

## **THE LOOP**

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

October 2009

**From the President's Corner** – After a busy and sometimes hectic summer, we often think of the fall season as being a slower time of the year. That is not the case for the rug hooking community. It certainly is not the case for our Guild. The fall is a very active period for us. Members are demonstrating rug hooking almost every weekend in September and October. Popular camps such as Cape May attract members and other regional and national rug hookers. Specialized workshops are being offered by local instructors. This year ATHA is sponsoring its Biennial Conference that is within driving distance. The popular annual hook-in hosted by the Brandywine Rug Hooking Guild will be held this month. In addition, members are busy completing rugs for upcoming exhibits. Yes, the fall is a busy and active time for HCRAG members!

We mourn the loss of Patsy Becker who passed away earlier this year. Patsy was a long time New Jersey resident who touched the lives of many Guild members who had the privilege of knowing her and the opportunity of studying with her. For many years, Patsy lived in Holmdel, NJ where she taught and delighted students with her “garden parties”. Patsy’s rug hooking skills and knowledge created a demand nationally for her teaching. Many of the techniques she taught her students are being repeated and passed on by the current generation of instructors (see “Tips From Heloise” in the September issue of The Loop.) Patsy’s love of rug hooking along with her supportive and encouraging style endeared her to her many students and friends. She will be sorely missed. The September/October 2009 issue of Rug Hooking Magazine features Patsy in the Reader’s Gallery article.

Keep on hooking! -- Weezie

**October Meeting – Friday, October 9, 2009** -- The October meeting will be held 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.

**Guild Program – Using Fuzzy Wools and Roving** – Guild members Joyce Combs and Kay Weeks will teach us how to use flat felting and roving in hooking projects. Kay will teach us how to “wet felt” roving and Joyce will demonstrate how to needle felt a sheep or a flower into Kay's backing. It will be very simple and anyone will be able to do it.

**Show & Tell** – Bring any of your rugs with an autumn or Halloween theme to share with us. Of course, we are anxious to see how your camp or current projects are progressing. The important thing is to share. Members consistently comment on the inspiration they get from the “show & tell” portion of the meeting.

**Sampler Projects** -- At the September meeting there was interest in working on two sampler projects – a “Friendship Sampler” and a “Technique Sampler”. After the normal meeting ends,

those working on the samplers will gather to work on their respective sampler. Weezie will lead the group who will work on the Friendship Sampler. Techniques taught during the October program will be applied. Each participant is asked to bring 1) a piece of 18" x 18" backing, 2) fine or thick black Sharpie and 3) paper for templates.

Hook-in – Those not working on one of the sampler projects are encouraged to bring their hooking equipment and use the time to work on a rug.

Hospitality – Ingrid Cosmen, Therese Schick and Kay Weeks have volunteered to provide the refreshments for the meeting this month. Thank you for adding to our meeting enjoyment!

Membership – We welcome Deborah Adam and Cindy Quinn to our Guild. Their contact information is shown below.

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This is the time of the year to renew our membership. A renewal form is attached.

Sunshine – Brigitte Levine, Barbara Lugg, Irene Pasternak and Virginia Sutton are recovering from surgery. We wish them a speedy recovery.

October Birthdays – Birthday wishes go to those celebrating their special day this month – Catherine Basich (10/26), Margie Briggs (10/13), Jana Laidlaw (10/27), Gisele Meader (10/25), Judy Quintman (10/3) and Bernice Smith (10/10). Enjoy your day!

Brandywine Rug Hooking Guild Hook-in -- October 24, 2009 -- The Brandywine Rug Hooking Guild is holding its 5th Annual Hook-In, Saturday, October 24 at the Wagontown Fire Hall (near Coatesville, PA), 9 AM to 4 PM. There will be lots of great vendors, a "Men vs. Fiber" show and a special door prize -- Townsend cutter or Traveler frame (tickets \$5). A prepaid lunch is available. This is always a well attended and popular event. It is a good opportunity to visit with friends we do not see that often and to shop from favorite vendors. You can register online at <http://brandywinerughookingguild.weebly.com/> or contact Debbie Schmidt, 610-525-0691.

