

# THE LOOP

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

June 2017

**Presidents' Letter** – This weekend I was reminded of the verse in Ecclesiastes that says “to everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under Heaven.” Right now, many of us find ourselves in the season of “Overwhelmed.” While I have never seen it listed on a calendar or planner, I know it exists, and you do too. We are deep in the season of spring yard work, planning, selecting, planting, weeding, watering, and fretting. We are also in the season of graduations and high school reunions, and family reunions, and weddings and parties, and escaping for a quick vacation before every place becomes overrun with families with small kids. Oh, for a little peace and quiet.

What are you overwhelmed with right now? How do you cope?? I just got back from my wonderful trip to Peru, and I am overwhelmed by my 6941 pictures! That's just one thing on my plate. I have gotten them down under 3000 at this point, looking to reach less than 2000 within five days. I deal with this particular problem by setting small goals, like ‘eliminate 200 per day,’ although in this case it would still take me too long. My 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion is the weekend of the June meeting. My family reunion is two weeks after that. Both of those are in Massachusetts. And I just got back from Massachusetts where I performed a wedding for a good friend's daughter -- great fun, but tiring.

I am also in the middle of rearranging some plants in my flower beds, which means deciding which ones to do away with, and then trying to figure out what to buy!! I have spent far too much money on plants this year, but I rationalize it by telling myself that the perennials won't need to be replaced for years. Actually I hate gardening. But I really enjoy having nice looking beds, so it gets done.

I am overwhelmed by the mess in my wool room—my husband seems to think he can store things in this space (it is listed as “storage room” on the floor plan). I can barely walk into it now. How do I deal with this? Sometimes I don't. When I take wool out for a project (who has time to hook?), I try to put it all back where it belongs when the project is finished, but sometimes I am working on several projects at the same time, and I leave little piles of potential inclusions all over the place. Sometimes the piles are larger than I can cope with.

And then there is the ‘overwhelmed by too many good ideas’ season. I came back from Peru with specific colors I want to figure out how to dye (like Santa Catalina Blue, Santa Catalina red, and Machu Picchu sky). But then again, I came back from Iceland with some colors I wanted to dye (different shades of ice, or water), and from the Canadian Rockies several years ago with some colors (like tundra red, after a very small plant I saw, and Bow Lake Blue). When will I have a season to dye for (ha ha)? I *have* the white wool, some place in my wool room. And then I have the patterns inspired by some place I saw, that are floating around in my brain. Five hundred lifetimes wouldn't be enough to accomplish everything. Usually I cope by dividing the situation into small, bite-size chunks—things that can get done in an hour or a half a day. I do that with my hooking too. But right now, I think I'll just take a break and have a cup of tea. It will all get done someday.....

Wishing you lots of loops, and peaceful days -- Weezie, Jan and Fred

**June Meeting – Friday, June 9, 2017** – Our last meeting of the program year will be our traditional potluck picnic luncheon and our weather delayed fundraising auction. We will be meeting 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 for a GPS is 314 State Highway 12, Flemington, NJ 08822 although there is no street number on the building. The meeting runs from 10:00 -2:00. Guests are always welcome.

**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 and to do some hooking. Bring your hooking!

Our annual auction is a major fundraiser for the Guild. Part of the auction will be silent and part out loud and raucous. Bring quality items you are willing to donate. They do not have to be related to rug hooking, although hooking things do sell well. Items hooked by Guild members are always valued, so consider donating one of your earlier projects. Of course, bring your check books so that you will be prepared and able to bid and buy enthusiastically. It will be a fun and lively event. Your participation is a great way to support our Guild - by recycling – by bidding -- by buying – by cheering on the bidders.

**Show & Tell** – Please bring and share your current projects.

**Hospitality** – We thank our members who have volunteered to bring snacks and treats to our meetings during the program year. Our meetings were enhanced by your contributions!

**June Birthdays** -- Birthday wishes go to members celebrating their special day this month – Lydia Brenner (6/4), Alma Coia (6/22), Gail Ferdinando (6/6), Cherry Halliday (6/18), Jackie Lee (6/26), Barbara Lugg (6/15), Kathleen Murray-Boyda (6/1), Teddi Pearson (6/26), and Debbie Walsh (6/6). We wish them all the happiest birthdays. Enjoy your day!

