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This is an additional newsletter compiled by Miriam Miller, President Emeritus

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QUEENSLAND – Beewah, From Annette White

Dear Miriam,

Finally I made it to the end of my rug. It is 115cm by 87cm, all woollen blanket material, some over-dyed, and some blanket left the original colour (the yellow- greenish). For the edge I cut the leg of some tracksuit pants into a continuous strip and crocheted it in a cable stitch around with the rugging hook. It doesn't fray as the wool strips would at the edge. Quite pleased with the outcome.



BOOK REVIEW

'STORY RUGS AND THEIR STORYTELLERS.'

Rug Hooking in the narrative Style by Paulette Hackman.

Published by Ampry Publishing ISBN 978-0-8117-1335-1

I loved this book because 3 Australian Story Rugs are included and also several of the other rugs are by people I have met at The International Guild of Handhooking Rugmakers Conferences. Full of ideas and inspiration. A must for everyone.

NEW SOUTH WALES = Bellingen Group

Caroline Whitley

Caroline wrote

I had originally bought 2 mats at the op shop so had the idea to use the second one as a solid backing to protect the v messy back side of the rug.

Serendipity again, cause I found just the right amount of navy blue upholstery cording at another op shop, so I stitched that around image edge and around the backing mat, then whip stitched both pieces together using navy blue yarn.



(As you can see Caroline used a woven mat to hook through, showing we can be original for our backing)

NORTHERN TERRITORY - DARWIN - Irene Bruninghausen

Irene said "A work in progress, taken at Prickle Farm, Humpty Doo."

Don't you love her enthusiasm and excitement for rugmaking.



VICTORIA - YARRA VALLEY RUGMAKERS

Robyne McLeod (Robyne's first Proggy Rug)

This Proggy rug is 74 x 140cm, and is made using mostly silks, rayons and otherwise exotic cloths. No wool. I've used fabric from my (massive) stash (a little bit bought new because it was the right colour) and a lot of old clothes I've either had for the fabric, or bought from the op shop just for this project. There's more than one tie, which might be cheap and pretty, but don't yield very much! Of course you don't see such detail, but it was nice to use it. None is purpose-dyed.

Most of the strips were cut off grain in order to avoid fraying.

The frame I bought from Miriam.

I am thoroughly addicted to proggy's now! It is an excellent way to use up all of my fabric, and I have a life-time's collection, including some of Mum's and even some from my Grandma!

I joined a '10-minute-a-day" pledge and made sure I sat at the frame at least that long, even if I was busy or tired.

This translated into hours, often! But it also kept me at it and kept me keen.

My husband and I walk up and down on it in our bare feet, just to feel the lushness!

Robyne



A.C.T. Canberra. Pat la Rance.

'Spotlight" Stores are now selling hessian with patterns. Pat has started on this owl design.



ENGLAND –Nottingham

Priscilla Cameron.

“Lamby Label” Post card

Collecting blankets for rug making has the added bonus of beautiful blanket labels with the name of the company, where the blanket was made and often pictures on the label too. I have a huge bag full of attractive labels and for years I wondered what to do with them. I designed Lamby Label which is post card size 4”x6” the label is appliquéd onto the hessian, I found a dark piece of wool material and appliquéd head, legs and tail. I found some nice chunky yarn I had dyed and hooked the background and for a bit of fun I added the star button. (makingrugs.blogspot.co.uk)



CANADA NOVA SCOTIA - Cindy Noble's Cottage.

These scenes are the same the world over on rug making days, sharing information, working on our rugs, eating and talking



Cindy Noble wrote-

The location is Cottage Cove by the Bay of Fundy in Nova Scotia. This is at my cottage with our land out back. The group of people are all rug hookers who are part of the Fundy Group of which I am Director. My 4 year term is ending this fall.

AMERICA – MILWAUKEE --Sharon Felton



These amazing biscuits were made by Sharon, for special occasions.

Sharon has a business making biscuits for special events, and has trouble getting people to eat them, but who could eat these masterpieces? .The business is called "Beautiful Cookie Co" and Sharon has a facebook page for this, if you are on facebook Sharon said look her up and it would be nice to connect.

After Sharon visited Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers, in 2012, she started a Proggy Group in Milwaukee, as yet they have no name, just 'Proggy Group'. Perhaps we will have photos of their rugs in later newsletters.



MILTON SHOW 2017

A note from Shirley Coleman (Chief Steward of the Display Pavilion) to remind anyone putting a rug in Milton Show on the 3/4th March next year, the theme of the show is 'Poultry, Our Feathered Friends' . Not that entries have to follow this theme, but it is nice if some do.

