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CANADA – Ontario -Arlette

Below is my pillow top that I started during a zoom class in May with the Rug Hooking Guild of Nova Scotia. The class was Playing with Paisley, instructed by Donna Gass. The design came from freepik.com. I was ready for class at 6:30 am for three mornings, as it was given on Nova Scotia time. It was very enjoyable seeing the other students.



CANADA. Ontario – Susan.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading about what everyone around the world is doing. Your newsletter is an absolute delight. Can't believe it's number 69. Please tell the people who sent you info for it how much it means to those who read it.

Alana Simons was the maker of these crochet flowers.



NEW SOUTH WALES, Batemans Bay. Narrawilly Proggy Rugers – Ilka Landahl

Ilka knitting and crocheting for the homeless and the local ambulance during lock down.



VICTORIA -Lakes Entrance – Rhonda



Rhonda keeps journals, and this is one page, plus photo of some of her Journals, below.



A page for my art journal, to celebrate my long friendship, with Miriam and Jacqui, my two Tall Poppies

Twelve art journals now completed, to celebrate my life. Rhonda

NEW SOUTH WALES Nowra -Cathy (How we all cope with staying home during this Covid time)

I have been keeping myself busy. I limit myself to 1 hour in garden, 1 hour Craft type A then maybe 1 hour reading, then back out to the garden or Craft type B, if I feel like it. Housework comes last on the list of priorities.



Craft type A was crocheting. I've made quite a number of the bassinet or capsule covers for babies from left over wool (actually acrylic yarn), 7 shown here, and these will be sold in the church Op Shop.



The other crocheting is Completion of the 3rd Cochrane tartan rug for my grandchildren on their 18th birthday. With 10 grandchildren ranging from 6 months to 15, I feel I am target to give them all such a gift. Cathy



NEW SOUTH WALES – Eden – Beverley

I knitted a rug from odd balls in two weeks! Colours were a bit limited so I stopped before it got too big! Beverley.



JAPAN – 30TH RUGHOOKING EXHIBITON

here is the link <https://youtu.be/cqaEUUsd2KM>

This year, I will hold the 30th rug hooking exhibition from October 21 to 26 at Gallery K in Kichijoji Tokyo. My daughter will take video and put it on You Tube. Fumiyo

ENGLAND = Nottingham Cilla Cameron



'In the Heather'

14"x14" Cushion

I Hooked it with Yarn Roving that I have hand dyed. Hooked into Hessian

Yarn Roving is a fabulous yarn to Dye, Hook and Punch. It punches well with any Oxford Regular punch needle and is reasonably priced

<http://www.numonday.com/shop/cilla-cameron-rug-maker>

JOKE

1st woman: Hi! My name is Sherry.

2nd woman: Hi! I'm Sylvia. How'd you die?

1st woman: I froze to death.

2nd woman: How horrible!

1st woman: It wasn't so bad. After I quit shaking from the cold, I began to get warm & sleepy, & finally died a peaceful death. What about you?

2nd woman: I died of a massive heart attack. I suspected that my husband was cheating, so I came home early to catch him in the act. But instead, I found him all by himself in the den watching TV.

1st woman: So, what happened?

2nd woman: I was so sure there was another woman there somewhere that I started running all over the house looking. I ran up into the attic & searched, & down into the basement. Then I went through every closet & checked under all the beds. I kept this up until I had looked everywhere, & finally I became so exhausted that I just keeled over with a heart attack & died.

1st woman: Too bad you didn't look in the freezer---we'd both still be alive.

QUEENSLAND Landsborough =Judi Tompkins

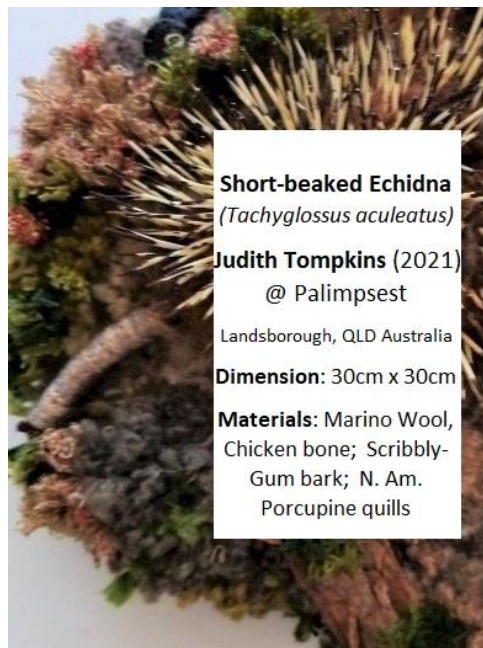
: Hi all!

