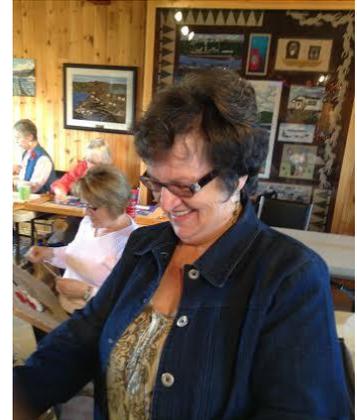


**CONCEPTION BAY NORTH HOOK-IN AT BAY ROBERTS VISITORS' PAVILION:
NOVEMBER 5, 2015**

Members of the Baccalieu Hooking Group were invited by the Bay Roberts Cultural Foundation to hold our November Hook-in at the beautiful "Holdin' Ground Room" in the Visitors' Pavilion on the Veterans' Memorial Highway. We were pleased to extend the invitation to The Heart and Hands Hooking Group and to The Tamarack Hooking Group to come join us for the day-long event. Our hostess for this fun-filled time was Lois Dawe, of the Visitors' Pavilion, who welcomed us warmly. Lois had left the brightly coloured Halloween decorations in place in the "Holdin' Ground Room" for our gathering on this sunny, autumn day. We brought our lunches and also had a variety of delicious snacks throughout the day.

It was a delight to see Gladys Newhook among those who attended. Gladys is one of the founding members of the Rug Hooking Guild of Newfoundland and Labrador. The Guild will be celebrating its 20th Anniversary in 2015. Our Avalon Director,



A smiling Gladys Newhook works on her rooster design



Jenn Button works lovingly on Grandson Carter's Christmas gift

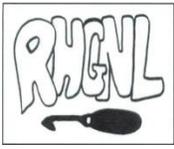
Marnie Hillyard also came to spend the day with us. She is a frequent visitor to our local hook-ins.

In addition to our hooking, we also took part in a 'booking' session. An interesting selection of gently used novels was available for the taking...and many of the avid readers helped themselves to the selections. During the lunch break we held a draw for some door prizes and discovered that some of us are more lucky than others!

Thank you to Lois Dawe and the Bay Roberts Cultural Foundation for making the day such a wonderful, friendly gathering. The hospitality extended to us was greatly appreciated. And a big thank you to those who came from around the area to join us.
(Submitted by Judy Brockie)



Elsie Fillier, Lynn Palmer, Dianne Warren and Marilyn Moore discuss hooking matters.



Save the Date Rug School 2015 August 20- 23 at Lavrock

Do you ever wonder about the ‘awards’ at rug school? The following article is included to clarify each category of the rug display at camp. Remember our theme this year for the Challenge Mat is “Anything but the Floor”. Look for Rug School registration in our March newsletter.

Best in Show

Participants in the rug school are invited to bring in a mat they have created for a rug display. Members have time to view the rugs and vote for their favourites. The creator of the rug that receives the most votes is then presented with the Best in Show Award during the final assembly. The award includes a certificate of recognition and a \$20 voucher for the RHGNL gift shop.



Challenge Mat (Campers Choice Trophy)

The rug school planning committee invites members to participate in a friendly competition each year. A theme is chosen and parameters decided upon by the committee for the creation of original mats. Then members are invited to create a rug that meets the parameters and the theme. At rug school these mats are displayed in a special location and identified as the Challenge Mat Display. There is no identifying information provided on these mats. It is completely anonymous. Participants are invited to vote for their favourite. At the final assembly the creators are identified and the winner is presented with the Campers Choice trophy (a big hook with the winner’s name from each year engraved on it).

Silent Auction

Each branch of the Rug Hooking Guild of Newfoundland and Labrador is invited to put together a basket of interesting items that can be used for a fund raising event for the guild. It is expected that each branch will be creative in their efforts to put together an inviting basket. It has been decided that the combined contents of each gift basket should be valued at \$50 or less. The baskets are displayed at rug camp and a silent auction is held. The winners are announced at the final assembly.

Door Prizes

Rug school participants are asked to donate items that can be used as door prizes. These are given out during the early morning assemblies as an incentive to get everyone out early to hear all relevant announcements for the upcoming day.

Free Tuition/Bursary

One free tuition/bursary is made available each year to a member of the guild who would otherwise be unable to attend for financial reasons. People can submit names to the rug school director who, in conjunction with the Rug School Committee, handles this decision with great respect for confidentiality.



From the president

I wish you all a very Happy New Year and a wonderful 20th Anniversary year.

The Stamp Exhibit has moved on to Grand Falls – Windsor at the Arts and Culture Centre. Thank you Diana and friends.

The plans are underway for the mid-winter Hook-in in Grand Falls – Windsor on February 28th at the College of the North Atlantic. Come along and join the time of catching up with your fellow hookers. Thanks June and Co.