HCRAG 2010 Rug Hooking Camp – August 9-13, 2010 -- Diane Phillips and Jen Lavoie are confirmed as instructors for our 14th annual camp. Camp Director, Dee Rosebrock, is working on identifying the third instructor. Charlotte Price who was originally scheduled is unable to be with us due to health issues.

The fee for the week is \$150 for HCRAG members. This is a real bargain, but to take advantage, you must be a Guild member by the November meeting. It is \$225 for others. We will accept deposits next month.

North American Rug Hooking Museum to be Established --The Hooked Rug Museum of North America (HRMNA) Society has acquired an 8,750 square foot building at Queensland, a suburb of Halifax, Nova Scotia, for the first hooked rug museum, gallery and archival center in the world. The tentative opening date is June 2010. A fund raising effort is being launched to

provide funds to upgrade and renovate the former factory building to museum standards. For more information contact the Hooked Rug Museum at P.O. Box 556, Chester, N.S. B0J 1J0 or by email at [dornoc@eastlink.ca](mailto:dornoc@eastlink.ca) .

**Guild Demonstrators Active in September** -- September is one of our busiest months for demonstrating. Many community groups have their fairs and festivals in the early fall. Last month, Guild volunteers demonstrated rug hooking at The Sheep & Fiber Festival (Ringoes, NJ), The Holcombe-Jimison Farming Festival (Lambertville, NJ), Colonial Market Day (Newtown, PA), Heritage Day (Trappe, PA) and The Hilltown Historical Society Fall Festival (Hilltown, PA). Beautiful fall weather encouraged large turnouts at most events. In all cases there was a lot of interest shown in rug hooking. Several visitors expressed interest in joining the Guild and others wanted to learn how to hook rugs.

We thank the following members who gave their time to support our Guild:

Cindy Boults	Deanna Kinney	Lydia Lewis	Dee Rosebrock
Margaret Brightbill	Lynda Kling	Joan Lucas	
Karl Gimber	Carol Kindt	Gisele Meader	
Weezie Huntington	Jana Laidlaw	Joanne McIlmurray	

Gisele Meader invited two of her quilting friends -- Arminda Barbone and Mary King – to join her at the Holcombe-Jimison Farming Festival where they demonstrated quilting along side the Guild. They enjoyed the day and plan to return next year.

**Annual Hooking Retreat Scheduled (January 8-10, 2010)** -- The Guild's popular rug hooking retreat is again scheduled to follow our monthly meeting in January. On Friday, January 8, 2010, we will gather at the Hampton Inn in Flemington to begin a weekend of hooking and relaxation. Participation will be limited to 25 HCRAAG members. A non-refundable registration fee of \$35 must be paid in advance. Give or send your check made payable to HCRAAG to Carol Kindt at 17 Lazy Brook Road, Flemington, NJ 08822.

If you want to be assured of a spot for this fun packed weekend, you are encouraged to register soon. There will be an "early bird" drawing for a free massage session for those who have registered by the end of November.

Participants can commute daily or stay overnight. A discounted rate of \$112 per night, plus tax, has been negotiated for all reservations made prior to December 11th. Please contact the Hampton Inn at (908)284-9427 to reserve your room and mention HCRAAG to get the special rate.

**March Madness 2010** -- Planning for March Madness 2010 (formerly the Spring Fling) is underway. It is scheduled for March 19-21, 2010 at the Flemington Hampton Inn. Weezie is working on selecting the instructors. More information will available in later issues of The Loop.

