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NEW SOUTH WALES – Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers – Miriam



Table runner– (to use when putting hot dishes on a table.) Size 116cm x 28 cm or 45 1/2 in x 11in

ENGLAND – Reeth – Cindy and Edwina (from Nova Scotia).

This was taken in October 2018 during the TIGHR Conference. Look at all the proggy flowers in the archway over the church gateway. So welcoming.





## Joke

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office.  
"Is it true," she wanted to know,  
"that the medication you prescribed has to be taken  
for the rest of my life?"  
"Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her.  
There was a moment of silence  
before the senior lady replied,  
"I'm wondering, then,  
just how serious is my condition  
because this prescription is  
marked 'NO REFILLS'.."

## JUDY THURECHT

Please find below a photo of my small rug recently completed which I am hoping to take to New Zealand one day for my daughter who lives near the beach.



## JOKE

A very lazy employee asked for a reference when she was fired. The boss thought for a bit, then wrote:

If you get Mary Jones to work for you, you'll be very lucky.



Sorry these are anonymous as I have lost the email. Please let me know who made them. Miriam

Western Australia. Josephine Franco.

Hello again Miriam I uploaded our publication "*Global Textile Hub: Virtual Exhibitions & More ...*" and then realised a couple of things needed to be corrected - so I edited it and uploaded it again and in doing that, the link changes and I forgot to send you the link for the corrected version - so here it is now - you might like to add to your October newsletter:

*Global Textile Hub: Virtual Exhibitions & More ...* <https://tinyurl.com/ujh4fsk4>

Thanks again for including Jo.

**Who is Pete  
and why do  
we keep  
doing things  
for his sake?**



## NEW SOUTH WALES. Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers Milton – Kay Moriarty



1. A set of golf club covers for my husband. He must love me a lot to be seen on the golf course with them.  
Kay



2. I have been working on my dining chair covers. First two alike. Pattern in progress. Kay



## NEW SOUTH WALES. Vincentia -Leith

I am sending you a picture of an abstract embroidery piece of mine called 3 Women. It is made on recycled blanket, tapes and ribbon and the striped fabric framing it is 30 years old, from my stash.



## NEW SOUTH WALES. – Campbelltown – Margaret Hudson.

This is a little of what I have done in lockdown. 2 little dogs were a bit warmer during winter. One is my sons and the other a friend.





NEW SOUTH WALES – Milton. Miriam Busy spinning, brown and white fleece and plying together



QUEENSLAND – Kingaroy- Judith Brook. Discombobulated



This is the messy piece I did. Some would think it after days in quarantine or lockdown. Going a bit crazy, bad hair day, all fingers and thumbs. All at sea. Done with hooking, reverse hooking and punch needle, and I used a bodger to pull the silk and yarn through for the mad hair. Pretty, in your face, but it's getting a lot of comments.

I did have it around a corner so it's not immediately confronting people as they come into the gallery. The theme was Challenges and each day is a challenge. Judith





## NEW SOUTH WALES Braidwood -

Gail Nicholls  
life goes on here quietly. Several months ago, I finished the rug in the attached photo: "Grass Tree Renewal", inspired by the profusion of flowering grass tree spears (xanthorrhoea) on our property after the fires. Its dimensions are 158 x 100 cm. It has been shown in an exhibition at Rusten House, the historic Queanbeyan Hospital building now renovated as a Council arts centre, and at the Braidwood Regional Arts Group textiles exhibition. That was before our lockdown. Gail.



## NEW SOUTH WALES – Kings Point.

Dianne Gee.

Dear Miriam, here I am in my 1st ever woven scarf, and it's cold enough for me to enjoy it



Close up of weave



MIRIAM- My Skeins now overdyed with blue and wound into balls



### PAMELA -NEWS FROM ISRAEL

Unwelcome Corona news:

Sept 11th 11,396 new cases after weekend / 7000 daily averages for week. Not as dire as it seems, hopefully. Half of rise in nos. due to school children vaccinated on returning to school Sept.1<sup>st</sup> and they generally are more mildly ill or show no symptoms at all. I think the health authorities are aiming at herd immunity and to avoid further economically damaging lockdowns .....a world- wide dilemma.



**TASMANIA – Deloraine** Monday Morning Hook Ruggers & Craft Group, held at Art as Mania, Deloraine.

Rhonda Bentley This is Rhonda's second rug. - SUNFLOWER



**CANADA. New Brunswick.** Sussex, Tearoom Hookers.

Janet Kilpatrick designed and hooked this rug of a barn and field on her land. The rug is 36 inches by 24 inches. Janet is a member of the group: The Sussex Tearoom Hookers.





