

THE LOOP

The Hunterdon County Rug Artisans Guild (HCRAG) Newsletter

October 2013

Presidents' Letter – As we write the October Presidents' Letter, we are busy finalizing plans and schedules for the Hooked Rug Festival at the Mill. We are confident that the efforts of the last year will result in an event that accomplishes the goals of showcasing our beloved craft to a wide public. Certainly hundreds of beautiful cards and posters have been passed out to far reaching corners of the East Coast. Over 300 exquisite rugs were delivered at our September meeting; Prallsville Mills will be filled to the rafters! Thank you for all the generous effort from hooking to heavy lifting that has been required of so many to make this a success. Unless other arrangements have been made, rugs from Hunterdon Guild members will be returned at the October meeting.

Following our business meeting, our October program will be a presentation by member and teacher, Cyndy Duade, entitled: The Contribution of Pearl K. McGown to Rug Hooking -- a look at her history and how it effects present day practices. As you recall, last October we invited Evelyn Lawrence to give a presentation on Magdalena Briner Rugs. That program highlighted one woman's contribution and legacy to primitive hooking in the 19th Century. Cyndy's program will again illuminate the work of a woman who had enormous impact on rug hooking in the 20th Century. For both new and long time hookers, this program will deepen our appreciation of the history and contiued evolution of our craft.

We will present more details on upcoming programs as we move toward a new calendar year and informed commitments can be made by all.

Thank you in advance to the Hospitality Committee for contributions that will surely have the wonderful flavor of late fruit and harvest. The deep color of rust, gold and orange influence some of our favotite rugs. Cindy & Therese

October Meeting – Friday, October 11, 2013 -- Our October meeting will be 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. The meeting runs from 10-2. Guests are always welcome.

Guild Program – Cyndy Duade was last with us as a workshop leader at our Spring Fling Weekend. She is returning and will be giving a presentation on the contribution of Pearl K. McGown to rug hooking.

Show & Tell – Rugs based on Pearl McGown patterns and hooking style will be the focus of Show & Tell. Of course, you are encouraged to share current hooking projects too.

Those participating in S & T are eligible for a door prize gift. Here are the lucky winners from our September meeting:

Teri Dabrowski – Dish	Gisele Meader – Bath Soaps
Sonia Force – Journal	Mary Passerello – Match Holder
Janet Keller-Laughlin – Lotions/Soaps	Laura Robinson – Scented Hand Soap
Donna Kolznak – Night Light	

Hospitality – We thank in advance our hospitality volunteers for this month – Teri Dabrowski, Lynda Kling, Gisele Meader, Nancy Sears and Bernice Smith. The snacks really do add to the enjoyment of our meetings.

October Birthdays -- Birthday wishes go to members celebrating their special day this month - Catherine Basich (10/26), Alexis Marie Contessa (10/17), Annie Edwards (10/3), Gisele Meader (10/25), Judy Quintman (10/3), Katie Simonson (10/6), and Bernice Smith (10/10). We wish them all the happiest birthdays. Enjoy your day!

Membership – We welcome Ellen Dolmetsch and Diane Liberto to our Guild. Ellen was a Guild member several years ago. Diane participated in our recent beginner’s workshop. Their contact information follows:

Ellen Dolmetsch 1807 Harvey Road Wilmington, DE 19810 302-475-1696 edolmetsch@gmail.com	Diane Liberto 8 Allens Corner Road Flemington, NJ 08822 908-782-7563 diane.mannon@yahoo.com
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A membership form is attached for those who have not yet renewed their membership.

Sunshine – Virginia Sutton, who is a founding Guild member and our oldest member, has had health issues and is recovering at her son’s home. Fred Cole had a serious Lyme Disease condition this summer that required hospitalization. It was good to see him at our meeting.

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

Guild News & Events

Festival News – As we approach the Festival there a couple of last minute requests. Sharon Ballard can use Christmas tree hooks to hang boutique items. Additional volunteers can always be used. Let Therese know if you can help.