**Demonstration Events in October** – October continues to be a busy time for Guild demonstrators. The schedule is shown below.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>
October 3	Apple Butter Frolic (Harleysville, PA)	Joanne McIlmurray
October 3 & 4	Millbrook Days (Millbrook Village, NJ)	Deanna Kinney & Joan Lucas
October 10	“Larenwaert “Festival (Peter Wentz Farmstead)	Karl Gimber &

October 17            Howell Living Farm Lambertville, NY)  
November 7 & 8    Thanksgiving in the Country (Sergeantsville, NJ)

Joanne McIlmurray  
Karl Gimber  
Joyce Combs

Educating the public about traditional rug hooking is a Guild objective. Demonstrating rug hooking at local events is the major way in which we fulfill this objective. Our participation not only helps promote rug hooking and our Guild, but also helps support local organizations and historical sites.

All members are encouraged to assist in our demonstration efforts. You can participate for an hour or two or for the entire day. It is a satisfying activity to share our commitment to rug hooking with others. Please contact the coordinators for information on how you can help.

**Recent Additions to HCRAG Library** – At the pot-luck luncheon during camp, Jo Knobloch donated to the Guild several rug hooking books, pamphlets and newsletters. They include:

- Anyone Can Dye - For Making Rugs, Cox, Clarissa, 1953
- Color Flow, Elliot, Jane, 1965
- Triple Over Dye Jar Method, Hicks, Lydia, 1957
- The Rainbow in Rags, McGown, Pearl (in collaboration with Harriet Keyes), 1950
- An Introduction to Natural Dyeing, Thresh, Robert & Christine, 1973
- Designs by Tish – Patterns for Traditional Rug Making, Harris, Patricia Smith, 1981
- The ABC of Rug Making, Home Craft Course Volume 24, 1947
- Color in Hooked Rugs, McGown, Pearl, 1954
- American Rugs, American Arts Library, Ries, Estelle, 1950

There are an additional 15 issues of Rug Hooker News and Views which are duplicates of those already in the library. These will be auctioned at our annual Auction & White Elephant Sale in January.

Natural Dyes and Home Dyeing by Rita Adrosko (1971) was donated by Sharon Ballard. Hooked Rugs Today IV: Expect the Unexpected by Amy Oxford was donated by Mary Jo and Karl Gimber. The book includes the rugs exhibited in November 2008 at the annual show sponsored by the Green Mountain Rug Hooking Guild at Shelburne Museum. Several Guild members had rugs in this marvelous exhibit.

We are thankful for these generous donations.

If you want to borrow an item from our library, contact Guild Librarian, Kathy Donovan, 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).

**Loan of Hooking Frame Needed** -- Former Guild member, Lisa Mims, wants to borrow a hooking frame to use to hook a rug that will be auctioned in February at a fund raising event for her daughter's school. Contact Lisa directly, if you can help her – [lisaandrod.mims1@gmail.com](mailto:lisaandrod.mims1@gmail.com).

**From Joyce Combs' Dye Pot** – One of the easiest ways to play with the color in your rugs without any investment in dyes and equipment is “marrying”, “stewing” and “marbleizing” wool. This month we will explore marrying and stewing wool.

To Marry Wool: Select several pieces of the same color wool. For this example we will use red. We often have several reds, but they do not match or look good together. You can marry them and bring the shades closer together. You can also use this method to tone down a color. One example: if you have a piece of bright blue that is too bright, put it with a piece of orange (complementary color). The two will marry to create two pieces of different colored but complementary wools that will be less bright but useable for the same project.

- Fill pot 2/3 full of tap water. Add powdered Tide or Borax (no bleach) to the water. Stir to dissolve. Bring water to a boil, then turn down to simmer.
- Add pre-soaked wool to prepared pot of water and detergent. There should be enough water so the wool is not packed and can move.
- Simmer wool for 20-30 minutes. The wool will release some of their dyes and the colors will blend together. When a decent amount of dye is released, pour 1/3 cup of white vinegar in the pot and simmer for another 20-30 minutes.

To Stew Wool: The same approach as above is used, but you will have many different colors in the same pot. It blends all the colors and makes the wool compatible.

