

# RUG HOOKING GUILD NL NEWSLETTER

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Our 19<sup>th</sup> annual Rug School is just around the corner – August 14-17<sup>th</sup> @ College of the North Atlantic, St. John's .Be sure to check our website for any last minute changes: [www.rhgnl.ca](http://www.rhgnl.ca) The executive is looking forward to see you there.

Springdale Group held its first hook-in – and what a success it was! Thirty people attended from Central, South and Western Hooking Groups, and a most enjoyable day was had. Hats (and hooks) off to Joan Foster and her newly formed group for such a warm & welcoming day. We hope this event will become an annual one as well. See pictures below:



Mary Pelley (left) looked as “ young as ever” as she worked away on a new rag –a- jack.



*Lynn Torrville “worked the room”, sharing her ideas, and, no doubt, gathering some new ones.*



Liz Young demonstrates “ punch” hooking to new member from Beachey side .



Ruth Chaffey’s “ Tree of Life” takes on a stunning shape.



A colorful floral design- started by Phyllis Hoskins- to be finished by Pat Parsons.

### Message from our President

Summer is here and we are getting excited about Rug School. Look out St. John's- here we come! I hope that you have the rugs you completed since last year ready for display.

I attended the opening of the Stamp Rug Display at Cupid's Legacy Center. What beautiful pieces and great work done by the Planning Committee, and the ladies who undertook the hooking of such intricate, historic pieces. They will be on display at Rug School for all to enjoy.

I assisted His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, Frank Fagan, and her Honour Patricia Fagan to cut the ribbon & open the Stamp Rug Exhibit ( see picture- right ). In conversation about the Guild they extended a very special invitation to all the members attending Rug School to join them for tea on Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> @ Government House. How cool is that ??

Plans are underway for our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2015- if you have any ideas for special events; just let a member of the Executive know. I wish you all a safe summer and hope to see you in August.

Teresa Greene.



### Hooked Rug Display of NL Stamps 1857-1949

On June 8<sup>th</sup> the big opening of the summer season at the Cupids Legacy Centre took place with 149 people present. There was an official visit from their Honours, Lieutenant Governor Frank F. Fagan and Mrs. Patricia Fagan, who officially opened the special exhibit "Hooked Rug Display of Newfoundland Stamps 1857-1949." In addition to the rug display, there were rug hooking demonstrations, and a chance for participants to try their hand at rug hooking. Light refreshments were serviced after the ribbon-cutting ceremony, plus a chance to sign up for a "Stained Glass Rug Hooking Course" being offered by Marilyn Moore at the Legacy Centre July 12 & 13<sup>th</sup>. Our Guild President, Teresa Green was on hand for this wonderful event, as well as Diana Dove, co-chair of the stamp exhibit. The general public will have a chance to see this unique rug display at the following locations for 2014-2015 :

August 3-13- Old Post Office, Carbonear

August 4-17- Rug School, College of the North Atlantic, SJ

August 22- October 11- Twillingate Museum

October 14- December 1- To be decided

December 2-31<sup>st</sup>- Gander Arts & Culture Center

January 5-31<sup>st</sup>- GFW Arts & Culture Center

January 31- June 28<sup>th</sup>- To be decided

July 1- August 16- Heart's Content

Submitted by Marilyn Moore



Lovely display of hooks made by Jane Kearley's husband in St. Alban's.

## Rug Hooking News from the Divisions

### **Avalon Report**

Another hooking year is coming to a close with groups having their final hook-ins and pot luck. Hopefully the weather will warm up so we can say that we had a summer!

Looking back over the year Avalon groups have been busy. It started with Heart and Hand Matters hosting a fall hook-in at Lavrock. This was a very successful three day hook-in which looks to becoming an annual event. The date for the 2014 hook-in is September 22-24.

Joan Foster taught Grenfell courses in St. John's and Dildo. Both courses were filled with participants showing an avid interest in this traditional style of hooking.