Busy Fall Demonstration Schedule -- The fall season is an active one for our members who give of their time to represent the Guild at local festivals. The fall schedule is as follows:

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| • October 5 | Newtown Colonial Market Day | Lydia Lewis |
| • October 19 | Howell Living Farm (Quilt Day) | Gisele Meader |
| • November 1 & 2 | Thanksgiving in the Country * | Martha Thieling |

*This will be the 40th Thanksgiving in the Country and regrettably the last time the event will be held.

Please let the coordinators, whose names are shown with each event, know if you can help. Our participation in these events not only helps support the community but also allows us to spread the word about rug hooking and our Guild. They are fun too!

Exhibit of Hooked Rugs and Quilts – October 5 to 11, 2013 -- Rugs hooked by members of the Wool Whispers ATHA Chapter and quilts will be exhibited in the Community Center Building at the Foulkways Community from October 5 to October 11, 2013. The exhibit hours are 11-3 on October 5 and 9-3 on October 6-11. Foulkways is located at 1120 Meetinghouse Road, Gwynedd, PA. Call 215-643-2200 for more information.

Exhibit of Cliff Ballard's Punch Needle Opens October 8, 2013 -- Cliff will be displaying his Russian punch needle embroidery (Igolochkoy) for about a month starting October 8, 2013 from 10 am to 4 pm every Tuesday and Thursday at the Lebanon Museum in New Hampton, NJ. These geometrics and pictorials represent more than 20 years of Cliff's winter fireside projects. Also on display is a quilt show. Admission is free. New Hampton is located off Route 31 North, halfway between Clinton, NJ and Washington, NJ.

Janet Keller Laughlin Studio Tour (October 12 & 13, 2013) -- Janet Keller Laughlin, our Featured Member in June, will have her studio open during the Hopewell Tour des Arts 2013 on Saturday, October 12 from 10-5 and on Sunday, October 13 from 11-4. The event takes place rain or shine. Janet and her daughter Alissa will have their work for show and sale. Alissa creates upcycled jewelry. Janet's works include painting, sculpture and decorative arts. Visit www.janetkellerlaughlin.com for more information.

The location of the JKL Studio is at 218 Hopewell-Wertsville Road, Hopewell, NJ 08525. If you have questions or need more information, contact Janet at 609-713-0557 or jklstudio218@aol.com.

/his workshop, the remaining two openings will be filled from the waiting list. Our **Bargain of the Year -- Annual Rug Hooking Retreat Set for January 10-12, 2014** -- Our popular rug hooking retreat will again be held at the Hampton Inn in Flemington, NJ following our January meeting. After our monthly meeting, participants will move over to the Hampton Inn where we will hunker down for a weekend of hooking and fun from Friday afternoon until Sunday. We usually end late Sunday afternoon, but could stay until 10 PM, if we choose to. Participants can commute or stay overnight. Participation in the retreat is limited to members.

The fee for the entire weekend is only \$35 – the bargain of the year! Two meeting rooms have been reserved, but space is limited. You are encouraged to register early to assure a spot. Checks made payable to HCRAAG can be sent to Weezie Huntington, 1 Kings Path, Hopewell, NJ 08525. The fee is nonrefundable unless there is a replacement from the waiting list or from your efforts.

A discounted room rate of \$119 is available to those who will be staying over. Just call the Hampton In at 908-284-9427 and mention our Guild.

A gourmet pizza night is planned for Saturday dinner for those who want to participate. Weezie Huntington is again coordinating the retreat. Let her know of ideas you may have for adding to the fun of the weekend.

2014 Camp Full – Waiting List Established – Reservations for our 18th annual rug hooking camp were accepted at the September meeting. Before the meeting ended, camp was fully subscribed! A waiting list has been established. One slot in each workshop is being held in abeyance until the Brightbill Scholarship is awarded in December. After the scholarship winner selects her past experience has shown that cancellations develop, so anyone who hopes to attend should get on the waiting list by contacting Eleanor Dunker, Co-Camp Director.

