

# THE LOOP

## The Hunterdon County Rug Artisans Guild (HCRAG) Newsletter

April 2011

### Presidents' Letter

*Happy Birthday to you.*

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*Happy Birthday dear HCRAG.*

*Happy Birthday to you.*

In April, the HCRAG will celebrate its 34<sup>th</sup> year. In 1977, Josephine Knobloch, Senior Project Coordinator for the Hunterdon County Adult & Education Program, initiated a project to teach arts and crafts classes to individuals 55 and older throughout the county. The project was a cooperative effort between Adult Education and the Office on Aging and was funded by Title III of the Older Americans Act.

Classes were offered in patchwork and quilting, crocheting, knitting and rug hooking and were held at local community churches. The first rug hooking teacher was Penny Waring. Later, Virginia Sutton and Sharon Curtis assumed responsibility for the classes offered. Their goal was to preserve the cultural heritage of rug hooking and other methods of rug construction.

Between 1978 and 1982, there were three festivals of guild shows held for individuals to showcase their work. Today, the tradition continues as the various guilds participate in the Needlework and Home Arts Show of the Hunterdon County 4-H & Agricultural Fair.

We hope you will join us at our April meeting to pay tribute to the early efforts of Jo Knobloch and the other founding members of our Guild. It is a testament to their hard work that our guild has reached its 34<sup>th</sup> year. We also want to recognize our more recent leaders and active members – through their hard work and dedication, HCRAG continues to be a leader in the rug hooking community.

Dee and Joyce

**April Meeting – Friday, April 8, 2011** -- The April meeting will be at our regular location, the Administration Building (Building #1), which is part of the Hunterdon County Complex, on Rt. 12 outside of Flemington from 10:00 to 2:00. The street address for the Complex is 1314 State Highway 12, although that does not appear on the road. Guests are welcome.

Guild Program – Norma Batastini will present a lecture and workshop on Mola Mats. The introductory lecture will cover information on molas, the Kuna Indians and how she has translated them into rug hooking designs. Following the lecture there will be a two hour workshop. Norma will have a few patterns and some wool for sale for those who have not already ordered. Please bring your hooking supplies, including your cutter, if you plan to participate in the workshop.

Show & Tell – Spring is coming – rebirth, baby animals and April showers. Please bring a rug to share – do not rain on our parade! Current projects are always welcomed.

Those who participate in Show & Tell are eligible for special raffle prizes. Annie Edwards, Karl Gimber, Barbara Kimbrough, and Deanna Kinney were the winners last month. Bags of homemade St Patrick Day cookies, a potholder (colored green, of course), a jewelry box, and a goose egg (omelet size) were the prizes donated by Guild members.

Hospitality – Helen Buchanan, Annie Edwards, Lib Ryman, and Tony Townsend are our refreshment volunteers this month. We thank them in advance.

April Birthdays – Birthday wishes go to members celebrating their special day this month – Susan Atwater (4/15), Tony Townsend (4/13) and HCRAAG (4/1) celebrate birthdays this month. Happy Birthday to you all!

Membership – Susan Johnson came to our last meeting as a guest and left as a Guild member! We welcome her to HCRAAG. Sue's contact information is as follows:

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Berkeley Hts., NJ 07922  
908-464-6324  
Powderhornsue8@hotmail.com

We are delighted that Guild member Anne Geiger from Sterling, VA was able to attend the March meeting. Anne took advantage of being in the area to see her daughter who is a student at Rutgers. Guild member Barbara Kimbrough attended her first meeting and former member Ann Gagnon attended after a long absence. We hope to see them all soon again.

Sunshine – Our warmest condolences are extended to charter member Virginia Sutton at the passing of her husband Clifford. Margie Briggs fell and sprained her wrist. We wish her a speedy recovery.

## Guild News & Events

### Rug Hooking Bonanza at the Mennonite Heritage Center – April 16, 2011 –

A full day of rug hooking activities led by members of the Hunterdon County Rug Artisans Guild are planned for April 16, 2011 at the Mennonite Heritage Center (565 Yoder Road, Harleysville, PA ) from 9-3:30. Directions to the Heritage Center accompany the newsletter.