The recently launched Stamp Mat Display is wonderful, so try to see it when it comes to your area. As most groups are winding down, many in the Eastern region are busy preparing for Rug School. Plans have been made and classes are filling up. There is still time to register so get your application in and support the RHGNL 19th rug school.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer. Marnie Hillyard

**Southern Report** The Bay d'Espoir *Burlap Buddies* are continuing to meet once a month on Saturday afternoons in St. Alban's Public Library. Although the winter has been long and harsh, we have been very productive rug hookers. We have nearly completed the rug of Church of the Ascension in Morrisville in Bay d'Espoir. The Morrisville Come Home Year Committee plans to use the rug as a fundraiser for their events. We also welcomed the Central Newfoundland Trefoil Guild (Adult Girl Guides) to St. Alban's Public Library on Saturday, May 18 for an introduction to rug hooking. It was a great day and four of them now want to start rug hooking. We are also encouraging them to attend the regular hook-ins in Central Newfoundland. On Saturday, May 24 Jane Kearley and I attended the hook-in @ Springdale. What a wonderful day-just what we needed after the winter we experienced. It was great meeting old friends and making new ones.

Valerie Hoskins- Southern Director

### **CENTRAL REPORT**

The **Springdale Group** (which remains nameless at this point) will soon decide on an official name. They continue to meet every second Tuesday at the Women's Institute Workroom. In early May they spent an afternoon dyeing yarn, with stove top, casserole and microwave methods demonstrated by Joan. On May 24 they hosted a hook-in at the Tourist Chalet with 30 people from Central, Southern and Western areas in attendance. There was definitely an abundance of food, chatting and laughter, and even some quilters dropped by to display their handiwork. Joan has kept busy teaching Grenfell style workshops for the Guild at Corner Brook, St. John's and Dildo as well as a Small Projects workshop at Grenfell Handicrafts in St. Anthony. The next big adventure is in August when she and Valerie Hoskins travel to Sauder Village in Ohio, where Joan will join with Paula Laverty in teaching traditional Grenfell mat hooking.

The **Hooking Matters** finished for the year with a hook-in on May 4, followed by dinner at Weston's at the Gander Airport. Most members completed a piece or two during the year. Mother Nature caused a few of the regular hook-ins to be cancelled, and attendance was low on other occasions, mostly due to the weather, as well some snow birds being on vacation in the sunny south. Several members attended the Lewisporte hook-in, and as usual a very enjoyable time was had by all; it's such a great get-together. Rumour has it that since the regular hook-ins are finished for the summer, some members are having withdrawals; apparently a couple of therapeutic hook-ins may be held during the summer, when/if it arrives. Several of the groups are planning to attend Rug School this year.

The **Happy Matters** have had a productive year, completing mats and starting new projects. Several members attended the Springdale hook-in on May 24 and had a great time. On May 26, the group met at Gibson's Restaurant for lunch before proceeding to their last hook-in before summer break.

The **Hookers of Notre Dame** finished their weekly gatherings with a hook-in at the Masonic Hall in Lewisporte on April 26th. Rug hookers from all around the area attended. It was a great gathering after such a long winter; it seems as if everyone was just longing for a springtime hook-in. The Yacht Club in Lewisporte has been booked for another hook-in on October 18, 10am - 4pm, and the regular weekly hook-ins will commence the following Wednesday at the WI Room 7pm-9pm. It seems that the construction at the Club is well underway and should not interfere with the scheduled fall hook-in. Some members of the group attended the Springdale hook-in on May 24.

The **New World Island Hookers** have finished their hook-ins for the summer. An average of six ladies attended the weekly hook-ins. Thanks to the Summerford Fire Department for the use of their meeting room. No date specific date has been decided for the first hook-in next fall.