**Tips From Heloise (aka Lydia Lewis)** -- Lydia débuts as Heloise this month by providing important information on storing rugs.

As the seasons change sometimes it is enjoyable to redecorate and perhaps some rugs might need storing in a safe place. If so- shake the rug free of any loose dirt before storing. Avoid a vacuum cleaner or carpet sweeper- just shake!! When in doubt, think how a homemaker of a hundred years ago might have cleaned a rug. Old methods are still best. It is really best to air the rug for a few hours outdoors on a lovely day. Be sure not to fold the rug but to roll it instead, backing side in, worked side out. Rolling with the pile out places less stress on the pile by not squeezing it together. Rugs may be stored in the back of a closet, under a bed, in a cabinet, or on a shelf. Put some material between the rug and the shelf. Rugs can be draped over a curtain rod or dowel and hung in a closet-for a short period of time. Do not use clothespins or pins, as the weight against the pins will pull the backing.

**Thank You to Guild Supporters** -- Gail Dufresne (Goat Hill Studio), Kay Leisey (Homespun), Margaret Lutz (Hook Nook) and Karen Worthington (Blue Tulip) supported our rug hooking camp by generously donating items for our daily raffles. We express our appreciation by sharing the following information on the resources available from these talented artisans.

Goat Hill Studio located in Lambertville, NJ is a new spacious rug hooking studio. Gail Dufresne is known for offering “more wool than you can imagine”. She also carries a full range of hooking supplies including cutters, hooks, dyes, and backing. Workshops, classes and custom dyeing are available. Visit her website at [www.goathilldesigns.com](http://www.goathilldesigns.com) or contact her at [gailduf@aol.com](mailto:gailduf@aol.com).

Homespun is quaint retail shop located in an early 1900s style general store in Hereford, PA at the intersection of Routes 29 and 100. Kay Leisey offers a full range of rug hooking supplies including hooks, backing, wool, books and punch-needle supplies. Kay is known for her creative seasonal hooking projects that are always available. Weekly classes are offered. Quilting fabrics and antique sewing items that are creatively displayed add to the fun of visiting Homespun. Visit her website at [www.homespunwollens.com](http://www.homespunwollens.com) or contact her at 215-541-0565.

Hook Nook is the exclusive source of Lib Callaway rug hooking patterns available on burlap, linen, rug warp or monks cloth. In addition, Guild member Margaret Lutz offers a full range of rug hooking supplies. Instruction at all levels is available from Margaret in her home studio in Flemington, NJ. See her website catalog at [www.hook-nook.com](http://www.hook-nook.com) or contact her at 908-782-8389 or [mmlutz@ptd.com](mailto:mmlutz@ptd.com).

The Blue Tulip is located in Harmony, NJ. Guild member, Karen Worthington, offers primitive hooked rug designs, kits supplies and classes. Karen was recognized by Early American Life in their annual Directory of Traditional American Crafts. The directory “salutes the best artisans working in period media and styles to preserve and perpetuate the legacy of fine handcraftsmanship”. Visit Karen’s website – [www.thebluetulipwoollery.com](http://www.thebluetulipwoollery.com) – or contact her at 908-859-6350 or [Karen@thebluetulipwoollery.com](mailto:Karen@thebluetulipwoollery.com).

When you shop with these Guild supporters, please let them know that we value their support.

**From the Archives** -- Dusting off old Guild minutes reveals that October has been an active month. Past programs included the following:

- October 1977 – Bus trip to Brandywine River Museum to see the Winterthur Folk Art display in the morning. Visit to Winterthur for a special rug emphasis tour in the afternoon.
- October 1978 – Meeting Program -- “Easy Dyeing and the Natural Way” by Frances Mustard, author, lecturer, designer and teacher.
- October 1979 – Meeting Program – “Coat Hanger Dyeing Demonstration” by Guild member Eve Christy.
- October 1982 – Trip to Kennebunkport, Maine and attendance at a slide show on rugs at Joan Moshimer’s studio.