The events for the day include:

- Hook-in
- Hooking Clinic – bring your hooking questions/problems
- Vendors – American Color Woolens, Homespun, HCRAAG & Wool'n Gardner
- Rug Show – bring a rug or two to share
- Mini-Lectures – Alternate Types of Hooking, Finishing Rugs, Hooking with Recycled Garments and "Ewe"nique Wool Dyeing.

- Beginners' Workshop
- Raffles
- Refreshments & Lunch

The Mennonite Heritage Center is a unique site for the hook-in with its special Pennsylvania German Fraktur Exhibit, its current exhibit of 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century Mennonite clothing and its permanent exhibit on Mennonite history.

Registration is required as participation is limited. The beginners' workshop is full, but a few spots remain for the hook-in. The event fee of \$40 (non Heritage Center Member) and \$35 (member) includes a full lunch and coffee/snacks. To register, contact the Mennonite Heritage Center via email [info@mhep.org](mailto:info@mhep.org), call 215-256-3020 or check the website [www.mhep.org](http://www.mhep.org).

Let Karl Gimber know if you want to be help during the day.

**Donated Raffle Items Needed** -- One of the raffle items at the hook-in at the Mennonite Heritage Center will be a HCRAAG basket. Members are requested to bring items to the April meeting that can be included in the basket. They can be rug hooking related or not. Please support the Guild in this effort.

**Officer Elections** – This is the month in which our by-laws call for the election of officers. Kathy Donovan and Carol Kindt have been overseeing the nomination process and they present to the membership the following nominees:

- Co-Presidents – Joyce Combs \* & Dee Rosebrock \*
- Vice President -- Debbie Walsh \*
- Treasurer -- Jana Laidlaw & Therese Shick (Junior)
- Secretary – Lynda Kling \* & Sue Woodworth (Junior)
- Historian -- Sonia Force \*
- Hospitality – Deanna Kinney \*
- Librarian – Kathy Donovan \*
- Programs – Lydia Lewis\*, Gisele Meader \* & Cheryl Halliday (Junior)
- PR/Newsletter -- Karl Gimber \*
- Special Events – Amy Korengut \*
- Sunshine – Janet Santaniello \*

\* incumbent

Please note that someone is still needed to fill the “junior” positions for Special Events and one for Programs. Let Carol or Kathy know if you can support the Guild by assuming either of these roles or if you need more information.

Our Guild is fortunate to have members who are willing to give back and to help make our Guild successful. We are very thankful.

**Guild Rug Exhibit at Hunterdon County Library (April 2 – 30, 2011)** -- We will once again have the opportunity of displaying the creative talents found within our Guild. There will be an exhibit at the Main County Branch of the Hunterdon County

Library during the month of April. This is the Library located within the complex where we normally hold our meetings.

Our pieces will be on display in the locked glass cases in the front of the library where they will receive maximum exposure. Exhibits such as this one allows the Guild to spread the word about rug hooking and draws positive attention to HCRAG. Our thanks go to Gail Ferdinando who is installing our exhibit and to members who have loaned their work. If anyone still wants to display something you can contact Gail at [thebrownieexpress@embarqmail.com](mailto:thebrownieexpress@embarqmail.com) before April 2 when she will be installing the exhibit.

**Geometrics Workshop – April 29, 2011** -- Sandra Brown's workshop on geometrics will be held at the Flemington Hampton Inn on Friday, April 29 to Sunday May 1, 2011. It is fully subscribed and it is unlikely that those on the waiting list will have an opportunity to attend unless something changes with one of the paid registrants. You can reach Weezie at [weezie711@gmail.com](mailto:weezie711@gmail.com) or 609-466-1882 for current information.

**Open House at American Color Woolens – April 30, 2011** -- American Color Woolens is hosting its first Open House at Two Old Crows Studio (43 Wishing Well Road, Columbia, NJ 07832) on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Their shelves are bursting with bolted wools as well as hand dyed woolens and whipping yarns. Punch needle kits from The Blue Tulip and many more patterns along with hand dyed flosses for that aged look will be available. Come and try some of their newly scented soy candles from Swan Creek or perhaps a pot of herbs for your kitchen garden.