To the members of all groups in Central, as well as those from other areas of the province, I wish you a safe, happy and enjoyable summer!  
Dale Stockley  
Central Director

## More Reports from Divisions and Directors

### Eastern Report

The Clarenville group continued to meet@ the Clarenville Library on Tuesday evenings but we are now finished for the summer. I was pleasantly surprised that 7 hookers showed up one evening- all working on different projects. Hopefully this interest will continue in the Fall. I attended our June Guild Executive Meetings, and hooking demonstrations. One of our members, Shirley Ryan demonstrated her spinning skills learned at Rug School last summer. She has also done so at the WI meeting held recently in Catalina. As a result, she was featured in an article in our local newspaper *The Packet*- wonderful PR for our Guild. Don't forget- next November, the rug hooking cruise will sail out of Italy. You can find more details on this adventure by contacting Melanie Furlong at [melanie@cruiseholidays.com](mailto:melanie@cruiseholidays.com)

I attended Rug School in NS and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Diane Hodder, Eastern Director.

**Publicity Report** Preparations for Rug School 2014 are well underway!! There is general excitement about the hookers hitting the big city. Look out St. John's- we are going to hit the city and roll out our rugs!!! The big event is scheduled to take place in August. Enrollment for the school is going well, but we need to ensure that we advertise around the province to entice any Guild members who haven't yet decided to attend and some new members as well. A poster advertising the Rug School in St. John's was created. If we post this ad around our communities it will spread the word with little or no cost to the Guild. Of course, the best possible way to get word out about Rug School is simply by word of mouth. If we each do our part as Guild members, we will have another successful Rug School again this year. The only other form of advertising that can be done to promote the school is advertising in *The Telegram* as the event gets closer. The decision to do this will be left up to Marilyn Moore and her Rug School Committee, as it is costly. Advertising in the local papers is also expensive and it has been decided that it is not necessary.

Yours in PR -Christina Kieley

### Western Report

It's been a busy Spring for us:

Early in May nine of us went on a great road trip to Woody Point, hooked with the Tablelands group and enjoyed a wonderful day! Coffee breaks and a hearty lunch sent us all home a little heavier!

Five drafts were submitted to Sue for our Marbleous Mat Makers Logo. Rose came up with a design which everyone loves. And presently we're working on choosing colors, with hooking to start in the Fall.

An Exhibition of mats hooked by some of our group is hung at JL Gallery on Broadway until the end of May. Official opening was 20th May, all mats are for sale! The response has been positive bringing many different visitors to the gallery.

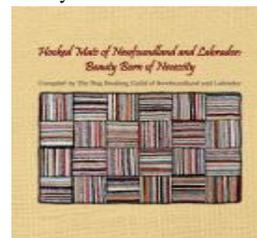
Three of our hookers were at the Springdale hook-in this past weekend, a great time was had by everyone! And as always, the lunch was huge. From the positive report, it was a great day.

Our last hook-in, before we take a summer break, is 28th of May. We plan to resume again the 3rd of September.

Happy summer ! I hope everyone enjoys camp in St. John's .

Jane Jesseau , Western Director

**Book Report- Joan Foster-**There is currently 234 books in stock (*Hooked Mats of NL Beauty of Necessity*). Books can be purchased from our Rug School Shop, from Ruth, Pat, Valerie, Diane, Christine and myself. If other Guild members would like to have books to sell, please contact me. As this is all clear profit for the Guild, we should make every effort to sell the remaining books. Our treasurer, Kelley Fewer reports that she has received money for 50 books sold since last July.



### **Report on Rug Camp 2014 – August 14-17<sup>th</sup> , CNA Campus, St. John's NL**

This year Rug School will be going ahead with two fewer courses, since both *Mythical Creatures* and *Dip Dye Sunflowers* have been cancelled. Also, *Seascapes* , with Barbara Leduc is full, so if you apply for this course, please ensure you include a second & third choice. There is still time to apply to Rug School and join in the fun. Applications will be accepted right up until the day School starts. This year we have an added treat- we have been invited to Government House on Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> @ 2 p.m. to meet their Honours Lieutenant Governor Frank Fagan, and his wife, Patricia. No special dress code is required, but feel free to put your gladrags on ! Marilyn Moore- Camp Director.