The Loop is not published in July and August, so we want to recognize in advance Guild members with birthdays during the summer.

**July Birthdays** -- Aggie Harris (7/8), Weezie Huntington (7/11), Tillie Ren, Lisa Savino (7/6), Nina Seaman (7/20), Susan Schulz (7/13), Virginia Sutton (7/14), and Betsy Warner (7/10) have birthdays in July. Happy Birthday!

**August Birthdays** – Bernadette Andrejco (8/16), Jan Cole (8/8), Sandy Denarski (8/6), Lynda Kling (8/25), Deb Leshner (8/2), Brigitte Levine (8/2), Mary Passerello (8/21), Carolyn Russo (8/27), Leanne Sitter (8/4), Jeanne Surdi (8/30), Martha Thieling (8/19), Loretta Turner (8/19), and Janet Williams (8/6) have birthdays in August. Enjoy your special day!

**Membership** –We welcome Jeannine Happe (Two Old Crows) to the Guild. Her contact information is show below.

Jeannine Happe  
15 Mingle Road  
Blairstown, NJ 07825  
908-914-6215

[jhappe@ptd.net](mailto:jhappe@ptd.net)

Bernadette Andrejco and Ann Gagnon have moved. Their new addresses follow:

Bernadette Andrejco  
43 Apple Drive  
Spring Lake Heights, NJ 07762

Ann Gagnon  
205 Oxfordshire Lane  
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

**Sunshine** – Joyce Combs is recovering from recent knee replacement surgery. Tracey Fetzer is spending additional time in rehab following her hip replacement surgery and Nina Seaman is recovering from cataract surgery. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

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 Looks Forward to Our Hook-in (June 3, 2017)** – Our first hook-in for several years will be held at the fire house in Three Bridges, NJ on June 3, 2017 from 9-4. The Three Bridges Fire House is located off the Three Bridges exit from Rte. 202, less than three miles north of the Flemington Circle. The registration fee is \$15. There is still time to register.

A full day of events is planned including the following:

- Hooking and sharing ideas with friends
- Popular vendors (see list below)
- Hooked rug exhibit – each participant is encouraged to share a rug
- Door prizes
- Classified Board
- Book signing (Tavern Sign Hooked Rugs by the Gimbers)
- Walk-ins (\$10 admission after 12:00)
- Lunch available

The following vendors will be offering a wide selection of rug hooking supplies:

- Old Tattered Flag ([www.theoldtatteredflag.com](http://www.theoldtatteredflag.com))
- Heart-in-Hand (Norma Batastini)
- Diane Pearce Baskets
- The Blue Tulip (Karen Worthington)
- Two Old Crows (Jeannine Happe)
- Wool 'n Gardener (Jan & Fred Cole) - [www.thewoolngardener.com](http://www.thewoolngardener.com)
- Woolly Dye Works (Marian Hall)

We will also have a classified board at the hook in. If anyone wishes to sell **used** hooking equipment they can post the item on the board, with their cell phone number. The seller will keep the item that is for sale and the buyer will call the seller on their cell phone. The two can discuss the item and the terms of sale.

Volunteers are needed to help set up and take down the rugs that will be exhibited and to provide snacks. Contact Marian Hall (610-431-1835 or [marianGH@aol.com](mailto:marianGH@aol.com)) if you can assist.

Additional information and the registration form are available on the Guild's website ([www.hcrag.com](http://www.hcrag.com)) by clicking on the Hook-in tab.

**Additional Recycled Wool Available at Meeting** – Mary Jo and Karl Gimber are reducing the wool in their stash and will have it available at the meeting for a donation to the Guild. The wool is from used clothing that has been disassembled and washed.

**Beginner's Workshop Offered – August 8, 2017** – Cherry Halliday, a certified McGown instructor, will be teaching the Beginner's Workshop that is offered during our annual rug hooking school at the ESC School. This year the workshop will be held on Tuesday, August 8 from 9:00 until noon. The fee is \$75, which includes a pattern on linen backing, a hook, wool, and basic frame. Participants need to provide a sharp scissors. Beginners are welcome to bring a lunch and stay to hook for the afternoon with those attending school. The workshop is intended for adults. Registrants ages 12 to 18 can participate if accompanied by a parent or adult.

