

# **THE LOOP**

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

September 2018

From the Presidents:

September, 2018

President's Letter - Robin and I can't believe that summer is coming to an end and it is time for us to get serious about our wonderful guild. We hope everyone had a great summer and even though it was so hot you were still able to do some hooking. Let's face it, if it is 100 degrees outside, we really don't want to sit around with a wool carpet on our lap. Or maybe you just sat in the AC and hooked to your heart's content.

Robin and I both attended the HCRAG summer rug school. What a great time, if you have never attended, please consider it next year. School was held for the first time in the gymnasium of St. Anna Church in Flemington. The venue was perfect for our needs. We are already trying to book the site for the 2019 rug school and hook in. The school had four wonderful teachers (Carrie Martin, Ali Strelbel, Sharon Smith, and Pris Buttler), everyone had a great time learning new things and catching up with old and new friends. We want to extend a big "THANK YOU" to Debbie Walsh and Lydia Brenner for all their hard work. As you all know, next year's rug school directors are Aggie Harris and Linda Hanneman. They will do the big reveal and let us know who the 2019 instructors are later in the Newsletter.

Now that summer is over, we have a lot of things happening in the guild that we all need to think about. Since our guild is non-profit, we need to keep thinking of ways to keep our expenses down. Unfortunately, sometimes we have no control over increased expenses. We just learned that our web designer (the guru behind our fabulous website) is striking out on his own and will need to increase his charges. While we plan to work with him, we also thought we might be able to reduce website charges by establishing a "Facebook" page that the guild administers (think about taking on this new fun position). We will discuss this at the meeting along with other important issues, so please try to attend. This is your guild and you need to be there for it. See you September 14th!

Yours in wool,  
Mary and Robin

### **September Meeting – Friday, September 14, 2018**

#### **Program:**

General Guild Business. Along with our regular show and tell, members will bring their August Rug Hooking Camp rugs to show and to share their experiences and new techniques learned from their teachers.

We will also have a slide show of pictures taken by Weezie Huntington from the Sauder Village rug show.

## **Thank You**

Over the summer we received a thank you from Multicolores for donations given over the last year. They also sent an update of their current activities and photos. The letter and photos will be available to attendees at the September meeting.

The refreshments for September will be brought by Dianna Liberto, Lynda Kling and Linda Ehly. Please bring your own beverage.

## **September Birthdays**

Sally Jagoe (9/1), Roberta Smith (9/2), Peggie Cunningham (9/4), Claudia Casebolt (9/14), Kathy Donovan (9/14), Jane Kiernan (9/19), Cindy Lott (9/23), Gail Schmidt (9/25), Jean Laurence (9/28), Cathy Edwards (9/29)

## **Guild News & Events**

### **Welcome new Members!**

We would like to make sure that you are aware of the existence of our mentoring program, which was created as a way to facilitate a new member's introduction to our guild. This program will match you with a current member who will be able to help you out with most things related to rug hooking, from providing advice and suggestions regarding a rug that you are working on, to helping explain Guild programs, events or activities. New and experienced rug hookers alike can also benefit from a mentor providing information regarding local resources, including open studios, suppliers, teachers, etc.

We hope that you will opt to take advantage of this worthwhile opportunity!

Those interested should contact Amy Korengut, the Mentoring Chair, at (908) 221-9061 or at akorengut@gmail.com.

### **New Members**

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**Reminder that dues are due in September. Please see Ellen DiClemente if you haven't sent that in yet.**

### **Sunshine**

Members-if you have any information that you would like included under "Sunshine", please email Gail Fernando at [gqferd@gmail.com](mailto:gqferd@gmail.com).

### **4-H Rug Hooking Contest**

The Guild would like to thank the members that entered items into the 4H Rug Hooking Contest. The items will be displayed at the 4H fair so please stop by and look at our exhibit. The rug school instructors were kind enough to judge all the items and we want to congratulate our winners.

#### Wide Cut:

1st place and Best of Show went to Nellene Beaton for her rendition of "Mr. Lincoln."

2nd place went to Lucy Walsh for "Raven Street"

3rd place went to Gail Ferdinando for "Twin Elephants."

#### Fine Cut:

No Entries

#### Other:

1st place went to Susan Maccombe for "Fall Maple" (punch needle)

2nd place went to Nellene Beaton for "Clipper Ship" (punch needle)

3rd place went to Mary Passerello for 2 Old Crows pattern "Mother's Love" (Needle felt)

### **Member Items For Sale**

Members are encouraged to bring rug hooking equipment they wish to sell to monthly meetings. This would allow current and new members to see equipment in person prior to purchase. A table will be set up for display. All items are to be labeled as to what it is, brand name, current owner, contact info, and price. Remember, there is a classified section in our newsletter. To place your item in the classifieds, email Brenda before the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Bss45@cornell.edu.