### **Notice of Annual Meeting RHGNL**

**Friday August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – 7 PM**

**College of the North Atlantic -St. John's Campus (Cafeteria)**

**Prince Philip Drive St. John's, NL**

**New Resolutions: Please forward to **President Teresa Greene by July 31, 2014****

#### **Election of Officers**

The following positions will be vacant for a **Term of Two years:**

**Treasurer ; Resources ; Archives ; Newsletter Editor ; Assistant Newsletter Editor**

**Publicity ; Membership**

#### **Directors:**

**Avalon ; Eastern ; Labrador**

If you would like to let your name stand or wish to nominate a member please contact **Ruth Chaffey - 709 535 8507** or email **chaffeyr@nf.sympatico.ca**

### **Membership Reminder**

Our Guild membership runs from July 1 to June 30. Membership is \$ 30.00 per year. Twenty-three new members have joined since January 2014, bringing our total membership to 259 for 13-14. So far, only 159 members have renewed for 2014-15.

If you haven't renewed already, we hope you will do so in the very near future.

Beverly Neville, Membership Director

***Fogo Island , May 29-31<sup>st</sup> , 2015***

***Come Hook with Us the Island Way***

***And help kick off our twentieth anniversary celebrations !!***

To date, 35 members have expressed an interest in attending the hook-in planned for May 29-May 31 2015, in Tilting, Fogo Island at the historic St. Patrick's Community Hall. Our planning committee for this special hook-in met recently to finalize plans for the week-end. Here's the scoop :

- Event starts at 7 p.m. Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, and ends at Noon on Sunday May 31
- Hooking will be Friday eve. until 9p.m., Saturday, 9-4 p.m. ; Sunday from 9-noonish.
- There will be a social ( wine & cheese) following Friday night's hook-in session
- There will be a Dinner on Saturday evening at 7 p.m.
- There will be entertainment provided on Saturday night
- Registration will take place on Friday evening at 6 p.m.
- Cost of hook-in is \$ 80.00 – this includes coffee breaks, lunch & dinner on Saturday
- Accommodations are your responsibility- there are B & B's in the area- myself and Lillian Dwyer have been sussing out summer homes that may be available for our members who are attending . You should check out the 2014 NL Tourism Guide as well as the Town of Tilting home page for accommodation listings.
- There will be opportunities for those interested to go on walks/hikes in the area
- The Ferry Schedule Info-( for crossings after May 15) can be accessed on line at this link [http://www.tw.gov.nl.ca/ferryservices/schedules/c\\_fogo.html](http://www.tw.gov.nl.ca/ferryservices/schedules/c_fogo.html)
- There will be a display of rugs for viewing by locals, so bring along any you have
- The registration form below should be completed and sent to Winnie Glavine – you can copy & paste it into an email to her at [wglavine@gmail.com](mailto:wglavine@gmail.com) or send it to her home mailing address.
- Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any Committee Members listed below

**Registration Form- Fogo Island Hook-in May 29-31,2015**

Name/Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Arrival Time \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Departure Time \_\_\_\_\_

I have a place to stay \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No ; I will need help finding accommodations \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

I will bring a rug(s) for the display \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**Please complete form and send along with your payment of \$ 80.00 to Winnie Glavine , 10 Ladywell Place Paradise , NL A1L 3Y4**

**Fogo Island Hook-In Committee Members**

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### **Ronald McDonald House Hooked Rug Project**

Well, it was a long time in the making, since 2011, but I am proud to say that the beautiful hooked tapestry was placed on the wall at Ronald McDonald House in April. But, not before we raised \$25,000.00 in aid of our House!!!

As Chair of this committee, I want to first thank all the young people throughout Newfoundland and Labrador who sent in their pictures, our Guild Members who were primarily responsible for getting all of the pieces hooked, the general population who participated, McInnes Cooper Law Office for co-partnering on this project, especially Lawyer John O'Dea, the folks at Ronald McDonald House, and our committee members: Margaret Angel; Jackie Alcock, Karen Brake, Ruth Chaffey, Dorothy Fewer, Perry Kieley, Marilyn Melvin (and Lenny).