To register, mail a check made out to HCRAAG to Debbie Walsh 51 Spruce Street, Cranford, NJ 07016. Questions can also be directed to Debbie at 908-272-7012 or [debywalsh1@gmail.com](mailto:debywalsh1@gmail.com).

**Hunterdon County Guilds Celebrate 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – In 1977 under the leadership of Josephine "Jo" Knobloch a series of craft guilds were established by a cooperative effort between Hunterdon County Adult Education and the Office of Aging. Through this project, art and craft courses were taught across the County. This led to the creation of several guilds for rug hookers, bakers, quilters, knitters and embroiderers. (More information on the early history of our Guild can be found on our website by clicking on the Contact Us tab.) The guilds will join together to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a day demonstrating their artisanship at the 2017 Hunterdon County 4-H & Agricultural Fair in August.

Barb Perry is working on the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and is organizing a hooked mat challenge (12" x 12") to do with Hunterdon County. Examples might be the covered bridges, mills, farms, animals, rock walls, barns, restaurants farmers' markets, hotels, the famous Flemington Courthouse, or anything at all that might be important to you. The mats could be entered into the 4-H Fair show under the category 40th Anniversary Festival Viewers' Choice.

**Volunteers Needed for Summer Demonstration Schedule** – Volunteers are needed to support our Guild's active demonstration schedule this summer. During the summer we will be demonstrating at the:

- 1) Mercer County 4-H Fair (July 29 & 30)
- 2) Hunterdon County 4-H and Agricultural Fair (August 24)
- 3) Garden State Sheep & Fiber Festival (September 9 & 10)

**Mercer County 4-H Fair (July 29 & 30)** -- Howell Living Farm is the ideal location for a 4-H Fair. We will be set up under a large tent in the field behind the Visitors Center. Volunteers need to provide chairs and bring lunch or purchase food that will be available. Demonstrators are needed for both days. Karl Gimber is our Event Coordinator. Contact him at 215-297-0803 or [karlg12@verizon.net](mailto:karlg12@verizon.net) to let him know if you can assist. The event is free and attracts many local families.

Hunterdon County 4-H Fair and Agricultural Fair (August 24) – Hunterdon County 4-H Fair and Agricultural Fair (August 24) - This old fashioned fair attracts large crowds during its five days at the end of August. Several craft guilds including HCRAAG will be exhibiting their work in locked, protective cases. Ribbons will be awarded in Narrow Cut, Wide Cut, Mixed Media/Three Dimensional, Mini Punch Needle, and Wearables using the same criteria as in past years. Each Guild is assigned a day to demonstrate their craft. Our Guild will be demonstrating on Thursday, August 24th from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM. If you are available to help with the demo, please contact Mary Passerello (908-782-1765 or [mpassere@comcast.net](mailto:mpassere@comcast.net)) or Diane Liberto (908-782-7563 or [diane.mannon@yahoo.com](mailto:diane.mannon@yahoo.com)), our Event Coordinators.

Mary and Diane will be collecting the hooked items for display at our Rug Hooking School on August 10th between 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM. There will be no changes to categories or judging criteria. They will distribute the 4-H Hooked Rug Division Entry Form at the June meeting and at Rug School. Advance copies of the form and guidelines will be distributed with the newsletter. If you would like to make other arrangements for submitting your hooked items, please contact Mary or Diane.

The Garden State Sheep Festival (September 9 & 10) – The Festival will be at the Hunterdon County Fair Grounds in Ringoes, NJ. This popular event draws large crowds of people interested in fiber arts. We need demonstrators for both days. Contact Amy Korengut, our event coordinator, to help out with this fabulous event. She can be reached at 908-221-9061 or [akorengut@gmail.com](mailto:akorengut@gmail.com).

