

# THE LOOP

## **The Hunterdon County Rug Artisans Guild (HCRAAG) Newsletter**

June 2013

**Presidents' Letter** – The “We Can Do It” certainly was evident at our May meeting! The number of boutique items was astonishing and a credit to the generous spirit of Guild members. We have a significant number of wonderful larger items and a table full of beautiful smaller treasures. A testament to the quality of the donations was the desire by members to begin the sale NOW. Sharon and her busy committee wish to thank everyone for the year long effort. She will begin working on pricing and display planning with Annie over the summer. However if like one of the writers, you are still working on donations Sharon will gladly receive items into September.

The rug registration form is on the website and can be printed and copied or sent by email with a digital picture. Keep in mind that the rug does not have to be completed at the time of registration, as the size and concept is of key importance for rug hanging pre-organization. So be inspired over the summer and keep on hooking!

Further on in The Loop there is information on various destination hooking camps and experiences. If you have any travel suggestions pertaining to hooking-shops, museums, camps, hook-ins, please come to our June meeting and add these to our “wish list”. Our June meeting will be another of our Divine Pot-Luck, Stone-Soup events. Cindy & Therese

**June Meeting – Friday, June 14, 2013** -- Our last meeting of the program year will be our traditional potluck picnic luncheon at our normal location – the Administration Building (Building #1), which is part of the Hunterdon County Complex, on Rt. 12 outside of Flemington. The street address of the Complex is 314 State Highway 12, Flemington, NJ 08822 although that does not appear on the road. **Please note that the meeting will begin an hour later at 11:00.**

Guild Program – For those who have not attended in the past, this is an inside picnic. It is a potluck affair and all members are requested to bring their favorite appetizer, entrée, salad or dessert. HCRAAG members are known for their exceptional cooking skills as well as their rug hooking. The food is wonderful!! The informal nature of the picnic presents an excellent opportunity to get to know each other better.

Show & Tell – Completed boutique items and current projects will be the focus of Show & Tell.

Those participating in S & T are eligible for a door prize gift. Here are the winners from last month:

Sonia Force (basket of herbs)	Dee Rosebrock (pin cushion)
Brigitte Levine (cookie mix)	Nina Seaman
Gisele Meader (notepad & pen)	Martha Thieling (bookmark)
Laurie Milne (notecards)	

Hospitality – We thank all members who contributed to our meetings during the year by sharing snacks and treats. The food really does add to the enjoyment of our meetings.

**June Birthdays** -- Birthday wishes go to members celebrating their special day this month. Janet Bosshard (6/14), Lydia Brenner (6/4), Chris Coslet (6/12), Gail Ferdinando (6/6), Karen Gates (6/7), Cheryl Halliday (6/18), Jackie Lee (6/26), Barbara Lugg (6/15), June Madden (6/8), Kathleen Murray-Boyda (6/1) and Debbie Walsh (6/6) celebrate birthdays in June. We wish them all the happiest birthdays. Enjoy your day! .

**July Birthdays** -- The Loop is not published in July, so we want to recognize Guild members with birthdays next month. Sharon Bennett (7/9), Weezie Huntington (7/11), Tillie Ren (7/15), Nina Seaman (7/20), Susan Schulz (7/13), Joan Shymko (7/28), Virginia Sutton (7/14), Betsy Warner (7/10) and Susan Woodworth (7/17) have birthdays in July. Happy Birthday!

**Membership** – We welcome Mary Passerello to our Guild. Mary is an accomplished basket weaver in addition to her interest in rug hooking. Her contact information follows:

Mary Passerello  
436 Quakertown Road  
Flemington, NJ 08822  
908-782-1765  
mpassere@comcast.net

Margaret Lutz and Janet Williams have new email addresses. They are – [margaretlutz8@comcast.net](mailto:margaretlutz8@comcast.net) and [jwilliams3312@gmail.com](mailto:jwilliams3312@gmail.com) respectively.

An updated membership list is being sent to members for your use during the summer.

**Sunshine** – Our condolences are extended to Lynda Kling whose mother passed away on May 6.

Inform our Sunshine Chair, Gail Ferdinando (908-735-6720 or [thebrownieexpress@embarqmail.com](mailto:thebrownieexpress@embarqmail.com)), of any member who is ill or in need of a note of cheer.