For more information, contact Guild member Jeannine Happe at 908-496-4870 or [jhappe@ptd.net](mailto:jhappe@ptd.net).

**Madeline Brightbill Camp Scholarship** – The Camp Scholarship Committee has received four outstanding nominations for the summer camp scholarship and will announce the recipient at the April meeting. Special thanks to those members who submitted nominations and to Joyce, Karl, Debbie and Dee for chairing the selection process.

**Attend HCRAG Camp Free** -- Members who provide housing for a camp instructor attend camp free. All that is required is to provide housing, breakfast and dinner for the week. Lunch is provided by the Guild. You are not expected to entertain the instructors. They are tired at the end of the day and need time to relax, reflect on the day and prepare for the next day. If you have interest, let Camp Directors Gail Ferdinando or Debbie Walsh know.

**HCRAG 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Rug Hooking Camp** -- Our Guild's 15<sup>th</sup> annual rug hooking camp will be held from August 15, 2011 through August 19, 2011. In keeping with our tradition, nationally recognized instructors -- Jane Halliwell Green, Kris McDermet and Iris Simpson – will provide a stimulating, educational and fun camp experience. At the present time, both Jane Halliwell Green's and Iris Simpson's workshops are full. Debbie Walsh is maintaining a waiting list. There are still a few openings in Kris's class which will also be an open hooking class for students who would like to hook in addition to braiding, or instead of braiding

## **Our Teachers and Their Classes:**

**Jane Halliwell Green (Pictorials)** Jane is known for her pictorial and floral rugs. In this workshop, Jane will offer a fresh approach to hooking houses, water, skies, trees, grass, flowers, rock walls and other pictorial elements. Participants will learn how to apply techniques such as pixelating, bundling, shagging and meandering to bring a new level of excitement and skill to their hooking projects. Jane will lead her class through a series of mini-lectures and demonstrations of techniques. She will also work with students on an individual basis. Students may work on a commercial pattern or an original design with wide or narrow strips.

Jane will also teach wide-cut florals that she calls "Close Ups." These rugs or wall hangings are hooked in a wide cut, anything from a #8 cut to a ripped strip of wool measuring close to one inch. The rugs are extremely fast to hook and dramatic in their appearance. Size can vary from a 16" pillow square to a 48" X 48" wall hanging. Jane frequently uses dip dyes to create the petals. She will have a number of her own patterns available or students may design their own.

Jane is the author of two books on pictorial rugs, including her most recent, *Pictorial Hooked Rugs*. Her latest rug "Botanical Fantasy" was chosen for the cover of the 2010 edition of *Celebrations*. Jane teaches at rug hooking schools throughout the United States and Canada. She was the first rug hooker to teach at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, DC and was a guest of HGTV in 2001. Jane is also a painter and signature member of the Baltimore Watercolor Society. She resides in Annapolis, Maryland. Visit her website at <http://www.rugandwool.com> and <http://www.woolofthemonthclub.com>.

**Kris McDermet (Open Workshop on Hooking and Braiding)** With over 30 years of experience in hooking and braiding, Kris will offer an open class that will broaden your knowledge of rug hooking techniques and fancy braided and hooked borders. She will discuss how the color, design and texture of wool complements both mediums and will provide tips for both art forms.

Braids can frame, compliment or add contrast to a hooked project. They can be used as a border or center with endless possibilities for switching back and forth between hooking and braiding. This class will look beyond traditional rug borders to help you add texture and interest to your projects. Kris will present the many steps of braiding on hooking with easy to understand directions and hands-on instruction. Students will learn how to add braiding to a variety of hooked shapes and to the inside or outside of any hooked wall hanging or rug. There also will be instruction in hooking and braiding with silk. Silk adds a shimmering quality to both art forms. Students are asked to bring a variety of small hooked shapes to class and will be contacted by Kris.