The dates for camp are August 11 through August 15, 2014. In keeping with our tradition, three excellent teachers –Jayne Hester, Liz Marino and Anita White – will spend the week with us.

Camp Workshops

Jayne Hester – Jayne will be teaching a class on hooking primitive rugs in a wide cut. She has a great color sense for old colors and will bring her large stash of fabulous textured wool. Jayne will help you color plan your rug with “dirty-muddy” colors or soft natural colors, possibly enhanced by a splash of dancing colors. You will learn to hook in a true primitive style on any pattern of your choice.

Liz Marino – Liz is a McGown certified rug hooking instructor who is schooled in all the disciplines. She likes a detailed and realistic approach to her own work; Liz looks for a photo that will stand as an image that has the drama she likes. She has created a number of rugs for herself and for students based on old photographs and drawings of birds from books. Liz is open to working on anything and loves color planning Orientals. Go to her website (www.lizmarinorughooking.com) for more information about Liz.

Anita White -- Anita will have an open class, so students can choose any pattern by any designer – or design something themselves – or have her design something for them. She does have a style preference for wide-cut (#5-9 as well as hand cut and tear) florals, geometrics, floral/geometric combinations, paisley designs, folk art, antique reproductions, animals, crewel and Orientals. Anita loves working with all kinds of textures, plaids, stripes, and antique paisley while also incorporating some spots and smoother flannels for contrast, as needed. During the week, Anita will discuss dyeing, finishing techniques and any other topic that present themselves during the week. You can find Anita at anitawhite.blogspot.com.

Registration/Instructional Fees – The fee for camp is \$175 for Guild members who have paid their dues by December 31, 2013. 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 30, 2014. For all reservations received after May 30th, the camp fee must be paid in full at the time of registration. Checks made payable to HCRAAG can be sent to Eleanor Dunker, 1789 Jacksonville-Jobstown Road, Bordentown, NJ 08505.

Refund Policy –For cancellations received on or before June 13, 2014, the camp fee less the \$25 non-refundable deposit will be made. For cancellations received after June 13th, no refunds will be made unless the camp vacancy is filled and paid in full.

For more information, contact Camp Directors Anndee Byers (856-829-7179 or Anndee@hookandhistory.com) or Eleanor Dunker (609-267-8704 or eldunker@hotmail.com).

Nominations Due for the Brightbill Camp Scholarship -- The Brightbill Scholarship Fund provides a full scholarship to allow a deserving member to attend the HCRAAG summer rug hooking camp. This is awarded by our Scholarship Committee based on nominations and recommendations received from our members. The guidelines for granting the prize are quite broad: it could be used to

- say thanks to a member who has made an important contribution to the Guild;
- recognize a long-time member;
- welcome a new member;
- acknowledge someone who has shown a real commitment to rug hooking; or
- for any other purpose that seems appropriate.

If you would like to nominate someone for this award, or if you would like to be considered yourself, please contact Cindy or Therese by December 2, 2013. The scholarship recipient will be announced at the December meeting. One position in each teacher's workshop is being left open until the Scholarship is awarded so the winner can select the teacher of her/his choice.

Attend 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.

Housing has already been arranged for two instructors. If you have interest in providing housing for the remaining instructor, let Camp Directors Anndee or Eleanor Dunker know and attend camp free.

Ribgy Wool Cutter for Sale -- Edith Prundeanu, a long term Bucks County rug hooker and teacher, has been selling her equipment. She has a Rigby cutter remaining and is offering it for sale for \$30. The cutter includes #5 & #6 blades. If you have interest, contact Edith directly at 215-794-7025.

Handmade Frame and Spinning Wheel for Sale -- Former Guild member, Linda Czeck, has a hooking frame made by J. Anderson for sale. The handmade frame is signed, dated and numbered. The cost is \$100. A new Krosky traditional spinning wheel is also available for \$450. Contact Linda directly at lindyj13@gmail.com or 610-838-1517 or 908-619-5340.

