

THE LOOP

The Hunterdon County Rug Artisans Guild (HCRAG) Newsletter

September 2011

Presidents' Letter -- Welcome back! We hope everyone had a wonderful summer. We are looking forward to seeing your summer projects and challenge rugs at the September meeting.

Our 15th annual HCRAG Rug Camp was a great success thanks to three excellent teachers, a great camp committee and our campers who brought good food, swept floors, cleaned tables, brought teachers lunches, and housed teachers. Our group efforts made this camp such a success!

Our camp received generous raffle items and gifts from vendors and teachers who support the Guild. These items were received from:

- The Blue Tulip - Karen Worthington
- Goat Hill Designs - Gail Dufresne
- Heart and Hand - Norma Batistini
- Homespun - Kay Leisey
- Wool'n'Garden - Jan Cole
- Rug Hooking Magazine
- Early American Life Magazine
- Wool Street Journal
- Diane Stoffel – camp teacher
- Iris Simpson – camp teacher
- Kris McDermet – camp teacher
- Our members: Margie Briggs and Dee Rosebrock

Let's show our thanks by supporting these vendors and teachers!

Dee and Joyce

September Meeting – Friday, September 9, 2011 -- Our first meeting of the program year 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 – After a long summer our September meeting provides an opportunity to get caught up on our hooking projects and activities. Members are requested to bring their summer hooking projects and rug camp projects (see Show & Tell below). Plan to stay and hook with us.

Show & Tell -- Worms, worms, worms – they seem to multiply – both real and wool. We are looking forward to seeing all the Summer Challenge rugs this month. Hope you were able to eliminate bags/boxes of your worms for this project! We also want to see all those

rug camp projects and any other rugs started or finished during the summer. Remember there is a raffle ticket for those who show and tell with a chance to win one of our many prizes.

Any member donations for raffle prizes are greatly appreciated. If you could send Cheryl, Gisele or Lydia an email or call to let them know you are bringing a prize, it will be helpful in planning the quantity of prizes at any one meeting. We thank you for your support!

Recycled Wool – A considerable amount of recycled wool clothing has been collected during the summer and will be available at the meeting for a donation to the Guild. This will be an opportunity to stock up on wool for your fall projects.

Hospitality – Our hospitality volunteers for September are Helen Buchanan, Gail Ferdinando, Dee Rosebrock, Therese Shick and Martha Theiling. We thank them in advance for making our meetings more enjoyable by bringing snacks and treats.

September Birthdays The following members have birthdays this month: Claudia Casebolt (9/14), Peggie Cunningham (9/4), Kathy Donovan (9/14), Cathy Edwards (9/29), Jean Laurence (9/28), Cyndi Lott (9/23), Debbie Ryan (9/16), Gail Schmidt (9/25), Roberta Smith (9/2) and Mary Winkler (9/18). We wish them all the happiest birthdays.

Membership – Our program year begins this month, so it is time to renew your membership. The renewal form is attached.

We welcome Barbara Boyko, Jean Laurence, Debbie Ryan and Suzanne Schubert all of whom attended Camp last month. Their contact information is shown below.

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Irene Pasternak has a new email address – idpasternak1@centurylink.net. Marion Michel has a new email address – michelmarion@comcast.net.

Sunshine – Connie Coleman passed away on August 23, 2011 after a courageous battle with cancer. She had been under hospice care for several weeks and was aware that her many friends had her in their prayers. Our heartfelt condolences are extended to Alan and Connie's family.

A memorial service will be Saturday October 22, 2011 at 4pm. at Trinity Buckingham Episcopal Church located east of Doylestown, PA at Rt.202 & Rt. 413. The service will consist of a concert by Rolly Brown, a national flat picking champion of the United States. A dinner will follow afterward put on by the Episcopal Church Women and neighbors. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to Discovery Service Projects and the "code Blue Project - addressing homeless in

Bucks County through Trinity Episcopal Church.

Our condolences are also extended to Lydia Brenner whose father passed away during the summer.

