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AMERICA – New Hampshire Sally Gilbert



Story Rug.

After struggling with this project since September, 2017, I have finally finished the hooking. My daughter turns 50 in June which was my timeline- and I feel relieved that it will be completed by that date. I chose the various activities because they are what she loves doing. The mountains represent the many 4000 footers in New Hampshire (36 of the 48 she has already hiked), and she is on track to complete hiking all of them soon. Heather has done research on lobsters- hence the hooked lobster. Heather is an avid mountain biker, skier (Okemo ski resort in Vermont), gardener, and sailor. She has an orange 1977 VW camper- exactly like in the rug- which she drives on a regular basis and camps every chance she gets.

Lastly, Heather has dual citizenship (USA/Australia) and loves traveling to OZ.

I first drew the activities on computer paper, and after making some corrections, transferred the drawings onto the linen background with a black sharpie. The biggest challenge was getting the finer details onto the coarse unbleached linen- but after several hours of drawing- I succeeded.

Continued Sally Gilbert

The next hurdle for me was colour planning. I love playing with colour but was confused as to how the activities could be merged without the project looking "blocked". I sought advice from various teachers and finally contacted a teacher I enjoyed working with in the past, Sarah Guiliani, South Portland, Maine, who had the vision I was seeking and the hand dyed wool to "marry" the activities. Once I met with Sarah and purchased the perfect shades of her hand dyed wools, I was excited to finish the rug. I am very proud of the finished project and hope Heather will be thrilled with her Memory Rug- (□□still a surprise until June 2018!!)

Sally Gilbert, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire

QUEENSLAND – Boonah – Joanne Williams

Thursday Night Creatives is a very aptly named group that meets in Boonah, Queensland. I was a



newcomer to town, and on my first night at the group I wondered what all the poking and prodding of potato sacks with little strips of fabric was leading to. This was my introduction to rag matting! Within a couple of weeks, I had my sack unpicked and washed, had cut enough fabric to get started, and was underway with my own rag mat.

I worked on it pretty solidly through March, April, and May, in between upcycling clothing, scrapbooking, knitting dishcloths, and numerous other hobbies! My goal was to get it finished in time to exhibit it in the textiles section at the Boonah Show. I was so delighted to win a second! so here it is, in all of its pink, blue, and purple glory!

Jo Williams

Boonah, Qld

www.josimplifywill.org



QUEENSLAND – Kingaroy Judith Brook

This rug is one I put on the big frame to be done at the craft fest. That's why I did a simple design so people could hook their own square

QUEENSLAND -Kingaroy – Judith brook continued



Cheers Miriam.

This is an Old Semco Rug pattern I made, using old materials to try and keep it a bit more authentic. .

(Except for the lime green blanket)

It was originally designed for punch needle, but I didn't have enough wool.

NEW SOUTH WALES – Newcastle. Helen Shepherd and Jane Buchan

Hi Miriam,

I thought I would let you know that Jane and I make a day each month for working on our progging.

We are making slow but steady progress. (a note Jane and Helen are very new ruggers starting their first proggy pieces)



JOKE

I asked my granddaughter if she had seen my newspaper. She told me I was old fashioned. and that people used tablets now and handed me her iPad. The fly didn't stand a chance.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. -Strathalbyn – Strathmatters Group.

Here are some photos of recent work. First, toothbrush technique in its many guises



Strathmatters Group Continued.

And, of course, proddy never goes out of fashion, particularly to use up bits from your stash



In our group hooking with carpet wool is a mainstay. The finished effect is so professional and very durable.



NEW SOUTH WALES. -Sydney – Quilt and Craft Show. 20th- 24th June.



NEW SOUTH WALES -Sydney – Craft and Quilt Fair, 20th- 24th June.

The first Sydney Rugmakers Guild Stall was held at the Craft and Quilt Fair, Darling Harbour Convention Centre. (My thanks to Jo Franco for making the booking and organising the payment too.) We had a fantastic response from the public, and I would like to thank the team of Ruggers that came to support the event so well: Miriam Miller, Leith Clayton-Brandt, Diana Tilley-Winyard, Judy Thurecht, Christine Alexander and Helen Orr. We gave many demonstrations and the stall was well decorated with the examples provided by the "team". A total of 41 people put their names down and following this up, there are about 10 in Sydney who are interested in classes, so planning is underway and a suitable venue has been located in Epping. We look forward to doing this again next year. Martha Birch

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Martha

Continued Craft fair Sydney



Above Chair Pad worked on by Marth at Craft fair, a Margaret Preston design. And also view of our Guild stand.

CANADA – Nova Scotia – Cathy Komourdjian



Crest Map made into a rug for Michael and Michelle -Doepner Clan. Cathy's best Uni friends since 1970.

(still to be hemmed)

JOKE –

A recent scientific study showed that out of 2,293,618,367 people, 94% are too lazy to actually read the number.