Newsletter Editor Plans to Retire -- Karl Gimber who has served as the Editor for The Loop from its inception has expressed an interest in retiring from the position. Anyone interested in taking over the role or for serving as an assistant editor in transition to becoming the editor should contact Karl at karlg12@verizon.net or 215-297-0803.

Co-Founder of Hooked Rug Museum of North America Dies – Hugh Conrod, husband of Suzanne Conrod, passed away last month. Hugh possessed a tremendous bank of knowledge about our craft. Along with Suzanne, he was a co-founder of the Hooked Rug Museum of North America. He will be deeply missed by all in the rug hooking community.

Beautiful Weather Aids Guild Demonstrations -- The weatherman provided ideal forecasts and the crowds turned out for events at which Guild members demonstrated last month.

The increasingly popular Sheep & Fiber Festival held at the Hunterdon County Fairgrounds drew large crowds of fiber enthusiasts during the first weekend in September. There was much interest in rug hooking and our Guild. Over \$240 of Festival Raffle Rug tickets were sold and lots of interest expressed in the beginner workshops. We extend our appreciation to the Guild members listed below who devoted their time supporting this effort and to Gisele Meader for coordinating this highly successful day.

Sharon Ballard	Gisele Meader
Cindy Boult	Dee Rosebrock,
Ellen DiClemente	Therese Shick,
Gail Ferdinando	Debbie Walsh
Carol Kindt	

Beautiful weather also aided the turnout at the Fall Festival sponsored by the Historical Society of Hilltown Township. The event is held on the grounds of the historic Hartzel-Strassburger Homestead in Sellersville, PA. Martha Thieling and Karl Gimber represented the Guild and shared their enthusiasm for rug hooking with visitors who expressed much interest in what can be achieved with strips of colorful wool.

HCRAG Library – Our 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.

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.

Featured Member – Paula Patti -- Paula Patti and her husband Tony share a deep interest in crafts and handmade objects. Tony is an experienced glass blower and continues to develop his skill by attending workshops whenever he can. Paula's interest in crafting goes back to Arcardia

University, where she majored in Fine Arts. Before Paula touched a rug, she tried her hand at making quilts. She started with piecing “blocks of the month” to learn the many quilt squares. Since then she has made several beautiful quilts including some with buttons. In 2011, she won third place in the Viewer’s Choice for the Newtown Quilters’ Guild Show.

In 2007, Tony and Paula drove to Williamstown, West Virginia to see the Fenton Glass Company that has been in Williamstown for over 100 years. While there, Tony had the opportunity to purchase antique glassblowing molds and Paula discovered the Woolen Willow which was down the street from their hotel. The store had quilting and rug hooking supplies. After taking a good look around the store, Paula left with a lap frame and beginner’s kit with wool already in #8 cuts. Paula recalls that she was “afraid to take up another fabric medium, but thought there may just be enough room in the house for another adventure.”

You know what happened after that. She got a subscription to Rug Hooking Magazine and soon learned about the Hunterdon Guild and our summer camp. In 2009, Paula attended the HCRAAG camp for the first time and has not missed one since. Our annual hooking retreats have also been a favorite. Judy Quintman was Paula’s first camp teacher from whom she learned the basics. This past summer Judy Carter was her teacher. They worked together on hooking a deer design. “My designs get larger and more colorful. What fun!” she beams.

It is hard to say what Paula enjoys most about rug hooking. She thinks “it may be the opportunity to use a full palette of colors with the variety of hues available with tweed, plaid, or dyed woolsens.” Today Paula is studying rug color planning and style. She is “stimulated by patterns that require more than one cut of wool and images with more complexity and color.” Paula observes that “over the past five years I have gone from working mostly with a # 8 cut to hooking with #6 and #4 cuts. Rug hooking is like painting but with fabric!”