**Guild's 21<sup>st</sup> Rug Hooking School (August 7-11, 2017)** – Instructors *Maggie Bonanomi, Cammie Bruce, Capri Boyle Jones, and Cindy Irwin* follow in the Guild's tradition of inviting highly regarded and sought after teachers who will spend the week with us. Rug School will begin on Monday, August 7, 2017 and run to Friday, August 11, 2017. Workshop descriptions, teacher bios, and registration information are available on our website ([www.hcrag.com](http://www.hcrag.com).)

At the present time there are openings with Cindy Irwin and Capri Boyle Jones. Registration is now open to non-members.

The final payment is due. Anyone who has not yet paid should send their check to Debbie Walsh at 51 Spruce Street, Cranford, NJ 07016.

**Save the Date -- Brandywine Rug Hooking Guild Hook-in (October 28, 2017)** – The Brandywine Guild has announced the date for their fall hook-in at the Kimberton Fire Company in Kimberton, PA. Details will be available shortly.

**Heavens – To - Betsy Hook-In (October 28, 2017)** – Betsy Reed is sponsoring a hook-in on Saturday October 28, 2017 from 9am to 4pm at The Falls - 158 Union Turnpike Hudson, NY. The vendors will be:

- Searsport Rug Hooking
- Spruce Ridge Studio
- Eagles Nest Woolens
- Decadent Fibers
- The Country Crock
- Heavens To Betsy

The cost for the day is \$30.00 which includes morning treats and a catered lunch. This is a new location so more can attend than in the past. If interested please contact Betsy at [betsy@heavens-to-betsy.com](mailto:betsy@heavens-to-betsy.com).

**The Guild Demonstrated During Sheep Shearing Day at Howell Living Farm** – Barb Perry and Marsha Moyer-Payne joined Karl Gimber at Howell Farm on May 6, 2017 to demonstrate rug hooking. The weather turned out to be better than the rainy forecast but did limit the number of visitors. A delicious homemade lunch was provided by the staff. In addition, we were given a dozen eggs and a bottle of maple syrup produced at the Farm. To learn more about the living open-air farm museum go to [www.howellfarm.org](http://www.howellfarm.org).

**Stock Up For Summer Reading** – Now is the time to borrow books from the Guild’s extensive library to provide for your summer reading. The listing of books in the library can be found on the Guild’s website ([www.hcrag.com](http://www.hcrag.com)). All you need to do to borrow books is to contact Kathy Donovan, our Librarian, by 12:00 noon on the day before our meeting and she will bring them to the meeting. Kathy can be reached at 908-755-1670 or [freija2@verizon.net](mailto:freija2@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 other members.*

**HCRAG Website** -- Our Guild’s website ([www.hcrag.com](http://www.hcrag.com)) is an important source of Guild and rug hooking information. The site includes a wealth of information for rug hookers that is updated monthly.

In order to have a rug added to the site, send a photograph to Karl Gimber at [karlg12@verizon.net](mailto:karlg12@verizon.net). The photo needs to be well focused and identified with your name and the name of the rug.

**Hooker of the Month– Lisa Savino** -- Lisa Savino developed an appreciation of handwork from her mother who was “craft oriented” and did crewel work, counted cross stitch and needlepoint. She even had an aunt who sewed her wedding dress! “Working with my hands is in my blood,” she says. However, her introduction to traditional rug hooking came at the 2013 Hooked Rug Festival at Prallsville Mills. “I loved everything I saw,” Lisa recalls. The following year she signed up for the Beginner’s Workshop that Cherry Halliday conducted at the Guild’s Hunterdon County 300<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration. She was on her way. Initially Lisa felt intimidated because she did not have the basic equipment and was unsure as to where to find it. She attended our annual auction meeting and purchased a better frame. Lisa found working with kits to be an easy way to get the supplies needed until she learned where to obtain patterns and wool.

She soon learned of the other hooking guilds in the area as well as the informal groups who meet locally. Lisa now belongs to three guilds – HCRAG, Alice Beatty and Lamb Yankees. Each one has been a valuable source of advice and information.

Hooking with #6 and #8 cuts has become her preferred approach although Lisa does not describe herself as a “primitive” rug hooker. “I am drawn to geometric patterns rather than typical ‘primitive’ motifs. Right now, I feel like a sponge with all the learning experiences available to me. I forced myself out of my comfort zone and learned to create Michele Micarelli’s pouch at her recent HCRAG program.” She also took the felting class that Jeannine Happe (Two Old

Crows) conducted at the Alice Beatty ATHA Chapter. “I have learned from all of them and especially from guild members.” Lisa is signed up to work with Cammie Bruce at our 2017 Rug School and will be going to Cape May in September.