Gisele Meader fell while taking a walk around her home and broke the bone in her upper left arm. She was fortunate in that the break was clean and she does not need surgery. The arm is not casted, but she must use a sling for the next 6-8 weeks. Gisele is left handed, so it is going to be a long 6-8 weeks for her as she is normally so active.

Guild News & Events

Guild Prepares for a Full Schedule – As we begin the new program year, plans are already underway for many of our popular events. The current schedule includes the following activities:

- Annual Hooking Retreat at the Flemington Hampton Inn – January 13-15, 2012 (Joyce Combs is our coordinator.)
- March Madness Workshop at the Flemington Hampton Inn – March 23-25, 2012 (Cindy Boults is our coordinator.)
- Hook-in at the Mennonite Heritage Center, Harleysville, PA – April 21, 2012. (Karl Gimber is the coordinator.)
- 16th Annual Rug Hooking Camp at the ESC School, Lambertville, NJ – August 13 – 17, 2012 (Gail Ferdinando, Judy Quintman and Debbie Walsh are the camp directors.)

More details on these events will appear in future newsletters. Save the dates on your calendar.

Hunterdon County 4-H & Agricultural Fair Exhibit Ribbon Winners

Announced -- Guild members and several non members submitted 30 rugs to be exhibited at the Hunterdon County 4-H & Agricultural Fair. The rugs were collected during camp and Kris McDermet, Iris Simpson and Judy Quintman, who served as the judges, had the difficult task of selecting the ribbon winners from among the wonderful rugs submitted. We thank everyone who submitted hooked rugs/items to be exhibited and congratulate the ribbon winners.

Traditional

Best of Show: Dee Rosebrock "Puffin"

Second Place (tie): Jana Laidlaw "Celtic Circle"

Debbie Walsh "Mid-Summer"

Primitive

Best of Show: Gail Ferdinando "Animal Crackers"

Second Place: Cynthia Boults "Crows in the Garden"

Third Place: Helen Buchanan "Yellow Dog – Cookie"

Mixed Media/Three Dimensional

Best of Show: Kathy Donovan "HCRAAG Sampler"

Second Place: Mary Jo Gimber "Robin & Nest"

Mini-Punch Needle -- No submission

Wearables -- No submission

Best of Show Overall -- Gail Ferdinando "Animal Crackers"

Viewer's Choice -- To be announced at end of the Fair on August 28, 2011.

A special thank you goes to Dee Rosebrock for coordinating the Guild's involvement in the Fair. This includes collecting the rugs, arranging for the judging, installing the exhibit and recruiting volunteers to demonstrate. Thank you Dee!

Guild Members Demonstrate During the Summer -- Demonstrating traditional rug hooking at local community and historical events is an important way that the Guild educates the public about our 19th century craft.

This summer we returned to Howell Living Farm to participate in the Mercer County 4-H Fair. There was much interest in what we do. Members Carol Collin, Karl Gimber, Gisele Meader, Dee Rosebrock, Martha Theiling and Agnes Wooden represented the Guild and shared their enthusiasm and knowledge about rug hooking. The event is a natural way to spread the word about our Guild. The timing of the Fair is perfect for publicizing our Beginners' Workshop that is held at camp. One of the visitors signed up for the workshop and may join the Guild.

Debbie Adam spent a week barn tending at the Warren County Farmers' Fair with her llamas and goats. Since she was there for 11 hours each day, Deb brought along her hooking project and got some hooking done. She attracted attention and received a request for our Guild to return to the Fair next year to demonstrate. Apparently the Guild demonstrated there at some time in the past and they would like to have us back.

Eleanor Dunker participated in the Burlington County Farm Fair in July where she represented the historic 1840 Smithville Mansion. Eleanor took her hooking and hooked every evening from 5 to 10 pm. Lots of people showed interest. One man left and brought back his wife and they now understand what his deceased mother used to do. He had almost thrown out her Fraiser cutter thinking it was some weird kitchen utensil. They may both take up our great art form. Eleanor also cleared up a few misconceptions about "latch hooking". Next year, Eleanor hopes to feature rug hooking at specific times with the rugs of volunteers on display.