Plans for the Fogo Island Hook-in weekend (May 29 to 31) are going well. They are expecting around 60 to attend. The deadline for registration is the end of February. I hope to see you there. Thank you to Winnie and the organizing committee.

Rug Camp is being held at Lavrock on the Salmonier Line in August. Lots of ways to enjoy rug hooking together this year.

2015 is Craft Year, a very special year to promote and enjoy our wonderful craft. A very fitting event for our 20th Anniversary. Happy hooking in 2015. *Teresa*

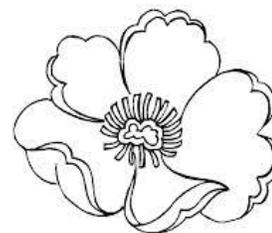


*How will you
celebrate?*

A Very Special Hooked Mat

There were many editorial cartoons drawn after the death of Corporal Nathan Cirillo. Leslie Magwood of Bridgetown Nova Scotia hooked a very poignant image from the Halifax Chronicle Herald by Bruce MacKinnon. The link below will take you to the site.

<http://globalnews.ca/news/1750349/unexpected-thank-you-for-halifax-artist-after-cirillo-editorial-cartoon/>



Lest We
Forget



Reports from the Divisions

Central

The **Springdale** group continues to meet on Tuesday afternoons at the Women's Institute workroom. They began the Christmas season by going out to dinner at Marie's Restaurant on December 1st with members of the W.I. They were saddened in October by the death of Doris Toms, one of the ladies who hooked with them. She was also a member of the Women's Institute and of the local quilting group and she is certainly being missed.

The **Happy Matters** meet bi-weekly Mondays at IBEX Fuels from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. December 1st was the last meeting for 2014. Joan Foster will be teaching a Grenfell Style Workshop on April 25 and 26, 2015 at IBEX Community Room; anyone interested can contact June Oldford 489-6039 or june.oldford@gmail.com. The class will be limited to 15.



The Hooking Matters has started regular hook-ins, Phyllis Hoskins was presented with her fifteen year pin; she has now moved to St. John's and will be missed. Several members attended a hook-in hosted by Lynn Torraville on November 29 at Holy Trinity church, Wings Point. Also, Pat Parsons arranged a hook-in at the Gander Library for December 4, which was international hooking day. The Hooking Matters are still keeping busy; the mummings that have been in the works all fall have finally been out and about. The Hooking Matters had a social in the WI Room before Christmas and their Christmas Dinner which will be held on Old Christmas Day, January 6, 2015. Several have already registered for the Fogo Island hook-in in May.

The Rug Hookers of **Notre Dame** have changed their regular hook-in day from Wednesday to every Tuesday, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at the WI Room at the rear of the Lions Centre. As before, they will bring lunch. Rug hookers may stay as long as they want, or leave whenever they wish. Since the weekly hook-ins have been changed to daytime, everyone seems to be accomplishing more hooking than ever before.

New World Island Rug Hookers meet every Wednesday from 1 - 4 pm at the Summerford Fire Hall. They usually have good attendance.

Lynn Torraville organized a hook-in at Gander Bay on November 29. It was a great time, with thirteen rug-hookers participating, representing the Gander, Lewisporte and New World Island groups. There was a beautiful Christmas wreath as a door prize (won by Enid Best), as well as seasonal favours for each participant. As usual, there was lots of chatter, laughing and snacking. I think it goes without saying that it was quite an enjoyable day.

On behalf of all the rug hooking groups in the Central area, I wish you all an amazing 2015!

Dale Stockley, Central Director



Avalon Report

At the Lavrock hook-in, in September, Linda Low was asked if she would teach a dip-dyed sunflower course. She said yes and fifteen showed up at the College of the North Atlantic in St. John's on November 21, 2014 to take part. We started at 6 pm Friday and finished at 4 pm on Sunday.....an intensive and fun course. Our hook-ins will be blooming brightly with sunflowers and coneflowers!

Another course is planned for February 2015 with Joan Foster teaching Geometrics.

The Baccalieu Hookers hosted a day long hook-in in Bay Roberts on November 5, 2014 at the Bay Roberts Visitors Pavillion. A beautiful building with welcoming staff situated on a height of land looking out Bay Roberts harbour. A super place to relax and hook with friends. We brought our own lunch and tea, coffee and dessert was supplied by the hostesses. Dianne Warren arrived with a great selection from her shop and was kept busy all day.



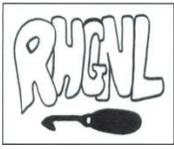
The stamp display garnered a lot of attention at the Craft Council Gallery at Devon House in St. John's. There was an opening for this display as well as two others on October 18, 2014. There was a large turnout with much interest in the stamps.