## **Guild News & Events**

**Guild Invited to Opening Reception – Doug Sardo’s “Sunshine & Joy” Pastel Paintings (June 8, 2013)** -- Doug Sardo, a new Guild member, has invited the Guild to the opening of his new exhibit “Sunshine & Joy” at the Artists’ Gallery, 18 Bridge Street, Lambertville, NJ. The opening reception is on June 8 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM.

Doug notes “I’m deeply attracted to vibrant and exuberant colors that can be achieved through the media of pastel. Exploring the dramatic contrast and luminescence of the shifting sunlight and patterns of shadows on the river and landscapes of the Delaware River Valley through plein air pastel painting is something that gives me great joy. The painting “Sunlit Meadow”, which won first prize for pastels at the Tinicum Arts Festival will be one of the paintings in the exhibit that runs through June 30.”

For more information and images, visit [www.dougsardo.com](http://www.dougsardo.com). Images of “Sunlit Meadow” and Doug’s first rug “Sandy” can be seen on the Guild’s website ([www.hcrag.com](http://www.hcrag.com)).

**Lib Callaway Patterns Has New Owner** -- Guild Member Margaret Lutz has announced that she sold the rights to Lib Callaway patterns to Jeanne Benjamin who will continue to offer them through her existing pattern business, New Earth Designs. Jeanne was one of our camp instructors last summer. For more information on New Earth Designs, go to [www.newearthdesigns.com](http://www.newearthdesigns.com).

**Forty Additional Volumes Added to Our Library!** –The Guild is the beneficiary of three generous donations of books to our library. As reported last month, Barry Collin presented the Guild with Carol’s books on rug hooking. In the past month Margaret Lutz and Sharon Ballard also generously donated books as well. These donations increased our library by over 40 volumes! Our Librarian, Kathy Donovan, has prepared a listing of the new books which is being distributed along with the newsletter. Have fun and take a look!

**Stock Up for Summer Reading** -- One of the benefits of HCRAAG membership is access to our ever growing library. Now is the time to stock up for your summer reading. An updated list of all the books in our Library will be sent shortly. Let Kathy Donovan, know what you want and she will bring it to the June meeting. Contact her by 12:00 noon on the day before our 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.*

**Several Guild Positions Open** -- Several Guild positions will be opening up this summer. The positions of VP – Membership, Special Events Chair and Camp Director need replacements. Brief descriptions of these positions are shown below.

VP-Membership

Attend Board Meetings

Receive names of new and renewing members from Treasurer after payment of dues

Maintain Membership List (address, phone and email information)

Greet and send new member packet

Provide newsletter editor with contact information on new members

Order name badges

Special Events Chair

Chairs Special Events Committee

Maintains schedule of Guild events (e.g., demonstrations, exhibits, retreat, workshops),

Arranges for event coordinators

Recommends additions/deletions of events to Board

Camp Director(s)

Basic responsibilities are to organize and run our annual summer rug hooking camp for 2014. Detailed instructions have been prepared. Teachers for 2014 have already been confirmed. In recent years two or three co-directors have run camp.

The incumbents will gladly provide additional information and answer any questions you may have. Contact Debbie Walsh (VP-Membership), Amy Korengut (Special Events Chair) or Gail Ferdinando, Debbie Walsh or Judy Quintman (Camp Directors).

**Festival News** – Guild members are encouraged to submit their rugs to be exhibited at the Festival. Members of the three sponsoring guilds can exhibit at least two rugs; additional rugs may be hung if there is space. In addition to the overall exhibit, there will be two special exhibits – “Collections” (fish from Norma Batastini’s class, masks, leaf rugs from the Spring Fling, and Mini Fantasy) and “First Rugs”. Rugs submitted for the special exhibits DO NOT count towards the exhibition total. However, forms need to be filled out.

Members are urged to submit the forms and pictures as soon as possible. We want to avoid a last minute rush as we prepare all the necessary forms and cards for display purposes, the catalog and for mapping the exhibit space. The rugs do not have to be completed in the pictures sent. The rug registration form is now available online at the HCRAAG website ([www.hcrag.com](http://www.hcrag.com)).

Members are encouraged to begin looking for local businesses at which we can display posters announcing the Festival. Our posters have arrived, but will not be hung until mid-September.

