

CONNECTING US

This is not the official newsletter of the Australian Guild of Rugmakers
This is a newsletter compiled by Miriam Miller, President Emeritus to help keep
Australian Rug Makers connected.

15th March , 2016

QUEENSLAND

Annette White's piano stool cushion



KINGAROY.

Red Earth Ruggers

A new group is starting in Kingaroy. Called 'Red Earth Ruggers' They will meet at 17 Fairview Drive, on the 2nd Monday of the month from 11th April - time 9-12 through winter. Anyone interested contact Judith Brook- judybrook@gmail.com



SOUTH AUSTRALIA STRATHMATTERS RUGHOOKING GROUP

Photo to the left shows group at their regular meeting day in the town hall Strathalbyn.

Below left Judy's geometric design, and directly below Wall Hanging by Angela (her first piece)

Right at the bottom is Marion's floor rug.



JOKE

I was in a friend's home trying to fix their internet connection. The husband called out to his wife in the other room for the computer password. Start with a capital S, then 123 she called. We tried S123 several times but it did not work. So we called the wife in. She input the password muttering, 'I really don't know what is so difficult about typing Start123' **Probably to expert computer people this does not make you smile, but to a struggling person like me it does.**

CANADA – SUSAN SUTHERLAND



This is Susan's latest rug called
'Ode to Florida'

Susan got the idea looking at the photo of a cookie (biscuit) collage called
'The Sea is calling' and she got permission from the baker to adapt the idea. Susan said 'It was fun to hook, I added sea glass, a sharks tooth, some real shells and a few tiny beads (hard to see in the photo)



KATH CORNTHWAITE.



The rug to the left is a work in progress from Kath Cornthwaite . Kath is from Canada too.

I thought it may give some ideas on design to anyone wanting to use up many colours



AMERICA.

Guatemala Adventure by Michele Wise

If you want to experience a new country, share your passion of rug hooking with others and immerse yourself in a new culture, sign up for the Multicolores Guatemala Tour. There were 16 of us meeting up in Antigua, Guatemala, for a 10 day

tour. Our four tour guides furnished us with good hotels, great meals, and exciting adventures.

The tour took us to learn about natural dyes, spinning cotton, blackstrap weaving and beautiful embroidery. We spent four wonderful days hooking with our Guatemala teachers. The rugs were designed quickly on the backing. The designs followed the uniqueness of their Maya culture. The designs are geometric in form but offer a taste of the Maya influence.

One can observe these designs in the native clothing the women wore which they make on their backstrap looms and then intricately embroider.

The countryside is beautiful and we spent some time traveling across Lake Atitlan, a volcanic lake. We rode tuk tuks (taxi's) into town to pick through used clothing for the best colors for our patterns. We all hooked under shade with views of the lake. The tour took us to one of the women's village, where we met their children, were invited into their homes and heard their stories. These women are supporting their families though hooking rugs which are marketed and sold by Multicolores. They live modestly in their Maya villages and are grateful for the opportunities hooking rugs have given to their families. In hooking rugs alongside these women all of us shared a true connection with each other, despite the difficulties of language.

The tour supports over 60 women artists from seven highland villages. The tour allows these women the advantage of being away from their families, many for the first time. The women live a subsistence life so it is a real treat for them to eat meat, take showers and have someone else make meals. Two of the women brought their babies with them so for all the grandmothers in the group, this was an added bonus. The Maya women are very grateful for all the opportunities making rugs has brought them. The North American women on the tour are mutually appreciative of these women who let us experience their culture and talent.



I would encourage all rug makers to take this tour with Multicolores to Guatemala for a unique experience while at the same time supporting the indigenous women rug makers. You need not speak the language as there are four hostesses always around to interpret. You travel to interesting venues and learn about the extraordinary textiles of the country. The web site is

www.multicolores.org

Facebook page --multicoloresguatemala

THE INTERNATIONAL GUILD of HANDHOOKING RUGMAKERS (TIGHR)

Visit www.tighr.net



TIGHR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM January 1st 2016 to December 31st 2018

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Please mark the two relevant statements below

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or

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AND

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or

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The Group I represent is called _____

NB A Group Membership has 1 (one) vote, 1 (one) page on the members' web site and the opportunity for 1 (one) member to register for the Triennial Conference.