**NEW SOUTH WALES . – Burrill Lake –Narrawilly proggy Ruggers** Carol Flynn's garden



**NEW SOUTH WALES. Nowra -Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers** Clair Bruton



We all do different things during lock down, besides, spinning knitting, and rug making Clair has managed to start paving an area.



CANADA New Brunswick. Mary Alexander



The rug is not at all like the picture I used to make the Rug, but it is the best I could do. I never liked rugs that were a copy of a picture of people and now I think I know why. Mary

**NEW SOUTH WALES -Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers** -Christine Alexander - hi Miriam I have unrolled my rug to see where to go next. I had forgotten how big it is. It's been keeping me busy dying the wool from old blankets. I look forward to when we can meet up again, Christine





## AMERICA New Hampshire – Sally Gilbert

Hi Miriam,



As promised, Eggbert is almost finished. I need to whip and tape the edges but thought he was complete enough to send to you for your newsletter. The pattern is from Martina Lesar, a Canadian artist. Some of the background purple and the green are her beautiful wools. This is 100% wool except for the carrot which is velvet from Cushing Company in Wells, Maine- so much fun to hook with! I hooked in a #6 on linen foundation. He was a very fun project!

I hope you are enjoying Spring weather. Our leaves are just beginning to color and drift from the treetops. Pumpkins and apples are in the markets as well as corn stalks and chrysanthemums. The evening temps are too low for us to enjoy sitting on the porch after dark. Sally

Size of Eggbert rug 14 inches by 29 inches.

## ENGLAND -North east. Caryl - (report on Covid19)

There is still a lot of covid around, according to the news reports, although I know very few people who have had it. We have about 90% who have had 1st jabs and 80% both. We are waiting to hear when we will be getting our third one. It's never going away so we just have to get on with it. We've been out for meals and to the theatre and just try to be careful. None of our families have had it and Josh, my grandson, works in retail so comes into contact with lots of people, has remained OK. There remains a group of people who refuse to be vaccinated and these are the ones who become infected and have to be admitted to hospital, taking up beds which could be used for others. No time for those people. Caryl



**NEW SOUTH WALES** – Elizabeth Shannon

(Sorry it is sideways. I could fit it in better this way Miriam)

I thought you might like to see this latch hook (thick pure wool) wall hanging. My mother began hooking it, over 20 years ago, and died when it was only 1/3 done. I have moved house twice since and taken the rug and all the wool with me. This year, I made it my mission to complete



**ENGLAND**

**NOTTINGHAM**

Patricks Garden

Along the  
woodland path  
Autumn crocus  
spring up all over  
the ground.



**RECIPE** from Gabrielle

APRICOT BREAD. (No creaming of any butter or sugar needed).

2 cups of SR Flour

1/4 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 " salt

1/2 cup of caster sugar

Grated rind of one orange

1 egg, beaten

1/4 cup melted butter (2 oz.). (Never - ever - margarine).

1/2 cup EACH of chopped DATES and DRIED APRICOTS (Note: cut the chopped dried apricots small and cover in boiled water for 10 mins. Prior to mixing in)

3/4 cup of milk

METHOD:

Mix flour, soda, salt. Add sugar, dates and apricots. (Squeeze out water with fingers while chopped apricots are in the cup - AFTER you have poured away the water.

ADD melted butter,

THEN milk which you have mixed with the beaten eggs.

POUR into dry ingredients, mixing until dough is formed - (it will be slightly lumpy; DO NOT try to beat smooth!).

TURN OUT INTO A WELL-GREASED LOAF TIN

& BAKE in a moderate oven 3/4 hour OR UNTIL COOKED and checked with a skewer that comes out 'clean'. That'll show its ready to take out.

I find with my fan forced oven set at 180 degrees C that my loaf often needs a bit more than 3/4 hour. Keep checking with straw or skewer.

THIS IS BEST EATEN sliced and buttered when COMPLETELY cooled, on the same day it is cooked. (It takes ages to cool.)

Bon Appetit dear friends!

**NEW SOUTH WALES** - Jameson

Jameson knitted this scarf for his neighbour using bloom wool from Bendigo Wool.

Jameson is 12 years old and is very creative.



## CANADA – New Brunswick. Erin McKenna

This rug is the result of a course Erin McKenna took online last winter from Deanne Fitzpatrick. Erin made her own adjustments to the pattern which make it quite lovely, I think. It is called Poppies in The Glen.