Visit the special Festival website ([www.rugfestival.com](http://www.rugfestival.com)) for more information.

**Summer Demonstration Schedule** -- Summer is the traditional time for 4-H Fairs. It is a time for families to show their prize farm animals, produce from their gardens and handcrafted items such as quilts, hooked rugs and needlework. Of course, food and entertainment are part of the mix.

From its beginnings in the late 1800s, 4-H has become the largest youth development program. It is an essential part of American rural life empowering young people to advance agricultural practices of their parents. HCRAAG is proud to support the Mercer County and Hunterdon County 4-H by demonstrating rug hooking during their annual Fairs. The Mercer County Fair will be held at Howell Living Farm (Lambertville) on August 3 & 4 and the Hunterdon County 4-H & Agricultural Fair (County Fairgrounds in Ringoes) on August 21-25.

Volunteers are needed to demonstrate at the Mercer County Fair on Saturday, August 3 and at the Hunterdon County Fair on Thursday, August 22. Karl Gimber is coordinating our efforts at the Mercer County Fair and Dee Rosebrock is doing the same for the Hunterdon County Fair. Let them know if you can help demonstrate.

The Hunterdon County 4-H & Agricultural Fair includes exhibits from several local guilds. More information on our exhibit will be available at the June meeting along with rug registration forms.

**Puritan Frame Lost** -- Karl Gimber had a Puritan Frame that was used at beginners’ workshops and loaned to new rug hookers. The frame has gone missing and Karl cannot recall the last time it was used. If you know of its whereabouts, contact him at 215-297-0803 or [karlg12@verizon.net](mailto:karlg12@verizon.net).

**HCRAG 2013 Summer Camp** --Our Guild's 17<sup>th</sup> annual rug hooking camp will be held from August 12, 2013 through August 16, 2013. Our instructors this year are Judy Carter, Sarah Guiliani and Cynthia Norwood.

An opening has developed in Judy Carter's class; the other workshops are currently full. However, waiting lists are being maintained since cancellations often occur. You are encouraged to have your name placed on the waiting list if you want to attend.

The balance of the camp fee is now due. Debbie Walsh will not be at the June meeting, so send your check to her at 51 Spruce Street, Cranford, NJ 07016.

Volunteers will be needed during the camp to help the teachers set up, to clean up at the end of the day, to bring lunches for the teachers and to provide snacks. You can sign up at the meeting or just let Gail Ferdinando know how you can help by contacting her at 908-735-6720 or [thebrownieexpress@embarqmail.com](mailto:thebrownieexpress@embarqmail.com).

For detailed information on our 2013 Camp, visit the Guild's website ([www.hcrag.com](http://www.hcrag.com)) and click on "Calendar & News".

**Beginner's Workshop Offered – August 13, 2013** -- Judy Quintman, a certified McGown instructor, will be teaching the Beginners' Workshop that is offered during our annual rug hooking camp at the ESC School (see above). This year the workshop will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 from 9:00 until noon. The fee is \$50 which includes a pattern on linen backing, a hook and wool. Participants need to provide a 14" hoop and sharp scissors. Beginners are welcome to bring a lunch and stay to hook for the afternoon with those attending camp. To register mail a check made out to HCRAG to Debbie Walsh, 51 Spruce St., Cranford, NJ 07016.

Any questions contact Debbie Walsh ([debywalsh@yahoo.com](mailto:debywalsh@yahoo.com) or 908-272-7012) or Gail Ferdinando ([thebrownieexpress@embarqmail.com](mailto:thebrownieexpress@embarqmail.com) or 908-735-6720).

**Rug Hooking Events Support The National Museum of the American Coverlet** – The National Museum of the American Coverlet (NMAC) is located in Bedford, PA and is the first independent, year-round institution devoted to American woven coverlets. NMAC gives coverlets the recognition and respect they deserve, while bringing their history to life. The Museum offers changing exhibitions, along with special events and classes. Visit its website – [www.coverletmuseum.org](http://www.coverletmuseum.org) – for more information.

The Woolley Fox and Barbara Carroll are sponsoring three events in September to support the Museum.