**HCRAG Website** – Visit the Guild’s website at [www.hcrag.com](http://www.hcrag.com) to enjoy the rugs completed by our monthly featured member, current and past, as well as the Gallery of member rugs. You can also connect with other rug hooking links. Laurie Rubinetti updates the site monthly. Take a look!

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

#### **Adam & Eve in Fraktur and Folk Art Exhibit – July 15 - November 10, 2009**

The Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center in Pennsburg, PA is featuring an exhibit of Pennsylvania German fraktur from their collection which have images of Adam & Eve. Accompanying the exhibit are contemporary hooked rugs, redware pottery, “scherenschnitte” and a quilt that has Adam & Eve images. For more information contact the Heritage Center at 215-679-3103 or [www.schwenkfelder.com](http://www.schwenkfelder.com).

Fall Meeting of the Mountain State Fiber Artists will be in Thomas, WV at the Mountain Made Gallery on October 17, 2009 from 12-3. The meeting will feature a talk by June Myles, author of If Wool Could Talk, and an exhibit of her most recent work. Her book will be available. Light refreshments will be provided. Please visit [www.MountainStateFiberArtists.org](http://www.MountainStateFiberArtists.org) and click on the Fall Meeting for more information

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Brandywine Guild Hook-in – Saturday, October 24, 2009 -- See article on page 2.

Grenfell Workshop – October 27 & 28, 2009 at Oakside in Bloomfield, NJ. The workshop begins with a lecture by Paula Laverty, the author of “Silk Stocking Mats”, on Dr. Winifred Grenfell and the mission he started in Labrador and Newfoundland. Following the lecture Norma Batastini and Linda Woodbury will lead two classes on the techniques needed to hook with stockings. For more information, contact Norma Batastini at 973-746-2936 or [g\\_batastini@msn.com](mailto:g_batastini@msn.com).

Hooked in the Mountains XIV – November 7-15, 2009. The Green Mountain Rug Hooking Guild presents Hooked in the Mountains XIV at Shelburne Museum in Shelburne, VT. Workshops are offered by Diane Burgess, Molly Colegrove, Beverly Conway, Lucille Festa, Jacqueline Hansen, Ingrid Hieronimus, Jen Lavoie, Anne-Marie Littenberg, Jennifer Manuell, Kris McDermet, Doris Norman, Amy Oxford, Emily Robertson and Iris Simpson. Over 15 vendors available. For more information visit the Guild’s website – [greenmountainrughookingguild.org](http://greenmountainrughookingguild.org).

Tavern & Trade Sign Hooked Rugs and the Stories They Tell -- The Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center, Pennsburg, PA will be hosting presentations on November 11 & 15, 2009 by Mary Jo and Karl Gimber. On November 11<sup>th</sup>, the presentation is part of the Center’s “Brown Bag” Luncheon series from 12 -1. Bring your lunch and enjoy the presentation. Beverages are provided. On Sunday, November, 15, the presentation runs from 2:00 -3:00. For more information contact Rebecca Lawrence at 215-679-3103 or [rebecca@schwenkfelder.com](mailto:rebecca@schwenkfelder.com).

Fraktur Hooked Rug Exhibit – November 28, 2009 to April 24, 2010 at the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center, Pennsburg, PA. For more information contact Susan Feller, Guest Curator, at [rugs2wv@yahoo.com](mailto:rugs2wv@yahoo.com) with “Fraktur Rugs” in the Subject Line.

ATHA Woolwright Chapter Hook-in – March 20, 2010 at the Lancaster Farm & Home Center. The ATHA Woolwright Chapter is hosting a fund raising hook-in to support the 2011 ATHA Biennial Conference that will be held in Lancaster, PA. For more information, contact Mary Lynne Naples at [marylynnelan@aol.com](mailto:marylynnelan@aol.com).

