

## **Rug Hooking for Beginners Workshop – April 21, 2012**

The Mennonite Heritage Center, 565 Yoder Road, Harleysville announces a Rug Hooking for Beginners Workshop on Saturday, April 21 from 9 to 3:30 pm. The workshop will be led by members of the Hunterdon County Rug Artisans Guild, whose members work to encourage creativity and promote educational activities for rug hooking.

This will be a fun introduction to this creative pursuit and by the end of the workshop participants will leave with an easy project and the skills needed to pursue this textile art. Rug hooking is popular because projects can vary from small table runners to large scale floor coverings. Designs can range from a primitive folk art style to formal traditional design to colorful abstract patterns.

The Beginners Workshop is being held in conjunction with a Rug Hook-In/Clinic event the same day at the Mennonite Heritage Center where rug hookers are coming together to learn new techniques, catch up on rug hooking projects and share ideas with other rug hookers. Several vendors will have materials available for purchasing.

Registration is required as participation is limited. The registration fee of \$45 (\$40 MHEP member) plus a materials fee of \$20 includes a full lunch and coffee/snacks. Registrants need to provide a 10” embroidery hoop and a pair of sharp scissors. To register, contact the Mennonite Heritage Center via email [info@mhep.org](mailto:info@mhep.org), call 215-256-3020 or check the website [www.mhep.org](http://www.mhep.org).

To learn more about the Hunterdon County Rug Artisans Guild, see their website at [www.hcrag.com](http://www.hcrag.com) – the guild offers a range of programs along with monthly meetings and welcomes those new to the craft of rug hooking as well as those looking to refine their techniques.