### **Newsletter Contributions Requested**

Reminder from the editor--- this is YOUR newsletter! Please contribute to it! Are you a veteran hooker? What do you wish you knew when you first started? Please share that. Have you picked up a neat tip from rug school or a teacher? Let us know! New to the guild? Introduce yourself! Can you describe yourself in 5 sentences or less? Please share! Beginner hooker? What attracted you to hooking? Share your enthusiasm! Email your contribution to Brenda at [bss45@cornell.edu](mailto:bss45@cornell.edu). Thanks!!!!

### **Nina's Notebook**

Summer for me is Bell Island, Nova Scotia. Here in the family cottage is where I relax and rejuvenate. My favorite hooked mats are inspired by the beauty that surrounds me every day. What can be better than sea, sand, clouds, sunshine, fog...I could go on for many paragraphs. This year the weather has been different; much hotter and much more fog than in previous summers. I jokingly tell my Canadian friends, I come from New Jersey to get away from these conditions! Few of the stores are air conditioned because most years the temperature is in the low 70s, upper 60s during the day. Nights are cool. If there are a few hot days, it is only a few days, not long weeks of high temperatures and humidity. The local beaches are crowded each day with people seeking relief. Gardens and lawns are dry and brown. Wait, you ask is it Jersey or Nova Scotia?

Summer for me is also about filling my memory bank and then figuring out what I want to hook. This year I went with some of my family to Newfoundland. What a difference from Nova Scotia or New Jersey. The nickname is The Rock which is appropriate because there are huge outcroppings of glacial rock wherever you go. The streets of the capital, St. John's, are steep uphill climbs. Wherever you go in the city, the sea is present; from The Narrows to the wide expanse visible from the top of the hills, you are reminded that this is a city dependent on the sea for its fortunes. Lighthouses, islands filled with sea birds of various types, fishing villages, boats of all sizes and types are part of the scenery.

After sorting through the many pictures taken on the trip, I have chosen a few of my favorites as subjects for hooking. At first I was going to make one large rug however I couldn't make the design come together. So the decision was to make a number of smaller rugs and create a collage of scenes. I will either mount them on small frames or tack them on the wall. I will repeat some of the materials such as yarn, sari silk and other fabrics in the pieces so there is a unity to them. For example, I will use the same blue yarn for the sea in each piece that has sea.

Likewise, I will use the same blue wool for the sky in each piece. I think I will have six or seven pieces when I am finished.

As I hook each one, I remember the time spent at that place and why it was so special.

I find that the more passionate I feel about a place or an event, the easier it is to hook.

The best pieces come when I feel strongly about the subject. Then the wool seems to fly out of my hands and when I am finished, I am most satisfied.

Deanne Fitzpatrick's motto is Create Beauty Every Day. I think those are words to live by for all rug hookers. We are surrounded by beauty wherever we are. Even if we have to look hard for it, it is there for our discovery. And so I say to all of you, honor the artist within you each day, and create beauty!

Nina Seaman

## **Rug School 2018**

HCRAAG's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rug Hooking School (held August 6-10, 2018)

Another successful year of rug school has just ended, resulting in a plethora of beautiful, creative, and unique rugs. We enjoyed an encouraging atmosphere, good food, fun and friends, new and old. We were lucky to have four talented teachers travel from around the U.S. to be with us for the week including Pris Buttler from Georgia, Carrie Martin from Louisiana, Sharon Smith from California, and Ali Strebel from Ohio. They shared their wisdom and knowledge with us to use in our current rugs and to carry forward in future rugs.

It takes a village to run rug school and we are so grateful to have had so many members step up to help, from searching for and finding a new facility that worked out great (thank you Mary P. for finding the St. Anna Church), to housing our teachers (thank you Barb B. and Laura R.), to driving and picking up teachers at the airport, bringing lunch for teachers, bringing snacks to share, cleaning up, setting up, packing up, carting supplies, etc.

We appreciate all of your help in assuring that rug school runs smoothly.

The door prizes were abundant this year thanks to our teachers who each donated a gift, and thanks to the following:

Jan and Fred Cole (Wool'n Gardener)

Judy Quintman

Jeannine Happe (Two Old Crows)

The Old Tattered Flag

Katie Simonson

Dianne Pearce

Lisanne Miller (W. Cushing and Company)

Loris Blandford (The Wool Farm)

Terry Dorr (The Dorr Mill Store)

Anne Marie Bond (Visions of Ewe)

Rebecca Erb (The Wool Studio)

Deb Smith (Rug Hooking Magazine)  
Laura Amick (Early American Life Magazine)  
Pris Buttler  
Carrie Martin  
Sharon Smith  
Ali Strebel

If you won a door prize, please remember to reach out and thank the vendor for the donation.

