

October - dates tba - Kentuck Festival of the Arts

October/November - the first two meetings following Kentuck are marketed as “Kentuck Kit Days” so folks who purchased kits from us at Kentuck can learn how to use them with our guidance.

December - 1st Sunday - Holiday Party Pot Luck

Kentuck overview:

Members, please see our [Selling Guidelines](#) for more information about selling at the annual Kentuck Festival of the Arts.

Note: Kentuck is a juried art show and draws artists from across the country. The guild is allowed annual entry and discounted booth fees without having to go through the competitive jury selection process because we are Demonstrating Artists.

Members who would like to sell items at Kentuck will need to pay an additional \$5 Kentuck Artist Pass fee. This fee will be due at the same time as your Membership dues since we have to get a list to Kentuck organizers in August. (Confirm date).

Members who would like to sell at Kentuck are also **required to attend 6 meetings** between January 1st and the mandatory Kentuck Prep Meeting in September. This ensures those selling items at Kentuck are active members of the guild, and are participating in good faith to support our mission and guild goals.

The mandatory Kentuck Prep Meeting date will be decided on the first January meeting where we set the schedule for the year, and will be announced in the newsletter and on Discord.

FAQs:

1. Can you teach me how to do a fiber art like knitting/crochet or do you offer classes?
 - a. Yes, please see our Workshop Calendar for the list of educational workshops for the calendar year. If you do not see the class you'd like to take listed, please come to a meeting! There is a very good chance someone will be present who would love to help you!
2. Can I bring my child(ren) with me?
 - a. Yes! Children under 18 are allowed but must be accompanied by their adult at all times. We encourage them to participate in the workshop/social craft hour, but if they are not, we ask that guardians provide quiet entertainment materials.
3. Can I bring a friend with me even if they don't like fiber arts?
 - a. Yes! We encourage you to! They may not have found the right fiber art yet. But, please ask your friend to not distract from workshop directions, etc. if they come with you and still remain uninterested.
4. Can I bring my service animal with me?
 - a. Yes! Our venue is ADA compliant and allows service animals.
5. Can I bring a pet with me?
 - a. No. Our venue does not permit pets to attend with you. Only registered service animals are allowed to enter the building.
6. Can I bring food/drinks with me?
 - a. Absolutely, we all do! Please note: we are not allowed to leave trash at our venue, so pack out all trash with you.
7. Do you accept donations?
 - a. Yes. We welcome monetary and material donations to help support our mission and provide free educational workshops to our community. Since we are not a 501c3 registered non-profit, we will not be able to provide a tax deduction receipt for donations. We appreciate your support.