- Rug Show (September 1-28, 2013) -- Hooked rugs from around the country will be displayed alongside coverlets. The history of hooked rugs is as varied as the history of coverlets. Both were used to dress up simple décor, add color and pattern. And both are now coveted as true art forms and symbols of American life in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century.
- Rug Workshop (September 24-27, 2013) -- Join respected rug hooking instructor Barbara Carroll for a 3 ½ day rug workshop. Students will hook one of 15 new

rug patterns inspired by American woven coverlets designed by Barbara Carroll along with Keith Kemmer. These patterns will be introduced at the Coverlet Museum in conjunction with the Rug Show. Proceeds from these coverlet inspired rug patterns will be an ongoing benefit for the Museum.

- Hook-in (September 27 & 28, 2013) -- Friday afternoon and all day Saturday, hookers and fiber enthusiasts will come together for friendship and the opportunity to purchase from a wide selection of fiber-related merchandise from a variety of vendors. Access to the Museum's coverlet collection and rug show, lunch and vendors is included with registration.

Registration for the workshop and hook-in is through the Woolley Fox ([www.woolleyfox.com](http://www.woolleyfox.com)). Registration forms will also be available at upcoming Guild meetings.

**Presentation on Colonial Tavern Sign Rugs & the Stories They Tell** -- Mary Jo and Karl Gimber gave a presentation on their tavern and trade sign hooked rugs to the William Penn Chapter of Historical Society of Early American Decoration (HSEAD) on May 7, 2013. Founded in 1946, HSEAD is a guild of artists which aims to preserve, research and reproduce original designs of the early American period. Mary Jo is a juried member of HSEAD. To learn more about this fascinating organization, visit its website at [www.hsead.org](http://www.hsead.org).

**Popular Rug Hooking Sites** -- At our recent hook-in, Therese Shick led a discussion on popular rug hooking camps and workshops. The initial list developed has been expanded below to include contact information for you to pursue.

- Rug Hooking Week, Sauder Village, Archbold, Ohio ([www.saudervillage.org](http://www.saudervillage.org).)
- Shaker Rug Hooking Retreat, Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, Harrodsburg, Kentucky. Contact Betsy Reed at 518-851-2140 or [betsy@heavens-to-betsy.com](mailto:betsy@heavens-to-betsy.com).
- ATHA Region 1 Rug Hooking Schools, Litchfield, Ct. Contact Nancy Blood at 607-687-0141 or [nanset@stny.rr.com](mailto:nanset@stny.rr.com).
- Rugs by the Sea, Cape May, New Jersey. Contact Norma Batastini at 973-746-2936 or [g\\_batastini@msn.com](mailto:g_batastini@msn.com).
- Kennebunk, Massachusetts -- Home of Camp Wool, rug hooking shop, ([www.campwool.com](http://www.campwool.com) or 866-938-9665); site of Jacqueline Hansen Waldoboro workshops. ([www.rughookersnetwork.com](http://www.rughookersnetwork.com) or 207-883-5403); home of W. Cushing & Co. ([www.wcushing.com](http://www.wcushing.com) or 800-626-7847).
- Caraway Rug School, Asheboro, North Carolina. Contact Eric Sandberg at [www.carawayrugschool.com](http://www.carawayrugschool.com) or 757-709-4481.

Do you have favorites to add?

**Active Month for Guild Demonstrators** -- Guild members participated in the 37<sup>th</sup> annual Sheep Shearing Day at Howell Living Farm on May 4, 2013. It was a beautiful spring day and families flocked to the Farm to enjoy the day's events.

Veteran members Ingrid Cosmen, Karl Gimber, Dee Rosebrock, Martha Thieling and Kay Weeks were joined by new member Doug Sardo for the day. Doug was putting the

finishing touches on his first rug. Visitors enjoyed learning Doug's approach to designing his first rug and were impressed by how much he completed in one month.

Annie Edwards demonstrated rug hooking at Carversville Day in Bucks County on May 18, 2013. This annual event sponsored by the local historical society attracts many families who come to enjoy the variety of food for sale, the cookie contest, the pet parade, vendors and live music provided by local musicians. Annie reported that several people expressed interest in learning how to hook and that there was lots of interest in the Rug Festival since it will be close by.

A threatening weather forecast resulted in the cancellation of our demonstration at the Spirit of the Jerseys State History Fair on May 11, 2013.