In 2011, Paula and Tony traveled to Lancaster for the ATHA Biennial where she purchased Susan Feller’s “Quilt Show” pattern. It gave Paula a chance to combine her interests in quilting and rug hooking.

Paula finds that “hooking is a great escape in the evening”. Tony built a carousel for her wool strips with vintage lamp parts plus modern parts from Home Depot. The carousel allows Paula to set up a palette of wools by color and cut size. She takes it to all hooking events and is ready to hook, socialize and relax with the Guild. At home, the carousel sits next to the TV and window where Paula sits to hook. At night deer come within a few feet of that window.

Paula and Tony live in Holland, PA. Tony works in Philadelphia as the Chief Information Officer for a packaging company. He is Paula’s greatest fan and encourages her to be the best rug hooker that she can be. In his spare time he enjoys glassblowing and gardening. Their home is landscaped with coneflowers, hibiscus flowers, and butterfly bushes during the summer. Paula and Tony have two children – Jeff and Jennifer. Jeff is a computer consultant who lives in Philadelphia. Jennifer is a newlywed and physical therapist. Her husband Jesse is a fireman. They live on Long Island. The family keeps in touch by e-mail. Over the summertime Paula gets them together for cookouts.

Paula doubts that she will ever put rug hooking away “because HCRAAG has so much to offer. The Guild has given friendship, teachers, hook-ins, shows, and more to everyone. “

To see some of Paula’s rugs and Tony’s blown glass, go online to <http://www.glassblower.info/paula-patti-rughooking.html>. Also, visit the Guild’s website

(www.hcrag.com) to see more of Paula's rugs.

Hooking Information & Techniques

From Nina's Notebook – October is upon us and with it the time of ghosts and goblins, pumpkins and scarecrows, Halloween witches, and children planning their costumes for the big parade. My boys were never too interested in costumes, a sheet with cut out eyes or ragged jeans were fine for them. My granddaughters spent the summer planning and sewing their costumes and had it all finished by Labor Day. Halloween was a serious holiday!

For me October brings that wonderful panorama of color – oranges, reds, brilliant golden yellows, purples. The changing leaves and shrubs, the browning of the grasses, that last gasp of the garden flowers are my inspiration for hooking. The marsh where I walk each day has changed from many shades of bright green to a dusky brown. Interspersed with the grasses are large stands of goldenrod sprinkled with small lavender asters which have a golden yellow center. Add to that the orange red of the rose hips and the leavers which have turned to a rusty red. The spider webs, heavy with dew and back lit by the sunshine, are beginning to disappear as are the giant spiders who weave with such elegance. Each day the marsh changes and brings new delight to my eyes. I see the once green plants dying with a final splash of color and glory as if to say, “Remember me when I am simply a bit of brown dust on the marsh bed”.

At the Spring Fling Cyndy Duade taught the group how to hook an autumn leaf. You first hook the stem and veins of the leaf and then using your brightest color you hook the tips of the leaves. Next you put your darkest shades on the interior of the leaf and fill the rest with the medium shades going from darkest near the vein to the lightest near the tip. It works well with a dip dyed piece of wool. After mumbling and muttering about having to hook with a #4 cut ... remember I am a primitive hooker working in #6 and #8 ... I found that it was a rewarding exercise and I was very pleased with my finished product. I will also add that Cyndy was quite gracious about all my grumbling and were good friends by the end of the workshop!

I am looking forward to the Hooked Rug Festival at the Mill. I know it will be an excellent show with the many talented hookers we have in HCRAAG. I feel so fortunate to be surrounded by one of the most creative and innovative groups I have known. Enjoy these beautiful days, truly a feast for the eyes. Happy Hooking! Nina Seaman.

Dye Pot Ideas – Black Walnuts as a Source of Brown Dye – This is the time of the year to collect black walnuts for use as a source of rich brown dye. The process is easy, but you do need to wear rubber gloves to avoid getting the stain from the hulls on your hands which will take weeks to wear off.