NEW SOUTH WALES – Milton

The adventures of Miriam and Jacqui

We have just returned from a trip of 6600.03 kilometres Don't you like the .03 The aim of the drive was to visit Jacqui's daughter in far North Queensland. For people interested in where we went, after leaving Milton we travelled to Blayney, where we visited a friend, who moved from here, to live near her daughter. Then on to Mudgee, where we stayed overnight, and I had the pleasure of renewing the acquaintance of an old school friend who I had not seen for 40 years. Our next stop was Lightning Ridge, where opals are mined, then on to Surat. 75 k's East of there, we stayed at the Myall Park Botanical gardens at Glenmorgan, for two nights, and enjoyed the walks, short and long, and examining the Australian flora. All named and described. This whole area is maintained by volunteers. This property was gifted by Dorothy Gordon and they named three grevilleas they bred, after their three daughters, "Robyn Gordon" is the best known (The Grevillia walk would be spectacular in the spring). On again to Emerald, and then Chartres Towers. These were long stretches of road. Imagine hearing the Sat Nav say, continue for 400 Ks. We reached Atherton on the Atherton Tablelands and had a happy reunion with Jacqui's daughter who teaches in Malanda there. We also visited with an old friend Margaret, who recently moved there, from Eden 4 hours south of Milton. A long move (See photo on page 11). The Atherton Tablelands are inland from Cairns and were once dense rainforest. There are still patches of it, and we enjoyed seeing the enormous strangler figs and other exotic growth. The climate here is very damp and much cooler than the coast. We next travelled to Bowen on the coast and then Gladstone where we met with two of Jacqui's grandchildren and a great grandchild., on again to nearer to Brisbane, and terrible traffic after the freedom on the country roads. We had lunch with Annette White and three other Beerwah Rugmakers at Coolum Beach.



Above Miriam and Annette- right Judy, Bea Jacqui, Annette and, Stella

Continued visit to Beerwah Ruggers during the adventures of Miriam and Jacqui.



Above rug made by Judy, Tapestry centre and hooked border and right Judy's toothbrush rug.
Below Bea with first project.



Another day we visited Judi Tompkins and just loved her new house. It was very pleasing from the large rooms and high ceilings to other more personal things like heated toilet seats. It would be a pleasure to live in such a well thought out house.



Judi Tompkins wall hanging pieces using stick framing. And a finely hooked piece using wool yarn



Continued visit to Beerwah ruggers and the travellers adventures



Miriam, Judi and Jacqui in Judi's the new home



We travelled south again to visit Miriam's cousin Rosemary. Rosemary was a member of the Narrawilly proggy Ruggers before moving north

Left one of Rosemary's rugs



On to visit the Art Gallery at Murwillumbah and the Margaret Olley exhibition, which we loved. Two nights with Sarah and Rob Roger at Byron Bay. Sarah was famous for keeping our fabric shelves tidy when she lived in Milton, and still checks on photos to see we are keeping up her good work. Left a colourful proggy rug made by Sarah.

Continuing the adventures of Miriam and Jacqui.



Another rug by Sarah.

. We were glad to head inland for the quieter roads and stopped at Texas to visit the Rabbit Museum. Most interesting, and well worth a visit. On to Warialda, where we stayed in the only Motel, and were provided with lovely homemade soup for dinner. On again to Dubbo and finally to Cowra where we met up a cousin of Jacqui's. The temperature on our travels varied from 27 C at Atherton to -7 at Dubbo and Cowra (in the mornings) I loved the heated seats in Jacqui's car. This was a trial run of what to pack for our overseas trip for the UK Rug Conference in October, and our knitting tour in Iceland in November.

Finally, I must comment on the place we stayed in Cowra, it was just so good. I would recommend everyone go there. It was a fully self-contained cottage in a vineyard. Surrounded on three sides by grape vines and a creek in the front. Unfortunately, the creek was dry because of the drought. We had wine, biscuits and cheese, chocolates, on arrival. 7 kinds of fruit, enough food for a very substantial breakfast. Lovely heating, Interesting books galore, DVD's, comfortable furniture and beds, all washing facilities like washing machine, dryer, there was not one thing we could ask for. Big picture windows looking out over the vineyard. I think the people who own the cottage just want to create happiness for their guests. I am sure they do not make a profit. The details are Tinnies, Back Creek Vineyard, Chiverton Road, Cowra. Hosts Bob and Meg Clark. Phone number 02 6342 9251 or mobile 0427 031 964 Website www.tinniesbackcreekvineyard.com.au You can see this accommodation made an impression on us.

We visited Jacqui's cousin in Cowra, and they enjoyed much talk of family history.

The last day of travel from Cowra to Milton and finally home, after three weeks.



Margaret at Yungaburra on the Atherton tablelands, with her first piece. I think she just did it because she knew Jacqui and I were coming to visit

Recipe from Annette White Coolum Beach-

Apfelkuchen- German Apple Tart

It's my mother's recipe

For the pastry:

250g plain flour

150g butter (unsalted)

60g sugar

1 egg

a pinch of salt

1-2 tbs Kirsch Schnapps (optional)

Knead together to make a shortbread pastry, let rest for 30min. or longer, divide dough in one

third (for the rim) and a two thirds portions (for the base), roll out to fill a round cake pan (ca 30-35cm). Prick the base with a fork for ventilation.

Peel and cut about 1 kg of apples into quarters, make small incisions into the back of it and cut in

half again, cover the pastry with core side down, starting on the edge.

Bake at 175°C until cake looks half cooked, it's a bit of guess work, I'd say about 20min.

In the meantime, prepare the topping:

2 egg yolks

125g sugar

Beat together until creamy.

Add

1/8l sour cream

zest of 1 lemon

Mix well

Beat 2 egg whites until it forms peaks and carefully lift it under the egg yolk mixture.

Spread this topping over the half-cooked cake and bake until golden and set.

Guten Appetit!

The 28th *Rug Hooking Exhibition*



"Rothenburg" Fumiyo Hachisuka



北アメリカ東海岸の開拓者たちが生み出した温かみあふれる
伝統的工芸ラグ・フッキングを今に伝える個性豊かな創作展。



An invitation to a Rug Hooking Exhibition 25th October until 30th October 2018 in Tokyo
Japan

For information <http://www.galleryk.info/Access>

and also <http://sky.geocities.jp/rughooking234>

CALENDAR.

Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers are producing a calendar for 2019. Please advise me if you want
a copy or copies. Unsure of price as yet, maybe around \$7

Miriam

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THE END.