Upcoming Demonstration Schedule -- The fall is our busiest time for demonstrating since most of the fairs and festivals are in September and October. Volunteers are needed for each event. Please consider supporting the Guild in our community education efforts. Contact the coordinators shown below for more information.

- September 10 & 11 -- Sheep & Fiber Festival (Hunterdon County Fair Grounds)
– Gail Ferdinando

- September 17 – Historical Fall Festival (Hilltown, PA) – Joanne McIlmurray/Karl Gimber
- September 24 – Holcombe-Jimison Farming Festival (Lambertville, NJ) – Gisele Meader
- October 1 – Colonial Market Day (Newtown, PA) – Karl Gimber
- October 1 – Apple Butter Frolic (Harleysville, PA) – Joanne McIlmurray
- October 8 – Howell Living Farm (Lambertville, NJ) Carol Kindt/Karl Gimber
- November 5 & 6 – Thanksgiving in the Country (Stockton, NJ) – Joyce Combs

Rug Hooking Websites -- Iris Simpson, one of our camp instructors, lives in Ontario and shared with us information on the websites of several rug hooking guilds in Canada and the Maritime Provinces.

- Ontario Hooking Craft Guild -- www.ohcg.org
- Rug Hooking Guild of Nova Scotia – www.rhgns.com
- Rug Hooking Guild of Newfoundland & Labrador – www.rhgnl.ca/

The newly formed Spring Lake ATHA Chapter has established its website – www.springlakenjatha.org. Information on meeting dates and programs are posted.

The Woolwrights Rug Hooking Guild has recently revised its website -- www.woolwrights.com.

The HCRAAG website – www.hcrag.com – is being enhanced to include a “Contact Us” page and an index of the subjects covered in the “Hooking Techniques and Information” segment of the website. The changes will be made when the website is updated this month.

A Message from Our Camp Directors -- We would like to thank the Guild members and guests who helped to make the Guild's 15th year of camp so successful. Thank you to Cindy Boults, Carol Collin, and Joyce Combs for providing housing and meals for our three teachers. And many thanks to those of you who volunteered in many different ways to help make camp run so smoothly.

The teachers for camp 2012 will be announced at the September meeting, and camp sign up will begin at our October meeting. Gail, Judy and Debbie

Legendary Rug Hooking Instructor, Jane Olson, Has Died -- Jane Olson died on August 18, 2011 after a period of declining health. For over 40 years Jane Olson taught rug hooking to hookers at all levels. She produced a quarterly newsletter known as the Rugger's Roundtable. Jane's granddaughter, Brigitta Phy, worked with Jane for years and will continue her studio. All of Jane's patterns and supplies will be available.

Guild Name Badges -- You may have noticed the attractive name badges that members wear at our meetings. They are a convenient way to remember members and to introduce new members to the Guild. You can order one by sending your check for \$7.00 made payable to HCRAAG to Karl Gimber at P.O. Box 16, Carversville, PA 18913. Include a printed note spelling out exactly how you want your name to appear.

HCRAAG Library – We wish to thank Jo Knobloch for her generous donation of the following books to the Guild library:

- American Hooked and Sewn Rugs Folk Art Underfoot -- Joel and Kate Kopp
- The Complete Rug Hooker -- Joan Moshimer
- A Celebration of Hand-Hooked Rugs I -- The Staff of Rug Hooking Magazine

An updated library list will accompany the newsletter. 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 freya2@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.

Meet Our Member – Carol Collin -- Carol Collin joined our Guild in 2009 after attending our camp with Jayne Hester which she learned about in Rug Hooking Magazine. At the time Carol and her husband, Barry, lived in Goode, Virginia. They have recently returned to the area and are now living in Newtown, PA.

Carol has always loved old houses and decorating with antiques and country items. For years she savored and collected articles found in magazines especially Early American Life. Hooked rugs were a natural extension of her interest in country décor. In 1997 Carol observed a hooking demonstration by Eleanor Branin when she attended the local Centerfest Craft Festival. Eleanor had her pull a few loops and by the following Tuesday, Carol purchased the rug hooking equipment needed to get started. She was on her way!