Some use the outer hull for the dye; others prefer to use the shell and nuts.

- Hulls -- Remove the hulls and either place in a bucket of water and let soak for a week or two or put in your dye pot and bring to a slow boil.

- Walnut Shells -- The shells are thick and hard to open. You can put them in a bag and run over them with your car to crush them. Take the broken pieces along with the nuts put in your dye pot. Bring to a slow boil.

Strain the fluid and you have a natural dye that produces rich shades of brown.

Tips From Heloise – Many Guild members hook with recycled wool and know that wool obtained at flea markets, thrift stores and rummage sales needs to be washed before adding to your stash. However, we may not have the time to immediately wash the wool. Donna Kolznak has shared with Heloise a tip for those instances.

Her simple solution is to wrap the wool in a plastic bag and put it in your freezer for a day or two. Remove for a day and freeze again. This will kill any critters and eggs that may be in the fabric.

Recipes

Carol Kindt's "**Pineapple-Angel Food Cake**" was a big hit at our September meeting. She has shared her recipe with us.

Mix an angel food cake mix (The kind that only required water. Betty Crocker mix works the best.) as is, dry with a 20 oz. can of crushed pineapple in its own juice. Stir these two ingredients together with a spoon and bake in an ungreased 9" x13" baking dish for 30 minutes at 350 degrees. Serve with a dollop of cool whip or homemade whipped cream.

Thank you Carol!

Rug Hooking Events and Related Activities

Rug Hooking Camp at Longstreet Farm (October 7-11, 2013) – The Monmouth County Park System is sponsoring a week long rug hooking camp at Longstreet Farm on October 7 to 11 from 9 to 3. Lucille Festa is the instructor and the cost is \$190. Reservations can be made by going to the website for the Monmouth County Park System or by calling 732-842-4000 ext.1 and referencing Program #F0234A. Questions about the camp (but not to make reservations) can be directed to Ronnie Grothusen at the Farm at 732-946-3758.

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.

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.

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.

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. Visit the Lamb Yankees website at 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 – or contact Barbara Kimbrough at 908-309-3881 or 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.

HCRAG Calendar of Events

- 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 – (Cyndy Duade) ***
- October 19, 2013** – Quilting Day, Howell Living Farm, Lambertville, NJ
- November 8, 2013** – **Monthly Meeting – The Fungus Among Us (Ursala Pohl)***
- November 2 & 3, 2013** – Thanksgiving in the Country, Prallsville Mills, Stockton, NJ
- December 13, 2013** – **Monthly Meeting – Holiday Luncheon ***
- January 10, 2014** – **Monthly Meeting -- Auction & White Elephant Sale ***
- January 10-12, 2014** – Rug Hooking Retreat, Hampton Inn, Flemington, NJ
- February 14, 2014** – **Monthly Meeting – Creating & Hooking Redware Pattern (Sharon Ballard, Jan Cole & Karl Gimber) ***
- March 14, 2014** – **Monthly Meeting -- Rugs That Tell a Story ***
- March 28-30, 2014** – Spring Fling, Hampton Inn, Flemington, NJ
- April 11, 2014-- Monthly Meeting – Round Robin (Members with rug hooking businesses) ***
- April 26, 2014** – Hook-in – Mennonite Heritage Center, Harleysville, PA
- May 9, 2014** – **Monthly Meeting – Bus Trip to Barnes Foundation Museum, Philadelphia**
- June 13, 2014** – **Monthly Meeting – Guild Picnic ***
- August 11-15, 2014** – Rug Hooking Camp – ESC School, West Amwell, NJ
- August 12, 2014** – Beginner’s Workshop – ESC School, West Amwell, NJ
- September 12, 2014** – **Monthly Meeting – Program TBD ***
- October 10, 2014** – **Monthly Meeting – Hunterdon County 300th Celebration ***
- December 12, 2014** – **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.

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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