**Featured Member – Janet Keller Laughlin** -- Janet has had a lifelong interest in textiles, which she attributes to two “great women” in her life. Her mother, Nancy A. Keller, was a fantastic seamstress, teaching her embroidery, crocheting, knitting and sewing. When Janet was in high school, they worked together on creating “artistic 1970's fashion and accessories” for school and events. Her mother-in-law, Carin Moore Laughlin, was a talented artist who taught Janet needlepoint and punch needle hooking, inspiring Janet to experiment with these mediums. Nancy and Carin both were avid gardeners and fantastic cooks as well.

Janet's interest in textiles and historic decorative arts grew while she was working as an illustrator and designer for an educational book publisher in the 1980's. She studied gilding, fresco and mural painting, while developing skills in materials and techniques of ancient and antique processes of making art. She continued her fiber art skills as well, making puppets, dolls and tapestries.

In 1980, Janet's “obsession for rugs” turned into a custom design business of producing hand-painted custom large-scale floorcloths ranging up to 10' x 13'. She has given floorcloth workshops and still does custom work today. Janet developed many patterns that she sells. During that time, Janet's interest grew to take her designs and make them into rugs with fabric. “For me hooking rugs is like painting with wool, applying painting principles of color, saturation, value and texture into the rug making process.

Janet's involvement with rug hooking started with an ad she saw for a workshop in rug hooking with former Guild member Claudia Casebolt. For the next few years, Janet attended weekly gatherings at Claudia's house. She recalls “It was then I vowed I would only collect the amount of wool I was using for that specific rug. And yes, only one rug at a time. My studio was already filled with a multitude of painting & sculptural mediums. I didn't want to add to my collections.....and then I got hooked. It is hard to resist a beautiful array of colors, textures and patterns. I need a full pallet to select from....so the collecting started.”

With Claudia's encouragement, Janet entered Rug Hooking Magazine's Celebrations XX competition and her third rug. “Harmony Along the Delaware” was accepted into the “Magnificent Landscape Category”. The rug was exhibited at Sauder Village, The Jersey Girls Rug Show, and Barron Arts Center.

Janet likes primitive folk art and graphic styles, but she notes “my instinct to render finds its way into my work.”

Claudia and Dee Rosebrock introduced Janet to our Guild. She now attends HCRAAG’s summer camps and Spring Flings when she can make them. “It’s a concentrated time when I can make progress on a piece and get good feedback from the teachers and Guild members, because after a while, I can’t see my own piece. I’m too immersed in the process, so it’s good to get some distance on the rug and get feedback.”

Janet is a real fan of HCRAAG. “I’ve taking some great workshops with experienced rug hookers. I am grateful to HCRAAG for providing great meeting programming and for hosting workshops and events that bring teachers from around the country into our local community. I am fortunate that I don’t have to travel far to attend these events. It’s inspiring to be in the company of enthusiastic and dedicated HCRAAG members. It takes months/years to finish a piece. I get great feedback from anyone of the talented members who are always willing to share. I always find the HCRAAG gatherings to be a nurturing environment; it’s like a retreat on its own.”

Some of the teachers with whom she has worked with include Claudia Casebolt, Michele Micarelli, and Cindy Duade. Claudia launched her into the rug hooking world eight years ago and was especially influential with her unique point of view and years of rug making skill and wisdom.

Occasionally Janet dyes her own wool, but mainly she uses “as is” new and recycled wool. For a special addition, she has used dyed wool from Michele Micarelli, Jeannie Benjamin, and Gail Dufresne. Janet will hook five or six hours in a sitting in the evenings, although not every day. She will usually hook long evening hours over the course of a couple of weeks.

With her background as an illustrator and designer, drawing and designing her own patterns are natural extensions of her skills. Janet notes, “The sky’s the limit. Nature is my ongoing theme. I have quite a large inventory of designs that were for floorcloths and illustrations. Rug hooking is a medium to explore the drawings and designs I’ve used in my art. I take some of them and make them into rugs. I also have many patterns for sale.”

“Nature is my inspiration”, Janet observes. She is currently the President of The Garden Club of Trenton, and participates in horticulture, conservation, floral design & botanical arts projects and entries. She enters the Philadelphia Flower Show & Garden Club of America shows and recently won The Garden Club of America’s, “Botanical Arts Creativity Award” for a shoe entry constructed entirely out of dried plant material. The materials were harvested from her backyard and gathered from her kitchen.