The next step was to purchase an instructional rug hooking book. That provided the basics Carol needed. While she is self taught, Carol religiously attends several camps each year so that she can continue to learn and develop her technique. Her camps include Caraway, Green Mountain, Shenandoah, Smith Mountain Lake and HCRA. “I have been very fortunate to work with many outstanding teachers” Carol says. Her instructors include Jeanne Benjamin, Pris Butler, Barb Carroll, Sandy Chevarie, Pat Cross, Nola Heidbreder, Jayne Hester, Sally Kallin, June McKoriak and Judy Quintman. Carol notes that she “learned about hooking with ‘dirty colors’ from Pat Cross which led me in the direction I like to hook. Pris Butler helped me spread my wings and learn to design my rugs.”

Hooking rugs in the primitive style appeals to Carol. Her rugs are hooked with 7 and 8 cuts. She works mostly with new wool, much of which she obtains from Rebecca Erb. “There was little wool clothing in Virginia” notes Carol, “so hooking with new wool was the easiest thing to do.”

Carol enjoys dyeing wool and does lots of it. She works almost exclusively with Cushing dyes. “I must have two-thirds of their colors” Carol observes. Her dyeing is typically done for a specific project, but then she dyes extra for her stash.

“I enjoy designing my rug patterns, but also hook a lot of commercial patterns. It all depends on my mood” says Carol. “My patterns tend to be geometrics.”

Carol tries to hook every day. She likes to hook in the morning when she can sit with a cup of coffee, watch the news and pull some loops. She will also try to sit with her hooking frame again in the afternoon when she can. According to Carol “I am not the best hooker, but I am fast. I like the routine of pulling loops and find it very comforting.” She likes the fact that hooking does not have to be done in a separate room apart from her family. When she did quilting and sewing, the

sewing machine was generally in a separate room. Hooking allows her work on her project while being with friends and maintaining a conversation at the same time. Hooking is a creative and relaxing process for her.

Within the first year of hooking, Carol found that there was local interest in her rugs. A friend bought several of her rugs for herself and then bought some to sell in her shop that specialized in country and primitive items. Others, including local hookers, soon learned of Carol's rugs by word of mouth. "I priced my rugs according to the economy and the town not by the suggested formulas. For me, I love the process of hooking and the sales help offset my expenses. I am also open to bartering, if someone wants to."

Rug hooking is Carol's primary activity. In the past, she has also done counted cross stitch, punch needle and quilting. Both Carol and Barry are committed golfers. In Virginia, they golfed several days a week. They look forward to resuming their golfing in Bucks County once they get settled down.

Carol and Barry will be married 50 years in January. Barry is a retired physical education teacher. Carol is a retired registered nurse. They have three children – Rachelle, Russell and Richard -- and three grandchildren. Rachelle lives in Furlong, PA with her husband, Tony, and their children Grace, age 12, and Alex, age 9. Russell is an executive chef who lives in New Jersey. Richard died in December 2009 following complications from cancer surgery. His daughter Reese, age 12, has one of her grandmother's rugs as do the other two grandchildren.

Carol looks forward to being an active Guild member. She already joined members who demonstrated rug hooking at the recent Mercer County 4-H Fair. Carol was also at camp last month. We are delighted to have her creativity and enthusiasm in the Guild. Visit the Guild's website – www.hcrag.com – and click on "Featured Member" to see some of Carol's rugs...

Hooking Information & Techniques

From Nina's Notebook – Greetings from Nova Scotia! When I was teaching, September was the cruelest month. It meant trading shorts and tee shirts for skirts and panty hose. Being retired, September now means that I can stay in Nova Scotia, my summer home, for one more month. It means sitting on my deck and enjoying warm days and cool nights.

I begin to watch for the first signs of fall with turning leaves and the coloring of the rose hips. One of the hooking groups to which I belong is planning an exhibit at our island museum next year. In addition to individual pieces we are also planning an exhibit of pieces, size 16 x16 on the theme "I see the world in shades of.....". Each hooker is free to choose the color of their choice and create a piece using many shades of that particular color.