Everyone gave so much time and effort and it really paid off big time!!

Sorry, we cannot include a picture here but very soon you will be able to see the article we were asked to write by visiting Rug Beat online through Rug Hooking Magazine and if there's room, we will provide more detail in the next issue of our newsletter.

In the meantime, for those of you coming to rug school, please let me know if you are interested in visiting Ronald McDonald House to see the tapestry. As individuals are not permitted on the second floor, we are hoping to arrange a group visit during rug school weekend.

Winnie Glavine, Project Manager



*Rugs,  
Glorious  
Rugs-  
from last  
year's  
Camp  
Display*



**Advance Notice-** The Lewisporte Hook-in, sponsored by the Notre Dame Hooking group will take place on Saturday, October 18, at the Yacht Club in Lewisporte- from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. . Registration is \$ 5.00 and a potluck will prevail! Everyone welcome. For more details contact Ruth Chaffey at: [chaffeyr@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:chaffeyr@nf.sympatico.ca)

What wonderful weather we are having – ideal for hooking outdoors- on your patio, veranda or under your favorite tree. Here are some wonderful tips for “Summer Hooking “ ,from our own Deanne Fitzpatrick – reprinted with permission from her web page [www.hookingrugs.com](http://www.hookingrugs.com) ). Enjoy..

### **5 tips for Summer Hooking**

1. **Hook Outside** - Why not set up your rug hooking Frame on your covered porch? Imagine gazing out at the trees and flowers you can see from your front porch. Now imagine hooking those nature inspired scenes that are right outside your front door. What could be better than capturing your garden in a rug that you can enjoy year round?

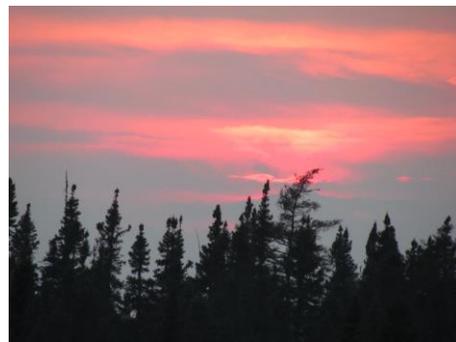
2. **Hook for Just 5 Minutes a Day** - this tip is more of a trick you can play on yourself to increase your hooking productivity. The summer time is often a busy time. There is gardening, and social gatherings, and you might find yourself out of the house more and out of your usual hooking habit. One trick to get more hooking done this summer is to make a commitment to hook for 5 minutes every day. Once you sit down and get going you might find you just can't get up before you fill in a certain area and you'll get more than your five minutes in. Either way, even in 5 minute sessions, after a month you will have made real progress on your project.

3. **Put Together a Portable Hooking Project** - gather your favourite portable frame such as our Handmade Tilting Gripper Frame, a small pattern that will fit on the frame, a small pair of scissors, and some colourful wool strips - don't forget your hook! Put it all in lovely tote bag and leave it by the front door. The next time you head out on a road trip, a beach trip, or a family BBQ grab your portable project and go! You will be surprised how much hooking you will get done in the car - if you're not the driver!

4. **Use a Kit** - make your summer fun and easy! So what if you have your own cutter and an attic full of wool cloth? Let someone else do the work of putting together the colours and cutting it all up. If you choose a kit everything is already thought out and you just get to experience the joy of hooking. See below for some of our favourite kits for the summer season.

5. **Make it Small and Get it Done** - the heat of the summer makes it an ideal time to work on small projects like pillows, chair pads.

*As this is the last newsletter for myself & Alice Kelly, we would like to wish you all a wonderful summer. Pat Parsons & Alice Kelly*



Glorious outdoor inspiration –Twin Ponds 2013