The 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.

### **HCRAG Calendar of Events**

**October 9, 2009** – Monthly Meeting – Using Fuzzy Wools & Roving (Joyce Combs & Kay Weeks)\*

**November 13, 2009** Monthly Meeting – Houses: Not Just Four Walls (Deanna Kinney)\*

**December 11, 2009** Holiday Luncheon Meeting\*

**January 8, 2010** – Annual White Elephant Sale and Auction\*

**January 8-10, 2010** – Rug Hooking Retreat – Flemington Hampton Inn

**February 12, 2010** – Something to Warm the Heart – Pet Designs (Lydia Brenner & Cheryl

Halliday) \*

**March 12, 2010** Monthly Meeting – Round Robin Demo (Connie Coleman, Gisele Meader and others) \*

**March 19 – 21, 2010** – March Madness – Flemington Hampton Inn

**April 9, 2010** -- Monthly Meeting -- Back a Jacket (Lydia Lewis)\*

**May 14, 2010** – Monthly Meeting – Program TBD \*

**June 11, 2010** -- Monthly Meeting - - Annual Picnic\*

**August 9-13, 2010** – HCRAAG Rug Hooking Camp – Educational Services Commission School

**August 12, 2010** – HCRAAG Beginners' Workshop – Educational Services Commission School

\*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.

**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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**Guild's Email List Policy** - The HCRAAG Email list is not for commercial purposes, internally, or externally. The Guild does not make the list available to vendors outside the Guild, and asks that vendors within the group not solicit the membership as a whole.

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### **Hunterdon Country Rug Artisans Guild**

Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2009

Meeting called to order by President Weezie Huntington.

Two guests were present – Deb Abbott and Mary (Margaret Lutz' sister)

#### Old Business

- 4-H Report – Ribbons were presented to the winners by Dee Rosebrock who thanked everyone who helped make it a success.

- Kitty Platt was given a sheep postcard by Weezie for future reference.

- Camp Report – Karl Gimber reported that camp generally ran well. Evaluations were positive and suggestions for improvement are being considered. The masseuse and rug show got rave reviews. The beginners' workshop has been very successful – 13 participated. Thanks were given to all who helped.

A discussion was held concerning expenses for camp and what can be done to control them, optimum class size, use of teacher time, alternate sites and dates, etc. It was suggested that all ideas should be sent to Dee to re-evaluate some aspects of camp

- Upcoming Events –

September 12/13 – Sheep and Fiber Festival. Volunteers are needed.

September 19/20 – Holcombe – Jimison Farming Festival in Lambertville

Market Day in Newtown

Hilltown Historical Society

Heritage Day

Apple Butter Frolic

#### Sunshine

- Virginia Sutton and Irene Pasternak both had surgery.

- Thank you card was received from Jo Knobloch

- Brigitte Levine had cataract surgery

#### New Business

- Rug hooking book from the Shelburne show can be purchased at a discount if you buy three.

- Flyers from “Stripes” – a traveling rug hooking exhibit were passed out

- The HCRHG retreat will be held at the Hampton Inn – tentative dates are January 8–10, 2010.

- Volunteers are needed to bring refreshments to meetings – a sign up sheet was passed around.

- Margaret Lutz will bring a basket of hooking supplies if anyone forgets theirs or needs anything.

- Kitty Platt discussed upcoming meetings. (See newsletter for monthly programs.) Please write down a hooking hint for Kitty that can be shared by all.

- Friendship rugs and Sampler rugs were discussed and will be started at the next meeting. Bring an 18” x 18” square of backing if you want to participate. For the friendship rug, each person hooks a portion of everyone else' rug in their group.

For the sampler rug, each month a new technique will be taught. Volunteers are needed to teach techniques for the sampler. We can also use techniques that are taught in the monthly programs. Email any program ideas to Kitty.

Minutes respectfully taken by Lynda Kling and typed by Debbie Walsh