Right now I am leaning toward the shade of green. Perhaps a small house of celery green with dark green roof set in a field with many shades of green with dark trees in the background. Then there is blue with sea and sky. A blue boat sailing on the sea... What color would you choose, and what is the scene that you would create?

Happy Hooking! Nina Seaman

Tips from Heloise – Burlap has fallen out of favor as the preferred backing for hooked rugs since it becomes brittle with age and develops dry rot. Today most rug hookers prefer to hook on linen or monk’s cloth because it is so much more durable.

Earlier this summer Heloise visited with Jeannine Happe (Two Old Crows) and Karen Worthington (The Blue Tulip) who were set up at the Lancaster Historical House and Craft Show. Karen shared that she recently discovered that the linen backing on one of her rugs disintegrated. The water bowl for her dog sat on the rug and apparently became damp from water splashed as her dog used the bowl. Over time the dampness caused the linen to fail. The lesson to be learned is that linen may not develop dry rot, but will rot from continued exposure to dampness.

General Guidelines for Hooking -- One of the exercises in Iris Simpson’s camp workshop was to review a list of hooking guidelines that she has collected and to add additional tips to the list. The results of the exercise follow below.

1. When possible start hooking in the center of the pattern not on the edge. This will keep the backing from buckling in the center.
2. Hook motifs first and then the background. Hook one or two rows around the straight edges of a rectangular piece. Hook the background horizontally, vertically, or higgledy-piggledy (lazy Ss or Ss and Cs.).
3. Hook what is on top (i.e., what is closest to you) first. This is usually lighter and brighter than what is behind.
4. Most often strips of material up to 18 inches are used. It is your choice. Vary the length of the strips so that there is variation as to where the tails appear.
5. The height of the loops is for you to decide. It is often said that the height of the loop equals the width of your cut strip. You can use all cuts in a rug but make sure they all reach the same height. This will reduce the wear and tear on rugs that will be on the floor. This is less important for wall hangings.
6. Cut your ends off after they are surrounded by other loops. Bring all ends to the top if you are hooking a rug; a wall hanging or cushion can have ends at the back.
7. Don’t pack loops; they should kiss each other not “madly hug each other”.
8. Avoid skipping across the back (crossovers) as this causes a bump on the back and is where your rug will first begin to wear. Crossovers are OK for wall hangings.
9. You can “hide ends” to avoid a long strip of cut ends. This is especially important in Orientals if you do not wish to turn your wool strip.
10. When working in straight lines make sure you “stagger” the strips. Don’t break at the same place.
11. Use a “holding line” when you have not decided on a color either at the border or within the pattern. It is easier to hook up to loops than to a space.

12. Wash new or recycled materials before using. This is not needed for dyed wool since it is washed in the dyeing process.
13. Roll you rugs right side out. Never fold as this puts a strain on the backing, especially if it is burlap.
14. Do not be afraid to pull out! But DO wait a while before doing so. Often things do not look quite right until other colors are put in. Pull the strips from the back. This preserves the strips so that they can be used again. Pulling from the top tends to damage the strips.
15. One way to destroy moth eggs is to put the rug or wool in the freezer for 48 hours. Shake it out and put back for another 48 hours.
16. Plaid and textured wool hooks darker than it looks. Solid color wool hooks a shade lighter than it looks because of the light reflection.

REMEMBER – These are only hints and tips, not rules!

Do you have any tips or guidelines to add?

Rug Hooking Events and Related Activities

Rugs by the Sea at Chalfonte Hotel in Cape May, NJ -- September 11-16 and 18-23, 2011
Beverly Conway, Cindi Gay, Kris Miller, and Judy Quintman are the instructors for the first week. Cherylyn Brubaker, Beverly Conway, Lucille Festa, and Sharon Townsend are the instructors for the second week. To register or for more information, contact Co-Directors Norma Batastini (973-746-2936 or g_batastini@msn.com) or Linda Woodbury (973-743-6835 or Linda.woodbury@gmail.com).