While the kits she initially purchased included new wool, Lisa likes the recycling aspect of working with wool from old clothing. “It just feels like the natural way to go,” she observes. Lisa is saving skirt linings and plans to use them for her first foray into dyeing wool for her projects. She also plans to use the marbleizing techniques shared by Jan and Fred Cole at an earlier HCRAG program. Lisa has worked mostly with commercial patterns up to now, but she plans to design more of her own patterns. A recently completed geometric rug is her design. Much of Lisa’s hooking is done at guild meetings and the informal hooking groups to which she belongs. She also enjoys hooking at night while watching TV.

In addition to rug hooking, Lisa is an active basket weaver which she learned from classes sponsored by the Hunterdon Parks and Recreational Department. The 25-30 baskets completed so far are proudly displayed in her home. Lisa also volunteers for Habitat for Humanity and at the Anderson Home – a shelter for women with alcohol and drug addiction issues.

Lisa retired in 2012 after serving as a global purchasing manager for a consumer products company. Her husband, Pat, was in retail sales before retiring. They live in Whitehouse Station, NJ.

As Lisa looks at her nascent rug hooking journey, she observes that “hooking has a special appeal to me because I like working with color and fabric and seeing what the rug looks like when it is finished. They look like artwork.” Well said!

Lisa also appreciates the opportunity that rug hooking provides for multiple approaches and different styles. She recalls that Kathy Kane was in the same Beginner’s Workshop at the 2013 Festival. “Kathy’s funky style is so different than my more traditional approach. The great thing about rug hooking is that it allows all of us to be creative in our own way.”

Visit the Guild’s website –[www.hcrag.com](http://www.hcrag.com) -- and click on “Hooker of the Month” to see some of Lisa’s creations.

## **Hooking Information & Techniques**

**From Nina’s Notebook** – The high temperatures this past week reminded me why I spend my summers in Nova Scotia where the summer temps are measured in Celsius and when it reaches the 30s, you know it is going to be hot. The usual temperature is somewhere in the 20s Celsius or 70s Fahrenheit.

My major task of these past months has been the completion of a large mat to celebrate the graduation of my granddaughter, Kate from high school. She is going to the University of Missouri School of Journalism with a plan to become a photo journalist. So I have used some of her photo images as well as logos of her life to create the mat. I will post a photo of it at a later time after she has received it. Now my task is to clean up the hooking room and pack those items that are going with me for the summer. After a large project it is so satisfying to put things back in place and locate those items that were "lost" in the creative mess of this last project. I confess I am a messy person when I am creating a mat. Time and energy goes into the creation, the cleanup will come later.

I am looking forward to being with my rug hooking friends in Nova Scotia and see the creations they have been working on during the winter. I will hear about their adventures at the rug school sponsored by the Rug Hooking Guild of Nova Scotia. That Guild also has a website which shows the works of its members. In turn, they want to hear news about our Guild and I know many of them look at our website. How fortunate I am to be a part of both worlds!

Most of all, I look forward to being in my hooking room and looking out at the sea. It is a time for inspiration, contemplation, and experiencing the reassuring motion of the sea, the tides and the clouds. All seems right with the world when I absorb the beauty of this special place, the home of my spirit.

And so I wish for each one of you a special place where you can experience the beauty of that space, a time away from the cares of this world and a refreshing of your spirit. The artist within in you will be renewed and ready to go forward with creating new and more beautiful mats.

Happy summer and Happy Hooking!  
Nina Seaman

**Tips from Heloise – Save Your Snippets** – Carol Kindt shared with Heloise a practical use for the wool snippets left over from our rug projects – save them in baggies for when you make a pin cushion or any small object that needs stuffing thus eliminating the need to buy stuffing. Great idea!

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

Rug Hooking Week at Sauder Village (August 14-19, 2017) – This major rug hooking event in Archbold, Ohio includes a hooking retreat, workshops, vendors and multiple exhibits. To get the latest information go to [www.saudervillage.org/rughookingweek](http://www.saudervillage.org/rughookingweek) or call 800-590-9755.