JOKE.

Driving into town a Lawyer saw some men by the roadside eating grass. When he stopped and asked them why, they said they had no money for food. After some thought he said if they would come with him, he would feed them. As they were settling in his car he remarked, they would love it at his place, as the grass was at least a foot high

CANBERRA RUGMAKERS Robin Asman



My daughter has married a lovely Brazilian man and they now live in Rio. On the two main beaches in Rio the footpaths are paved in a special pattern with black and white stones - a Portuguese custom I believe. I have finished, sent, and been over to see in position, the rug with the pattern from Copacobana and am now working on the pattern from Ipanema beach. If you watch any of the beach sports in the Olympic Games you will probably see the Copacobana footpaths - they are really quite stunning!

(Pictured the Copacobana Rug)

VICTORIA- WODONGA –WANGARATTA – BOBBY GEORGE



Bobby would like to know of anyone in her area or close by interested in rug making. I have listed Bobby in our contacts list.

Fabrics neatly cut and sorted ready for rug making.



Bobby's latest work.

Finished wall hanging

CONTACTS

NEW SOUTH WALES

MILTON

Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers. Meet 1st and 3rd Fridays every month.

Contact Miriam Miller Email narrawillyfarm@shoal.net.au. Phone 02 4455 6870

Website www.shoal.net.au/~narrawilly/index.html

BRAIDWOOD

CONTACT Maggie Hickey. Email maggie.hickey@bigpond.com phone 0419 841 819

BELLINGEN, North Coast

Bellingen Rag Rug Group

Contact Maxine Keys at email baznmax@bigpond.com Phone 02 6655 0591

Group meets 1st Friday of the month from 10am until no set time.

BERMAGUI

Bermagui Rug Hookers. Contact Dawn Hollins at email pigeontree@live.com

Australian Capital Territory

CANBERRA

Contact Maggie Whyte at email maggieandfish@hotmail.com Phone 02 6281 0988

Mobile 0488747953 Name of group not decided yet, but they are to meet every fourth Sunday afternoon of the month at The Village hall, Straithnairn.

AINSLE- Spinners and Weavers Rooms- 'Kurrajong' Cnr Angas and Shebrooke Streets, Anslle contact Jenny Harber phone 02 6230 2429

South Australia

STRATHALBYN

Strath Matters. Meet 1st and 3rd Fridays

Supper room of the Strathalbyn Town Hall

Contact Judy Stephens at email studioblue20@gmail.com Phone 08 85363451

Western Australia

DONNYBROOK

Donnybrook Hookers – meet every Wednesday 10am to 2pm

Old Blue Guide Hall, Cnr Ramsay Terrace & Marmion St, Donnybrook-

Contact Robin at email robin.inkpen22@gmail.com Phone 08 9731 2874

WANNAROO

The Wannaroo Rugmakers. Meet every Saturday morning 10am to 1pm at the Library and Cultural Centre in Northern Suburb of Wannaroo. <http://wanneroorugmakers.com>

Contact Jo Franco at email josephinefranco1@gmail.com

Queensland

KINGAROY

Red Earth Ruggers Meeting at 17 Fairview Drive, Kingaroy on 2nd Monday each month from 11th April Time 9-

12 Contact Judith Brook at email judybrook@gmail.com

SUNSHINE COAST

The Sunshine Coast Rug Crafters meet twice each month at the Beerwah Library, 25 Peachester Road Beerwah. Map info about the library location at

<http://library.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/sitePage.cfm?code=libraries-map>

The group meets the Second Monday and the third Tuesday of each month from 2.30 – 5.30p.m.

New members are always welcome

Contact Judi Tompkins -- Email judi.tompkins@bigpond.com or skype juditompkins

Meetings

2nd Monday 3rd Tuesday

NORTH TAMBORINE The Happy Hookers North Tambourine

contact Bec Andersen email info@becandersen.com

TasmaniaDELORAINE

The happy Hookers, Deloraine contact Joanne Wild email wildjoanne@gmail.com

VICTORIAYARRA VALLEY RUGMAKERS

Meeting days vary, so please check on blog.

Look on blog for more information <http://victorianrugmakers.blogspot.com.au>

contact Christina Noorbergen email jerryandchris@hotmail.com Phone 03 56596127

Joy Marshall email themarshalls@optusnet.com.au

Anne Schafer email a.schafer@bigpond.com

WODONGA- WANGARATTA-BENALLA

Bobby George – phone number 0357 662732

(Lone Rugger Seeking Same)

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