## ICELAND- Helene Magnusson

A quick note to let you know that all my Knitting Tours, with or without hiking, for late 2022 are now all online and ready for booking. I'm confident that 2022 will be a good year for visiting Iceland!

- [Hiking and knitting between Fire and Ice, August 18-24](#) is an exciting and adventurous hiking tour with breathtaking sceneries where you will learn all about the traditional Icelandic intarsia, a technique unique to Iceland and seen mostly in the old Icelandic shoe-inserts.
- [Autumn Knitting Retreat in Icelandic nature, 2022, October 1-7](#) is an autumnal variation of my popular Spring Knitting tour. The colours of the autumn, possible Northern lights and the lopi sweater are on the program! No hiking but amazing landscapes and sightseeing!
- [Knitting on ice, 2022, October 19-25](#) has already sold out as I am writing this newsletter! It seems crazy, but thank you! ( [helene@helenemagnusson.com](mailto:helene@helenemagnusson.com) )

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# WINTER WING DING!

DEC 4, 2021 9am-noon



## INTERNATIONAL RUG HOOKING DAY



CANADA

### -Ontario

The Ontario Hooking Craft Guild (OHCG) in Ontario, Canada is inviting you to join us on **December 4, 2021** for **International Rug Hooking Day**! We're hosting a half day of rug displays, videos, chats and all things rug-hooking via Zoom. It's been dubbed the *Winter Wing Ding*, and it promises to be a fun event!

Want to Participate? We'd love to have you! **Send us a short video** anywhere from 30 seconds to 5 minutes telling us who you are and where you live. Give us some fun facts about your area, weather, famous landmarks, local lore. Show us one of your rugs! Why is rug hooking important to you and what's the best thing about it in your opinion. Share some advice you wish you'd been given when you started.

Once you send your video to us you will receive the link to the OHCG Zoom session that will take place on **December 4 from 9am - 12pm EST**. The link will be sent to all OHCG Members and anyone providing us with a video.

December 4 will be here before you know it. **Send your videos to [irhdvideos@gmail.com](mailto:irhdvideos@gmail.com) by November 12**. All submissions will receive a zoom link by December 3, 2021.

We can't wait to hear from you. Grab your phone, a friend to help and send us a video. Join the fun on International Rug Hooking Day, December 4, 2021.



## NEW SOUTH WALES – Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers. – Ulladulla -Elke



I have finished my 2nd rubber duckie project. Elke.



Antechinus is a native “mouse” to Australia. Looks like a mouse but has got only a very slightly longer nose. I called my “mouse” antechinus, because of the mouse plague we had in the west. It would not have felt right calling it a mouse

The rug is 65cm by 95cm Elke

ENGLAND – Nottingham - Joyce Dandridge (Report on how life is coping with Covid19)

. Over all it has been good here (over 80%) with 2 jabs now. But it has not been for everyone and there are refusals. However, we are just embarking on the booster jabs starting with frontline workers and care homes, I think I will get mine in October. Patrick should be sooner. I've also got my flu jab booked. It's that time of the year. However, it has meant that most of the restrictions imposed have now been lifted and life is a lot more normal but with personal choices and precautions. If any one comes to the house we sit in the garden if at all possible. People still wear masks on transport and in shops mostly. However, the virus is still around and we know several people who have caught it recently and quite close by but it hasn't been so severe and they have recovered in a few days. Joyce



## QUEENSLAND = Landsborough. Annette White

Yesterday, after a long break (since May), we finally were able to get together again at Judi's in Landsborough. So much fun, food and laughter, as usual. An artist woman in Coolum Beach had donated boxes and boxes filled with wool, fleece etc. I picked it up. We shared it yesterday in the group, we're mature older 'girls', but all were excited like kids at Xmas.

There was a lot of fleeces carded and raw. Kerry Mobbs, who used to come to your group when she still lived in Canberra, and now lives at the Sunshine Coast, she is going teach us felting next month. I'm looking forward to that.



Number two (left) seat pad for my kitchen stools to have the backing sewn on, one more to go.  
And another one of my fish skeletons

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Continued Annette.



This was an experiment with French knitting and stuffing the tube with woollen snippets from my hooking. It's all pure wool and I thought if I soap it and boil it, it would felt and stiffen up. But not quite the result (below) I wanted, the colour ran out and it didn't felt much. - Next time I know



NEW SOUTH WALES – Sydney - Ffrances Ingram



I finally finished my rug this am. The cats were inspired by those two narcissistic Siamese cats in 'Lady and the Tramp'. Even after 68 years their frightfulness and meanness still continue to delight me. Such a challenge trying to find the colours and lots of dying failures. Ffrances

**THE END**