Rugs by the Sea (September 10–22, 2017) – Norma Batastini and Linda Woodbury have announced the instructors for their popular rug hooking school held at the Chalfonte Hotel in Cape May, NJ. The instructors for the first week (September 10-15) are Ingrid Hieronimus, Michele Micarelli, Kris Miller and Emily Silevinac. Cammie Bruce, Lucille Festa, Chizuko Hayami and Diane Stoffel are the instructors for the second week (September 17-22). Expanded information and photos can be found by visiting their blog – [www.rugsbythesea.wordpress.com](http://www.rugsbythesea.wordpress.com).

ATHA Biennial – “Play Hooky in Cleveland” (October 11-14, 2017) – ATHA’s Biennial gathering will be held in Cleveland this year. This is a major event held every two years and attracts rug hookers from North America and Europe. For more information go to [www.atharugs.com](http://www.atharugs.com).

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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 Barbara Boyko at [barb@bboyko.com](mailto:barb@bboyko.com) or 914-588-7077. Visit the Lamb Yankees website at [www.lambyankees.weebly.com](http://www.lambyankees.weebly.com).

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 Julienne Stewart at 732-503-4286 or [jls7952@gmail.com](mailto:jls7952@gmail.com).

Informal Rug Hooking Groups – Informal gatherings allow those who cannot attend Guild meetings to be with friends with similar interests. The groups listed below are open to anyone who wants to attend. Some require a small donation to cover the cost of the meeting site.

- Mercer Hookers meet on the first Thursday of every month from 10:00 to 3:00 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.
- Woolkeepers meet at the Tewksbury Township Library in Oldwick, NJ each Tuesday at 10:00. All interested in rug hooking are invited regardless of experience. Contact Linda Reitz for details at 908-534-2659 or [lindarz16@gmail.com](mailto:lindarz16@gmail.com).
- Midland Park Rug Hooking meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from September to June at the Midland Park Library (Bergen County) from 10:00 to 3:00 or later. The cost is \$50 if paid in September or \$10 a session to cover the cost of insurance required by the library. Everyone is invited. For additional information, contact Chris Coslet at 973-962-1884 or [chris622@optonline.net](mailto:chris622@optonline.net).

### **HCRAAG Calendar of Events --**

**June 3, 2017 – Hook-in (3 Bridges Fire House, 3 Bridges, NJ)**

**June 9, 2017 – Monthly Meeting – Summer Luncheon & Annual Auction \***

**July 29 & 30, 2017 – Hooking Demonstration (Mercer County 4-H Fair, Howell Living Farm)**

**August 7 –11, 2017 – 21<sup>st</sup> Rug Hooking School – ESC School, West Amwell, NJ**

**August 8, 2017 – Beginners’ Workshop – ESC School, West Amwell, NJ**

**August 24, 2017 – Hooking Demonstration (Hunterdon County 4-H Fair, Ringoes, NJ)**

**September 8, 2017 – Monthly Meeting – Program TBD \***

**September 9 & 10, 2017 – Hooking Demonstration (Sheep & Fiber Festival, Ringoes, NJ)**

**September 16, 2017 – Hooking Demonstration (Hilltown Fall Festival, Hilltown, PA)**

**October 7, 2017 – Hooking Demonstration (Apple Butter Frolic, Mennonite Heritage Center)**

**October 7, 2017 – Hooking Demonstration (Quilt Day at Howell Farm)**

**October 7, 2017 – Hooking Demonstration (Colonial Market Day, Newtown, PA)**

**October 13, 2017 – Monthly Meeting – Program TBD \***

**November 10, 2017 – Monthly Meeting – Program TBD \*\***

**November 25 & 26, 2017 – Hooking Demonstration (Vanderveer House, Bedminster, NJ)**

**December 8, 2017 – 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 a GPS is 314 State Highway 12, although that does not appear on the building.

\*\* 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 for a GPS is 1Municipal Drive, Flemington, NJ 08822-3446.

**Guild Officers/Chairs** -- Our officers and committee chairs 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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