Tamarack celebrated Christmas with a hook-in where we sampled goodies from everyone's Christmas baking. We collected \$285 from which we purchased supermarket gift cards and donated to the College of the North Atlantic food bank. We appreciate the college letting us use their premises for our hook-ins and wanted to give something back.

At Tamarack's last hook-in we decided to continue contributing to the College of the North Atlantic's food bank. Everyone is asked to bring a non perishable food item to our hook-ins that will be donated to the food bank.

Avalon hopes everyone had a very Merry Christmas and we wish all the best for 2015.

Marnie Hillyard



Western

Marbleous Mat Makers

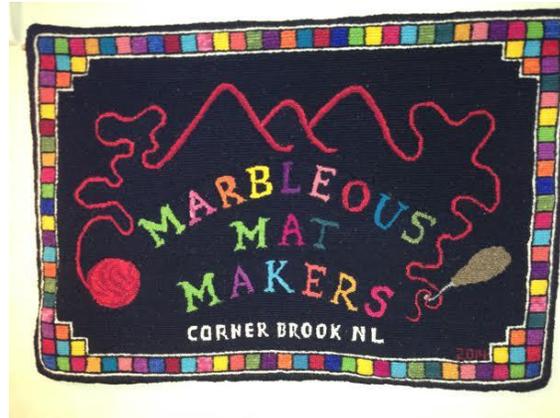
We enjoyed our Christmas lunch at the Glynmill Inn as a final hook-in for 2014. We were 17 in all and we made a contribution to the Food Bank instead of exchanging gifts.

We decided to ask Nikki Hollahan if we could display our newly finished Marbleous Mat Makers mat in her new shop (named Mala) on Broadway. If you are in Corner Brook stop by and see our “masterpiece”. And buy some wool, or any of her other locally made items.

We resumed our hook-ins on January 7th. Happy New Year to everyone. Looking forward to seeing you all at a winter hook-in or at rug cam[!]

Jane

Western Director



Fall Hook-in Held in Lewisporte

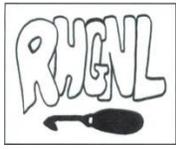
October 18th 2014 Notre Dame Branch of RHGNL hosted a very enjoyable Hook-In at the Lewisporte Yacht Club.

Just over 30 rug hookers attended from around the Central area. It was a really super day with lots of laughs as well as lots of sharing different skills that members acquired over the spring and summer. Of course there was a show and tell.

A delicious Pot Luck lunch was another highlight of the day, but most of all it seems that the scenery of the boats on the bay on that sunny day is what inspired all. It appears that this is the most popular venue for Hook-Ins in Lewisporte.

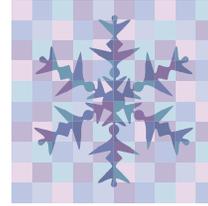


Past President Alice Kelly presented June Oldford with her 15yr service pin. Venissa Fancy and Ruth Chaffey conducted the very popular door prize draws, which all participants like to get. Please check your newsletter in March, when we will be announcing the date of our Spring Hook-In at the Yacht Club.



Leave Winter Behind

The annual winter hook-in will take place in Grand Falls-Windsor on Saturday February 28th 2015. The event takes place at the College of the North Atlantic on St. Catherine's Street. You are welcome to come and hook from 9:30 to 4:00. Leave the winter weather behind and enjoy the company of other rug hookers for some show and tell and some socializing. Further details will be distributed by email. For information contact June Oldford at june.oldford@gmail.com



Fogo Island May 29-31, 2015



COME HOOK WITH US THE ISLAND WAY

Plans are well underway for our Twentieth Anniversary Celebration on Fogo Island. The hook-in will be held in Tilting at the St. Patrick's Community Hall. Sixty people have registered for the exciting event and if you are interested in attending please submit your registration by March 31st so accommodations can be confirmed. Dinner on Saturday night is included with your registration but if husbands or anyone else is travelling with you and would like to attend the dinner, the price will be \$25.00 per person. More details will be forthcoming by email to all who register as we get closer but if anyone has any questions please feel free to connect with Winnie at [709-699-1502](tel:709-699-1502) or wglavine@gmail.com.



The International Guild of Hand-hooking Rugmakers have their next conference in Victoria, BC. Their meetings are held every three years and will take place October 4-8, 2015 Go to www.tighr.net for more info



Past president Alice Kelly presented June Oldford of Grand Falls-Windsor with her 15 year service pin at the Notre Dame Branch Hook-In October 18, 2014



A mat hooked by Gwen Thomas of Happy Matters. A special rug for her daughter.



International Hook-in day December 4th. Twelve ladies enjoyed the afternoon at Gander Library



Thirteen mat hookers from the Gander, Lewisporte and Summerford groups met at Holy Trinity Church in Wing's Point for a day of hooking on November 29; and of course socializing, eating and laughing were also part of the day!



A winter scene door topper designed and hooked by Dianne Warren. Hooked using Dorr Sparkle wools