I have started a hooked/Waldoboro series about little known, vulnerable/endangered Australian Wildlife. I have finished three of these "one of a kind" animals and one was sold before I made it. The pieces are 30cm x 30cm and are mounted on hexagonal stretch canvas frame (easy to hang). I'm starting on the Koala, now seriously endangered as a result of the bush fires last summer, the other animals include the Greater Bilby (the Lesser Bilby is already extinct), the Short-beaked Echidna (I had to use North American Porcupine Quills since Echidna quill is not available) and the Northern Hair-nosed Wombat.



Most people will never have seen the Northern hairy-nosed Wombat (there are only about 250 left - they live only in Epping Forest in Central Queensland) so the one seen in animal parks is the smallest, the Common Wombat. Northern Hairy-nosed Wombat is over 1M long and weighs up to 40Kg. This Wombat is endangered in QLD and critically endangered in Australia and Internationally so was an excellent candidate for the series.

Greater Bilby



Short-beaked Echidna
(*Tachyglossus aculeatus*)

Judith Tompkins (2021)
@ Palimpsest

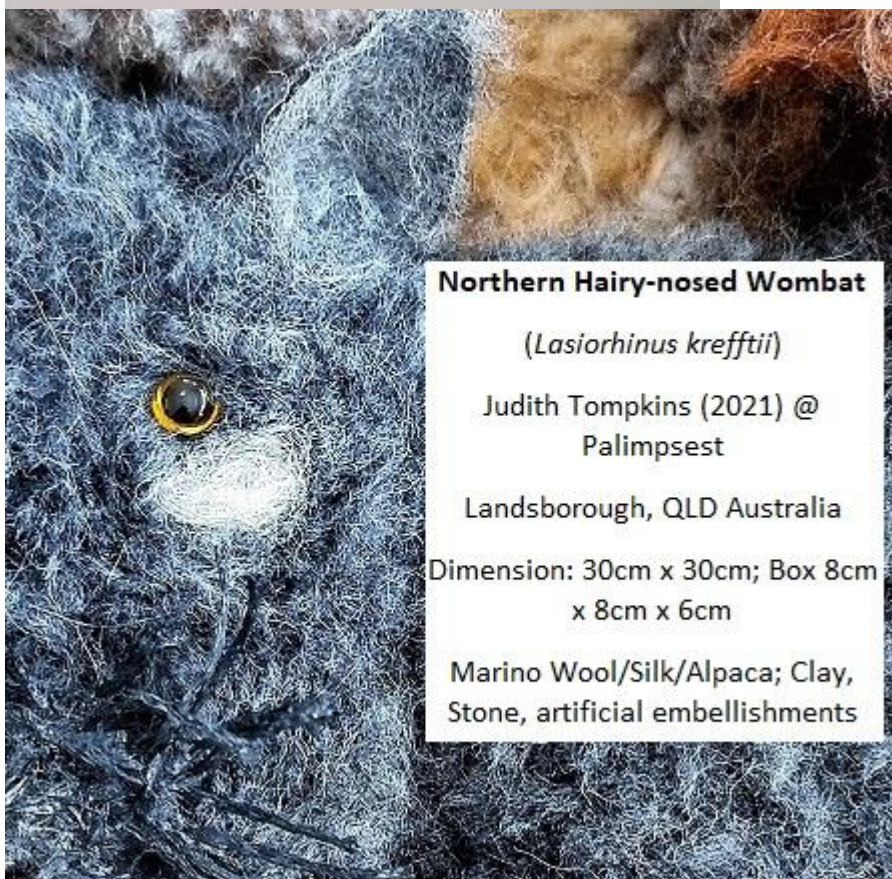
Landsborough, QLD Australia

Dimension: 30cm x 30cm

Materials: Marino Wool,
Chicken bone; Scribbly-
Gum bark; N. Am.
Porcupine quills