Janet is a full time multidisciplinary artist working in the fine arts and decorative arts for commissioned projects and national exhibits. She also teaches fiber/botanical art, figurative and landscape drawing and painting at her studio, in schools and at art organizations. Her professional history includes working as an illustrator and graphic designer for TV (WABC, Philadelphia), advertising agencies and book publishers. She has degrees from Moore College of Art & Design (Illustration & Design) and Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts (Painting and Sculpture) and has studied at The Isabel O’Neil Studio, NYC



Janet and her husband, Alex, live in Hopewell, NJ with their dog, Maggie. Alex works in real estate development. Their daughter, Alissa, is also an artist, specializing in Upcycled Jewelry and photography. Their son, Alexander, is a commercial real estate investment manager. Both live in Philadelphia.

Visit the Guild's website – [www.hcrag.com](http://www.hcrag.com) –to see a few of Janet's rugs.

## **Hooking Information & Techniques**

**From Nina's Notebook** – June is a month of beginnings and endings. Beginnings such as weddings, birthdays, summer and endings which could include graduations, the wilting of spring flowers, winter clothes, and for some of us hooking is put away until cooler weather! Put the hooking away, I shout ...Never! Not until they pry my hook from my cold dead hands ... or something like that. As you can tell, I am passionate about hooking!

I am looking forward to hooking this summer. I will be in Nova Scotia at my summer home, looking at the ocean from my hooking room, meeting with Canadian friends who inspire and mentor me, and even taking a workshop in hooking abstracts with one of my favorite teachers, Deanne Fitzpatrick. It will be a summer of learning, planning, designing, fellowship and preparation to come back to my New Jersey hooking friends with lots to share.

For some of you, there will be summer camps and times to hook with friends. Whatever your plans, do include time to stop and take in the wonderful world of nature that is all around you. If you have a garden, savor the colors of the plants as they grow and change. Look at the shapes of the trees, the stalks of the flowers, where the flowers are on that blooming rose bush. All these are sources of inspiration for a possible next rug. I love to look at photographs on Facebook. Last week, I saw a picture of yarn hanging on a clothes line and this became a small wall mat, using actual yarn, wool strips and sari ribbon. Inspiration is everywhere!

I wish for you a summer filled with beginnings and happy endings. As a wise person once said, "take time to smell the roses and capture the moment!" See you in October with all our artistic mats on display at the Hooked Rug Festival at the Mill. Happy Hooking! Nina Seaman.

**Tips From Heloise** –New rug hookers may not realize that there is a right and wrong way to roll up a hooked rug. The right way is to roll it right side out. This will prevent putting unnecessary strain on the backing.

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

Shaker Rug Hooking Retreat (July 13-17 & July 17-21, 2013) -- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Shaker Village Rug Hooking Retreat will be held at the Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill in Harrodsburg, Kentucky. Contact Betsy Reed for more information at 518-851-2140 or [betsy@heavens-to-betsy.com](mailto:betsy@heavens-to-betsy.com).

Rug Hooking Week At Sauder Village (August 13–14, 2013) – Rug Hooking Week at Sauder Village in Archbold, Ohio, features workshops, exhibits (over 500 rugs) and leading vendors. For more information visit [www.saudervillage.org](http://www.saudervillage.org) or call 800-590-9755.

Woolen Willow Retreats – End of Summer Quilting & Rug Hooking Retreat (August 15-18, 2013) – The retreat is held at Cedar Lakes Conference Center, Ripley, WV. Cedar Lakes is conveniently located off of I-77 in West Virginia at the Ripley/Fairplain Exit #132. For more details, go to <http://woolenwillowretreats.weebly.com/>.

Coverlets & Hooked Rugs Show (September 1-28, 2013) –The National Museum of the American Coverlet in Bedford, PA is hosting an exhibit of American coverlets and hooked rugs. It is open to the public with museum admission. Go to [www.coverletmuseum.org](http://www.coverletmuseum.org). for the details.