Kris lives in Dummerston, Vermont and teaches braiding on hooking around the country. She is a member of the Green Mountain Rug Hooking Guild. Please visit her website at [www.krismcdermetrugs.com](http://www.krismcdermetrugs.com).

**Iris Simpson (Open Workshop)** Iris will offer an open class where anything goes and all levels of rug hookers are welcome. Students can use a commercially designed pattern or create one of their own (with or without help from Iris). They can choose any subject and use any cut from #2 to #9 or hand cut. The variety of choices made by the students will set the stage for what will be taught. Iris will teach her class through a series of mini-lectures on different topics, such as, Primitives, Orientals, Fine Shaded Fruits or Flowers. Hints, tips and techniques for each style will be shared. In addition, students will learn about materials (traditional and unusual), technique, design, color and finishing. Iris encourages questions and dialogue in her class and fun and laughter are always welcome.

Iris, an educator by trade and a hooker by choice, loves hooking and teaching at schools and workshops in Canada, the United States and England. She is an Ontario Hooking Craft Guild and McGown certified teacher, holds a Fiber Arts-Traditional Rug Hooking Certificate from St. Lawrence College and is a certified Oxford Punch Needle teacher. Iris enjoys all aspects of rug hooking, from mini-pictorials in a #2 cut to primitives in a #9 cut. She values close communication with students prior to, during and after class. Iris is well versed in all styles and subjects and loves to share information and fun. Her latest work combines hooking with mini punch needle for an interesting effect.

**Registration/Instructional Fees** – The fee for camp is \$175 for Guild members who have paid their dues by December 31, 2010. For all others, the fee is \$250. A non-refundable deposit of \$25 is required to make a reservation for camp. The balance of the fee is due by May 31, 2011. For all reservations received after May 31st, the camp fee must be paid in full at the time of registration. Checks made payable to HCRAG can be brought to the April or May meetings or sent to Debbie Walsh at 51 Spruce Street, Cranford, NJ 07016. If you are unsure of how much you owe or have any questions, contact Debbie at [debywalsh@yahoo.com](mailto:debywalsh@yahoo.com) or 908-272-7012.

**Refund Policy** –For cancellations received on or before June 10, 2011, the camp fee less the \$25 non-refundable deposit will be made. For cancellations received after June 10th, no refunds will be made unless the camp vacancy is filled and paid in full.

**For more information**, contact Debbie Walsh at 908-272-7012 or [debywalsh@yahoo.com](mailto:debywalsh@yahoo.com) or Gail Ferdinando at 908-735-6720 or [thebrownieexpress@embarqmail.com](mailto:thebrownieexpress@embarqmail.com).

**HCRAG Website Kudos** – Our Guild often receives compliments on our website – [www.hcrag.com](http://www.hcrag.com) -- from rug hookers who come upon it while surfing the internet. Our site is unique since it is updated each month; most guild websites are infrequently changed. Laurie Rubinetti's goal is to have the site updated by the first of the month. Check it out each month to enjoy the rugs completed by our Featured Member. Laurie is always looking for additional rugs for the Members' Gallery, so feel free to send her images of your latest creation.

**New "Story-Boards"** -- Thanks to Annie Edwards and Carol Kindt, the Guild has new "story-boards" to use when we demonstrate rug hooking at local festivals.

During the last few months, Annie has taken a series of photos of rugs completed by Guild members and professionally mounted them on boards that can be displayed when we demonstrate. She can still use additional images and will be taking photos at the April meeting. Please bring rugs for her to photograph.

Carol created an educational triptych that tells the story about rug hooking. It includes information on material and tools, backing fabric, wool, rug planning, and historical information. The triptych is designed so that when opened it can sit on our demonstrating table. This useful educational tool will be of much interest to those who stop by the HCRAAG table.

We are grateful to Annie and Carol for sharing their creative talents with the Guild. These new tools will be used for the first time when we demonstrate at the Peter Wentz Farmstead's Sheep Shearing Day on April 2, 2011.