Harvest Celebration at the Wool Studio – October 18- 23, 2011 – Rebecca Erb is hosting this special event at the new location of her studio which is half an hour north of Lancaster, PA . Participants will include Homespun (Kay Leisey), Jim Brewley (hand-turned wooden snippet bowls), Misty Pond Primitives (Pat Donoho), Wool'n Gardner (Jan Cole), Wood Crest Rug Design (Joanne Gerwig) and the Wool Studio (Rebecca Erb). Visit www.thewoolstudio.com for directions and more information.

ATHA Biennial Conference in Lancaster, PA – October 19-22, 2011 -- For more information, visit the ATHA website at www.atharugs.com.

Green Mountain Rug Hooking Guild Exhibit and Workshops – November 12-20, 2011 – “All the Live Long Day” is the theme for the popular Green Mountain Rug Hooking Guild’s rug exhibit. After a year off, the Guild is returning to Shelburne Museum for its highly anticipated exhibit, workshops, vendors and special events. Visit the Guild’s website – www.gmrhg.org – for more information.

Open Studio Sessions – Several local instructors offer open studio sessions on a regular basis. Rug hookers are invited to drop in and spend a few hours working on their latest project in the company of other hooking enthusiasts. There is normally a nominal fee. When attending for the first time, it is best to call the instructor to confirm the date and space availability. A partial list

of local open studio sessions follows:

- Vicki Calu (Three Bags Full – Dublin, PA) – Normally every Thursday from 9-12. Contact Vicki at vickicalu@gmail.com or 215249-0790 for details.
- Jeannine Happe (Two Old Crows – Columbia, NJ) – Days can differ each month. Contact Jeannine at 908-496- 4870 or by email at jhappe@ptd.net for details.
- Kay Leisey (Homespun, Hereford, PA) – Wednesdays Noon to 5 and first Fridays 5-9. Call Kay at 215-541-0565 for the particulars.
- Karen Worthington (The Blue Tulip – Harmony, NJ) – Fridays 10-3. Contact Karen at 908-859-6350 or Karen@thebluetulipwoolery.com. For more information.

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 Sue Johnson at 908- 464-6324 or PowderhornSue8@hotmail.com.

Goat Hill ATHA Chapter normally meets the first Saturday of the month (September to May) 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.

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. 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

September 9, 2011 – Monthly Meeting – Summer Projects and “Scrap Challenge” Rugs *

October 14, 2011 – Monthly Meeting – Adirondack Braided Wool Basket – Demonstration by Joyce Combs *

November 11, 2011 – Monthly Meeting – Rug Hooking Museum of North America – Presentation by Vicki Calu **

December 9, 2011 – Monthly Meeting – Holiday Luncheon & Snowflake Ornament Exchange – Snowflake Trunk Show *

January 13, 2012 – Monthly Meeting – White Elephant & Auction *

January 13-15, 2012 – Hooking Retreat – Flemington Hampton Inn

February 10, 2012 – Monthly Meeting – 3-D Hooked Sheep – Workshop by Therese Shick *

March 9, 2012 – Monthly Meeting – Hooking in Geometrics – Lecture & Workshop by Gail Dufresne (Goat Hill Studio) *

March 23-25, 2012 – March Madness Workshop – Flemington Hampton Inn
April 13, 2012 – Monthly Meeting – Round Robin – Member Led *
April 21, 2012 – Hook-in at the Mennonite Heritage Center, Harleysville, PA
May 11, 2012 – Monthly Meeting – Hooked Brick Covers – Workshop by Lydia Lewis *
June 8, 2012 – Monthly Meeting – Annual “Picnic” & Clipped Feet Chicken – Workshop by
 Debbie Adams *
August 13-17, 2012 – 16th Annual Rug Hooking Camp – ESC School (West Amwell, NJ)
August 14, 2012 – Beginners Workshop -- ESC School (West Amwell, NJ)
September 14, 2012 – Monthly Meeting – Program TBD *
October 12, 2012 – Monthly Meeting – Program TBD *
November 2012 – Guild Exhibit – Bucks County Library, Doylestown, PA.
November 9, 2012 – Monthly Meeting – Program TBD *
December 14, 2012 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 1314 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 -- 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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