During Rug School this year we received donations from Phyllis Shapiro, Ruthann Shapiro and Barb Boyko. These donations help defray the cost of Rug School and allow us to continue to give our members the opportunity to attend rug school at a reduced price as well as award Rug School scholarships.

It was a pleasure to work with and hook with all of you and we are excited and confident that Linda Hanneman and Aggie Harris will continue the tradition of putting together a fun and successful rug school in August 2019.  
Debbie Walsh and Lydia Brenner

## **Rug School 2019**

We are very excited to announce the following instructors for our 23rd annual Rug School:

Cyndy Duade, Donna Hrkman, Kris Miller and Loretta Scena. Both Cyndy and Kris have taught at previous rug schools and we welcome Donna and Loretta as first time instructors to the guild. These ladies are all very talented and we are so pleased they have agreed to join us! We will be providing a short bio and photos of their work in the October Loop, along with registration forms. In the meantime, you can look at the following websites, Facebook page and google search to get a better idea of who you might like to take a class with in 2019.

Donna Hrkman : <http://www.donnahrkmandesigns.com/>

Kris Miller : <https://www.spruceridgestudios.com/>

Loretta Scena : Facebook Page is Loretta Scena Rug Hooking

Cyndy Duade : google search

## **HCRAG Library**

Kathy Donovan brings a selection of books to each meeting. A listing of the resources available to members from the Guild's library can be found on our website ([www.hcrag.com](http://www.hcrag.com)). If there is a specific item you want from our library, contact Kathy 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).

The following books have been added to the library over our summer hiatus. They will be available at the September meeting.

### **Beatty, Alice & Mary Sargent**

Basic Rug Hooking, 1990 Revised- first published as The Hook Book

### **Lawrence, Evelyn with Kathy Wright**

Rug Hooking Traditions with Magdalena Briner Eby, 2011

### **Rug Hooking Magazine, the staff of**

A Celebration of Hand-Hooked Rugs Vol. II 1992 and Vol. V 1995

### **Smith, Sharon A.**

Off the Hook Wool Rugs: Body of Work 2009-2018, 2018

### **Turbayne, Jessie A.**

Hooked Rug Treasury, 1997

### **Wright, Kathy and Janet Conner**

Rug Hooking Traditions with James and Mercedes Hutchinson, 2016

### **Wright, Kathy and Judy Knipe**

Rug Hooking Traditions with Patty Yoder and Esther Knipe, 2014

### **ATHA Newsletters: a publication of the Association of Traditional Hooking Artists**

Notebooks

#2 Issues #82 through 101 Aug. 1993 through Nov. 1996

#3 Issues #102 through 116 Dec. 1997 through May 1999

Issues #118 and 119 Aug. 1999 through Nov. 1999

#4 Issues #120 through 132 Dec. 2000 through Jan. 2002

#5 Issues 133 through 144 Feb. 2002 through Jan. 2004

Issue 149 Oct. 2004

Issues 152 and 153 Apr. 2005 and July 2005

### **Butler, Pris (catalogue)**

Something for Everyone, 2013

**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 Patti Mahar at [patriciamahar@verizon.net](mailto:patriciamahar@verizon.net). The photo needs to be well focused and identified with your name and the name of the rug.

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

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).

### **HCRAG Calendar of Events --**

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September 14, 2018 Monthly Meeting: General business. Shared rugs from August Rug Hooking Camp along with members experiences. Slide show from Sauder Village by Weezie Huntington.

October 12, 2018 Monthly Meeting - General business. Member led Dyeing Demos: No actual dyeing but step by step procedures and examples.

November 9, 2018 Monthly Meeting. General Business. Member led Round Robin..

December 14, 2018 Monthly Meeting. General Business. Holiday Pot luck lunch. Mat exchange and more.....

January 11, 2019 Monthly Meeting. General Business. Annual Auction

February 8, 2019 Monthly Meeting. General Business. Program TBD

March , 2019 Monthly Meeting. General Business Program TBD

April 12, 2019 Monthly Meeting. General Business. Body of work by Therese Shick

May 10, 2019 Monthly Meeting. General Business. Program TBD

June 14, 2019 Monthly Meeting. General Business. End of year Pot Lunch lunch.

\*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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**Special Events** – Open

**Spring Hook-in** – Marian Hall

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### **HCRAAG CLASSIFIED SECTION**

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