**Wool and Hooking Magazines Donated to Guild** -- Edith Prunudeau and Pam Tisza, who are long time rug hookers, donated wool and a collection of rug hooking magazines to the Guild. We thank them for thinking of us.

**Meet Our Member – Martha Theiling** -- About six years ago Martha Theiling saw an article on punch needle in a craft magazine. The article also mentioned Jeannine Happe's Two Old Crows Studio. Soon thereafter Martha and her husband George drove to Columbia, NJ and that was the beginning of her love affair with rug hooking. Jeannine did teach Martha how to do miniature punch needle, but that soon migrated to traditional rug hooking. Martha still does some punch needle, but prefers primitive rug hooking.

In Jeannine, Martha found a teacher with whom she shared similar likes and dislikes when it comes to hooking styles, wools and patterns. "Every thing I have learned, I have learned from Jeannine" says Martha. "She is a very talented teacher." Not surprisingly, Martha is a regular at Jeannine's open studio sessions.

Martha is attracted to primitive style rug hooking. She works mainly in a #8 cut and likes the darker colors. While she admires what can be achieved with narrow cut, hooking floral shading is not her cup of tea. Martha prefers to work with new wool that she buys from local vendors.

One of Martha's recent rugs was one she designed and was inspired by an old game board. More often she prefers to work on commercially available patterns and changes them, as needed. She finds that "Jeannine is very amenable to changing her patterns and always a big help".

Martha tries to hook for a couple of hours every day, "but I am not a slave to that" she says. Martha prefers to hook in day light and is fortunate that her home has lots of natural light. When she is not hooking, Martha enjoys reading mystery and adventure novels. "I read a lot" she notes

Our Guild came to Martha's attention from those attending the open studio sessions at the Two Old Crows. She has been a regular participant in our meetings ever since she became a member. "I enjoy being with others who hook" she notes. "I like seeing other rug designs, the colors used and how they are put together. My confidence grows when I

sense that my rugs hold up to the work being done in the Guild. Our members are very supportive”, she adds. Martha is a nascent hooking demonstrator having for the first time joined other members who demonstrated at Howell Living Farm last fall. She is also scheduled to attend the up coming hook-in at the Mennonite Heritage Center.

Martha and George live in Flemington, NJ with their Black Lab, Sophie. George is a retired computer systems professional. Martha is a registered nurse and over the years has worked in hospitals, doctor offices, with an insurance company and in a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center. She is currently looking for a part time job in a doctor’s office. Martha and George have a son, Michael, who lives in Hoboken, NJ. He is taking acting lessons and hopes to get into the theater and movies.

Over the years Martha has done needle work such as crocheting and knitting but clearly prefers rug hooking. “You don’t have to count every stitch and can easily correct mistakes. You can get amazing results and continue to learn new techniques.” she observes.

Visit the Guild’s website – [www.hcrag.com](http://www.hcrag.com) – and click on Featured Member to appreciate some of Martha’s rugs.

### **Hooking Information & Techniques**

**From Nina's Notebook** – April showers, they bring May flowers says the song. Those wonderful light, gossamer showers of April bring to mind water....and how do you hook water?

Many of my mats have ocean water in them, along with fishing boats and sail boats. I like to do my ocean water with yarn. I have found some dyed yarns which have a variety of blues in them, from a bright cobalt blue to a turquoise. When hooked it seems as if the water is moving. In the background of the water, where the ocean meets the sky I put a darker blue yarn.

Sometimes I will hook some white/off white crinkled yarn to show the edges of waves or where the sea breaks on the rocky shore. I have also done a waterfall using strands of the crinkled yarn to show the cascading water as well as lots of foam at the bottom. For rivers, I like three or four shades of blue with the lighter shades at center and darker at the farthest bank. Streams can be done in lighter shades of blue and gray to show how shallow the water is. Because water is always moving, hook in curving rather than straight lines. The rocky shores can be hooked in various black, white and gray tweeds in blocky shapes. A bit of foam coming over the edge adds the illusion of crashing waves. Happy Hooking!