Rugs by the Sea (September 15-20 & 22-27,2013) – The 26<sup>th</sup> season of Rugs by the Sea held at The Chalfonte Hotel in Cape May, New Jersey will be held from September 15 to 20 and September 22-27, 2013. Bev Conway, Lucille Festa, Laura Pierce and Diane Stoffel are the instructors for the first week. Cammie Bruce, Bev Conway, Jen Lavoie and Judy Quintman will be teaching during the second week. Michele Micarelli has been added as an instructor for the second week. For more information contact Norma Batastini at 973-746-2936 or [G\\_batastini@msn.com](mailto:G_batastini@msn.com) or Linda Woodbury at 973-743-6835 or [linda.woodbury@gmail.com](mailto:linda.woodbury@gmail.com).

Barbara Carroll Rug Workshop (September 24-27, 2013) – This workshop is offered in conjunction with the Coverlet & Hooked Rug Show at the National Museum of the American Coverlet (see above). More information can be found at [www.woolleyfox.com](http://www.woolleyfox.com).

Hook-in at the National Museum of the American Coverlet (September 27 & 28, 2013) – Barbara Carroll invites you to attend this fundraising event for the Museum. It will be held on Friday, September 27 from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM and Saturday, September 28 from 9:00AM to 3:30 PM at the Museum at 322 S. Juliana Street, Bedford, PA 15522. Details available at [www.woolleyfox.com](http://www.woolleyfox.com).

Brandywine Guild Hook-in (October 26, 2013) -- The popular hook-in sponsored by the Brandywine Rug Hooking Guild will be held in Wagontown, PA on October 26, 2013. Details can be found by going to their website – [brandywinerughookingguild.org](http://brandywinerughookingguild.org).

Haunted Hookers' Retreat (October 26-30 & October 31 -- November 3, 2013) -- The new Haunted Hookers' Retreat will be held at the Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill in Harrodsburg, Kentucky. Contact Betsy Reed for more information at 518-851-2140 or [betsy@heavens-to-betsy.com](mailto:betsy@heavens-to-betsy.com).

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 Janet Santaniello at 908-754-6787 or [flowjans@hotmail.com](mailto:flowjans@hotmail.com).

Lamb Yankees ATHA Chapter normally meets the first Saturday of the month (October to June) at the South Branch Reformed Church, Hillsborough, NJ. For more information or to verify meeting dates, contact Kathleen Murray-Boyda at 908-442-0995 or [kathmb@hotmail.com](mailto:kathmb@hotmail.com). Visit the Lamb Yankees website at [www.lambyankees.weebly.com](http://www.lambyankees.weebly.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) if you are coming for the first time. The hook-in is open to anyone sharing an interest in rug hooking. Bring your lunch.

Spring Lake ATHA Chapter meets the second Monday of every month from September through May at St Andrews Methodist Church, 907 Fourth Ave., Spring Lake, NJ 07762 from 10 to 2. For more information visit its website – [www.springlakenjatha.org](http://www.springlakenjatha.org) – or contact Barbara Kimbrough at 908-309-3881 or [beedkay@gmail.com](mailto:beedkay@gmail.com).

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**

**June 14, 2013** – Guild Picnic \*

**August 3, 2013** – Mercer County 4-H Fair, Howell Living Farm, Lambertville, NJ

**August 12-16, 2013** – Summer Rug Hooking Camp at ESC School, West Amwell, NJ

**August 13, 2013** – Beginners’ Workshop at ESC School, West Amwell, NJ

**August 21-25, 2013** – Hunterdon County Agriculture & 4 H Fair, Ringoes, NJ

**September 7 & 8, 2013** – Sheep & Fiber Festival, Ringoes, NJ

**September 13, 2013** – Monthly Meeting – Program TBD \*

**September 21, 2013** – Historical Fall Festival, Hilltown Township, PA

**October 5, 2013** – Colonial Market Day, Newtown, PA

**October 5 & 6, 2013** – Hooked Rug Festival at Prallsville Mills, Stockton, NJ

**October 11, 2013** – Monthly Meeting – Program TBD \*

**October 19, 2013** – Quilting Day, Howell Living Farm, Lambertville, NJ

**November 8, 2103** – Monthly Meeting – Program TBD \*

**November 2 & 3, 2013** – Thanksgiving in the Country, Prallsville Mills, Stockton, NJ

**December 13, 2013** – 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 314 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.

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