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Continued Judi Tompkins



OK...I did add a "peculiar" item to the Wombat piece. Wombats (all 3 species) are the only creatures in the world apparently that produce cube-shaped poo! Yes..Yes...I knew this bit of natural history would provoke all sorts of wonderment! This poopilation peculiarity was only discovered in 2018....Here's the reasons why 1. Most creatures "mark" their territories with various bodily secretions and Wombats are no different. However, the problem for them is that they live in a very dry, rocky area (Epping Forest - Central West QLD is the only place they live) so...for them to simply mark their area on a log or rock with "regular round poo" would mean that it would roll away and not serve as a good marker. Flat sides on things mean they don't roll! 2. Like so many creatures that live in dry environments they have a gut that extracts every bit of water it can from its digested material before it "sets it free". I believe that by segmenting the waste material into small cubes it means the

walls of the gut can access more surface area to extract the water, rather than trying to deal with a large lumpination (that's technical-speak!). Well-defined edges on the cube mean the animal is healthy. Meanwhile, the Wombats produce 80-100 of these poo-cubes a day....and I included an "actual size" scat 2cm cube in a small box (see photo) that serves as a miniature diorama to hold this example. Of course I added small cubes (air dry clay painted) to the fibre piece as well. Since this piece is going to a veterinarian in the US including the small example of the "scat actual size" just seemed like the right thing to do and served to add another dimension about the natural history of this unique animal.

In case this question comes up at your Trivia nights...yes the Wombat can crush an animal's skull with its rump! The thick, heavy cartilage in it rump can crush the skull of a predator if it tries to crawl overtop of the Wombat's back to attack it in its burrow. Now you're ready for Trivia night! Bring it on!

I've started on at Koala now (increasingly endangered) and am working on a series of small Australian landscapes as seen from the air.

That's all I know now! Judi

NEW SOUTH WALES – Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers Milton – Elke Smith-Hill

My new rug: Australian

Landscapes IV

'Sunset in the Desert', Oct 21.

dimensions: 1m by 70cm

Elke



Elke always labels the back of her rug. I think it is something we should all do. Miriam



CANADA – British Columbia Wild and Woolly Rug Hookers- Lorrie Storr

In mid-September Salt Spring Island, British Columbia, Canada with great trepidation, hosted its annual fall fair. Although there were several hiccups it went well. As it was tentative on whether or not it would take place we extended our deadlines for entry, and the community came through and we had lots of exhibits and the local musicians provided music. Masking was required in the buildings and where it was appropriate, we tried to have one way foot traffic.

It is a small community fair that is primarily an agricultural exhibition. We had horses, chickens, goats, sheep, and rabbits. and products from the kitchen and garden, hobbies and handicrafts. This year there were no rides and food vendors were in short supply. But we raced zucchini and chickens and in short order consumed all the pies that the Pie Ladies had baked for us. There is also an annual contest to see who finds the largest maple leaf.

The rug hooking was done by 5 members of the Wild and Woolly rug hookers, and we were pleased with the showing. The hassock won a trophy.



! Photo 1. Fall Fair 2021 Rug hooking. Please note that Wonder Woman hooked by Lynne Raymond is wearing a mask and fighting a Covid germ. She also hooked the flowers and stone head. Lorrie Storr hooked the bug rug. Marilyn McDowell hooked the hassock and 2 small bags. Marlene Langevin the owl seat cushion

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Photo 2. Seagull rug designed and hooked by Anne Keir

Photo 3. Quilts and rugs. The yellow rug was crocheted by Connie Cudrak. The squares and border of the fan quilt in the background were made in the 1940's. The quilt was assembled and hand quilted this year.



Photo 4 Largest maple leaf.
Winning big leaf maple at 18" (46 cm)

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Continued Wild and Wooly Rug Hookers

Photo 5 Scarecrows



Photo 6 Zucchini race

NEW SOUTH WALES Milton – Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers. First meeting day for months. 15th Oct.



We were allowed 10 in a home, all double vaccinated and wearing a mask. We greatly enjoyed meeting again, and chatting. Christine working hard sorting the fabrics that had come in, Kay working on a wind chime. Sue, Judy and Janet enjoying a chat. The round rug made by Sue, and the pot stands and table runner being worked on by Carol. We also picked mulberries as the Mulberry tree has made an amazing recovery after the bushfires 18month ago.

THE END.