**Tips from Heloise (aka Lydia Lewis)** – Spring is arriving and we want to be outdoors in the garden, walking around the yard making decisions about new plantings or just sitting and enjoying the beginnings of warmer weather. But we also want to keep up with our hooking and all the projects. So, we need to find a balance and save time for hooking.

Often, I am asked, "How long does it take to make a rug?" The only answer I can give is that attitude toward a rug will determine the amount of time it takes to



complete it. So, the best guarantee of finishing a rug quickly is to have a strong, personal feeling about the design and the colors. Rugs are personal and that is why it is so difficult to part with our creations unless a rug is being made for someone else in the first place. So, save time everyday if you can to hook!  
Happy Spring.

**HCRAG Library** – Librarian, Kathy Donovan, brings a selection of books to each meeting. If there is a specific item you want from our library, contact her by 12:00 noon on the day before our meeting and she will bring it to the meeting. Kathy can be reached at 908-755-1670 or [frejja2@verizon.net](mailto:frejja2@verizon.net).

*Members who borrow books are reminded that they need to be returned in a timely manner, so that the books will be available for others members.*

**Favorite Recipes** – Gail Ferdinando’s Coconut, Oatmeal, Chocolate Chip, Walnut, Raisin Cookies was one of the popular treats enjoyed by those at our January retreat. Gail has kindly shared her recipe.

Heat oven to 375

Mix:

- 2 cups brown sugar
- 2 cups white sugar
- 1 3/4 cups butter
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 4 eggs

Then Blend in:

- 3 cups flour
- 3 cups oatmeal
- 2 cups coconut
- 2 tsp salt
- 2 tsp baking soda

Add 1-2 cups of each of the following: chocolate chips, walnuts, raisins (or any combination desired, all are optional)

Bake as big or small as desired for 10-12 minutes until lightly browned (the darker the crunchier)

Makes a huge batch, but they freeze really well....enjoy!

### **Rug Hooking Events and Related Activities**

HCRAG Hook-in/Clinic – April 16, 2011 -- The HCRAG is partnering with the Mennonite Heritage Center for a hook-in/clinic to be held at the Heritage Center (565 Yoder Road, Harleysville, PA) from 9-3:30 on April 16, 2011. Presentations, vendors, clinic and rug exhibit. Registration required. To register or for more information contact the Mennonite Heritage Center at [info@mhep.org](mailto:info@mhep.org) or 215-256-3020.

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Jon Ciemiewicz Workshop - July 15-17, 2011 -- Jon will hold a workshop on bringing animals and people to life in a rug. The program will be held in Adamstown, PA. For more information, please contact Jon at [www.anajon-rughooking.com](http://www.anajon-rughooking.com).

2011 Rug Hooking Week at Sauder Village – August 17-20, 2011 are the dates for Rug Hooking Week which includes workshops (Jeanne Field, Cindi Gay, Jen Levoie and Susan Quicksall) and exhibits including the Celebrations XXI Exhibit. Get the latest information at [www.saudervillage.org](http://www.saudervillage.org) or by calling 800-590-9755.

Rugs by the Sea at Chalfonte Hotel in Cape May, NJ -- September 11-16 and 18-23, 2011 Beverly Conway, Cindi Gay, Kris Miller, and Judy Quintman are the instructors for the first week. Cherylyn Brubaker, Beverly Conway, Lucille Festa, and Sharon Townsend are the instructors for the second week. To register or for more information, contact Co-Directors Norma Batastini (973-746-2936 or [g-batastini@msn.com](mailto:g-batastini@msn.com)) or Linda Woodbury (973-743-6835 or [Linda.woodbury@gmail.com](mailto:Linda.woodbury@gmail.com)).

Harvest Celebration at the Wool Studio – October 18- 23, 2011 – Rebecca Erb is hosting this special event at the new location of her studio which is half an hour north of Lancaster, PA . Participants will include Homespun (Kay Leisey), Jim Brewley (hand-turned wooden snippet bowls), Misty Pond Primitives (Pat Donoho), Wool'n Gardner (Jan Cole), Wood Crest Rug Design (Joanne Gerwig) and the Wool Studio (Rebecca Erb). Visit [www.thewoolstudio.com](http://www.thewoolstudio.com) for directions and more information.