The details you provide are solely for use by TIGHR and will not be released to third parties.

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MEMBERSHIP FEE 2016 – 2018 NB There is only one membership type

£45 (forty-five Pounds Sterling) to include the e-newsletter *Hooking Matters*

Payment methods available from January 1st 2016

Cheque, bank draft or money order in Pounds Sterling (GBP) ONLY made payable to TIGHR

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Co-operative Bank account number 65785920, sort code 08-92-99

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Payment questions? Contact Margaret Hayden treasurer@tighr.net

Membership questions? Contact Diane Cox membership@tighr.net

Please note that if multiple membership fees are paid from one account, a separate application form must be completed for each member and the payment details must be given in the 'Reference' section below.

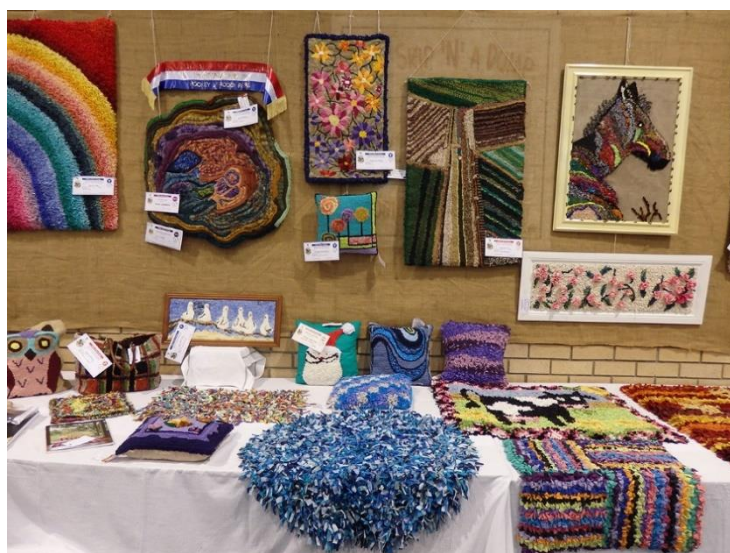
Reference

I HAVE INCLUDED THE MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR THE INTERNATIONAL GUILD OF HANDHOOKING RUGMAKERS IN CASE ANYONE WISHES TO JOIN AND GO TO THE NEXT CONFERENCE IN REETH, YORKSHIRE, ENGLAND IN OCTOBER 2016.

PAYMENT POSSIBLY CAN ALSO BE MADE BY PAY PAL PLEASE CONTACT MARGARET HAYDEN treasurer@tighr.net

MILTON SHOW 4th AND 5TH March 2016

This is a big event in our lives. Many of the Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers are very involved with the Show. Two act as stewards in the Rug Section, Janet Walker and Elke Smith-Hill. The Show includes, horse events, cattle judging, poultry, cats, dogs, produce, vegetables, fruit, flowers, jams, preserves,



cooking, knitting, quilting embroidery, art, you name it , it is there. The theme this year was 'Country Transport- Old and New for Work and Play' There was a bullock wagon with 24 bullocks in the parade around the ring on Saturday. We have 5 classes in the Rug section. They are

'Proggy Floor Rug
Hooky Floor Rug
Hooky and/or Proggy Wall Hanging
Shorn Proggy and/ or Hooky Item
Hooky and/ or Proggy Item not otherwise

mentioned.

I am sure we are the only Show in Australia that has a section for rugs. The only class to enter a rug in any other show, would be in the general Handicrafts under 'Any item made with recycled materials (soft)'

To read more details about the Milton Show and prize winners in the Rug Section go to www.rughookingaustralia.com.au

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

KIRA MEAD Exhibition in Smiths Cottage 34/36 Stead Street Albany W.A.
Open by appointment phone 0429 418 192 or email kira.goldmix@westnet.com.a

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TRISH SCHULZ



Trish's rug is 5ft by 3ft (152cm by 92cm). It is made with all recycled fabrics including wool blankets. Trish is a lone rug maker, no one else in her craft group is interested. Well done Trish

I will include the list of all groups in Australia again in my next newsletter.

Wishing everyone lots of inspiration and happy rugging

Miriam