ATHA Biennial Conference in Lancaster, PA – October 19-22, 2011 -- For more information, visit the ATHA website at [www.atharugs.com](http://www.atharugs.com).

Green Mountain Rug Hooking Guild Exhibit and Workshops – November 12-20, 2011 – “All the Live Long Day” is the theme for the popular Green Mountain Rug Hooking Guild’s rug exhibit. After a year off, the Guild is returning to Shelburne Museum for its highly anticipated exhibit, workshops, vendors and special events. Visit the Guild’s website – [www.gmrhg.org](http://www.gmrhg.org) – for more information.

Alice Beatty ATHA Chapter normally meets the first Wednesday of each month (September to June) at the Vermeule Center, 614 Greenbrook Road, North Plainfield, NJ at 10:00 a.m. For more information contact Sue Johnson at 908- 464-6324 or [PowderhornSue8@hotmail.com](mailto:PowderhornSue8@hotmail.com).

Goat Hill ATHA Chapter normally meets the first Saturday of the month (September to May) at the South Branch Reformed Church, Hillsborough, NJ. For more information or to verify meeting dates, contact Kathleen Murray-Boyda at 609-397-3425 or [kathmb@hotmail.com](mailto:kathmb@hotmail.com).

Mercer Hookers meet on the first Thursday of every month from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Mercer County Library in Pennington, NJ. It would be a good idea to contact Weezie Huntington ([weezie711@gmail.com](mailto:weezie711@gmail.com)) if you are coming for the first time. The hook-in is open to anyone sharing an interest in rug hooking. Bring your lunch.

A "Gathering" of rug hookers meet at Historic Longstreet Farm, Holmdel, NJ every Tuesday from 10-3. The hook-in is open to rug hookers of all levels. For more information, call the Farm at 732-946-3758.

### **HCRAAG Calendar of Events**

- April 1-30, 2011** – Hooked Rug Exhibit – Hunterdon County Library, Rt. 12  
Flemington, NJ
- April 8, 2011** – Monthly Meeting – Mola Mats Lecture & Workshop (Norma Batastini) \*
- April 16, 2011** – Hook-in/Clinic – Mennonite Heritage Center, Harleysville, PA
- April 29- May 1, 2011** – Spring Fling – Geometrics (Sandra Brown) Hampton Inn,  
Flemington, NJ
- May 13, 2011** – Monthly Meeting – Prody 101 With a Salvage Confetti Special (Kay Weeks) \*
- June 10, 2011** -- Monthly Meeting – Annual Picnic \*
- August 15-19, 2011** – HCRAAG Rug Hooking Camp (June Halliwell Green, Kris McDermet and  
Iris Simpson) – ESC School, Lambertville, NJ.
- August 16, 2011** – HCRAAG Beginners' Workshop – ESC School, Lambertville, NJ.
- September 9, 2011** – Monthly Meeting – Program TBD \*
- October 14, 2011** – Monthly Meeting – Program TBD \*
- November 11, 2011** – Monthly Meeting – Program TBD \*\*
- December 9, 2011** – Monthly Meeting – Holiday Luncheon \*

\*Unless otherwise noted, our meetings run from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Assembly Room B in the County Administration Building, which is part of the Hunterdon County Complex on Route 12, Flemington, NJ. As you turn off Route 12 onto the road leading into the Complex, make the first right into the parking lot. The meeting is in the first building on the right. The street address for the Complex is 1314 State Highway 12, although that does not appear on the road.

\*\* Meeting will be at our alternate site – The Court Room within the Police Station at the Raritan Township Municipal Complex. The Complex is by the Rt. 12 and Rt. 523 traffic circle just outside Flemington. The address, which does not appear on the road, is 1 Municipal Drive, Flemington, NJ 08822-3446.

**Guild Officers** -- Our officers are anxious to hear from you on ideas and suggestions on how we can make the Guild responsive to your needs. Feel free to contact them with your thoughts.

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