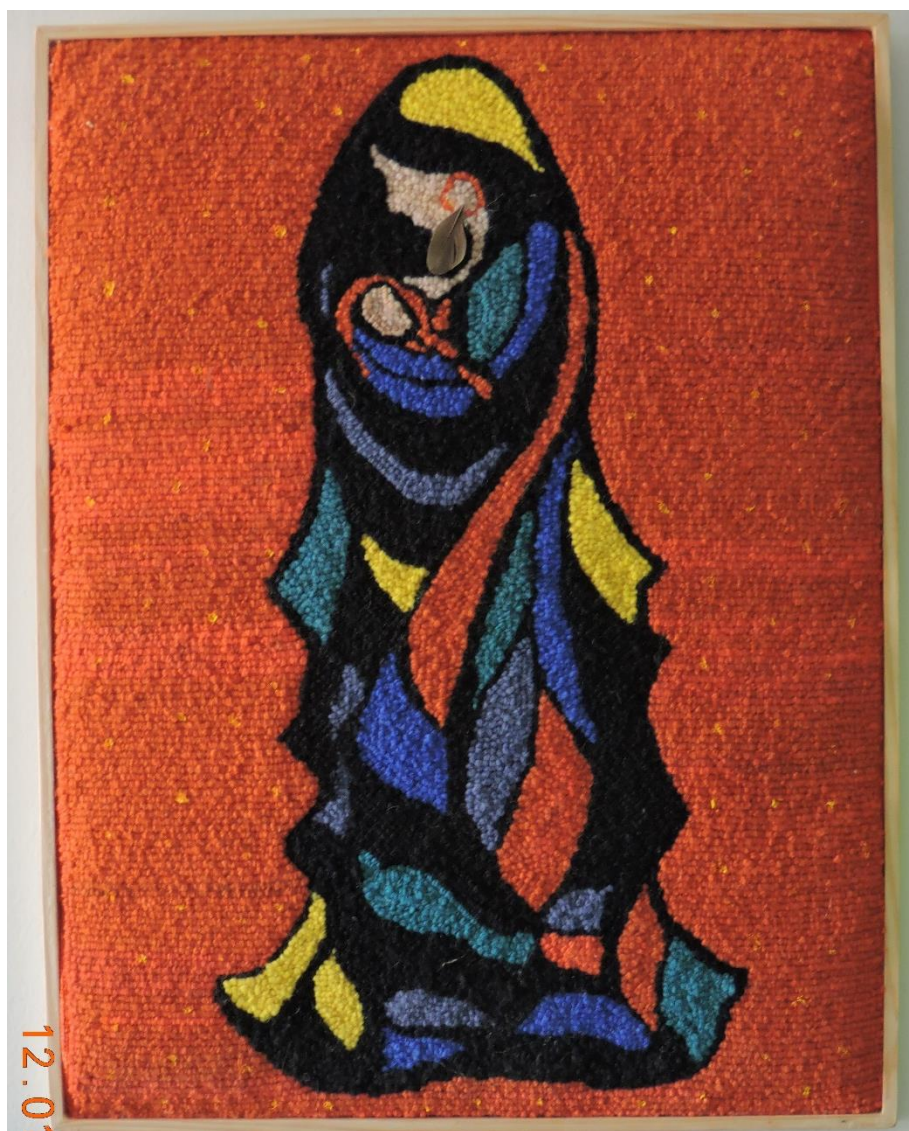


CONNECTING US

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CANADA – Nova Scotia. Kay Lewis.

I'm attaching a photo of one of my hooking's. Here in Canada, we are all concerned about the Residential Schools that our Indigenous children were forced to attend. Many died and were buried in unmarked graves. I saw a painting done by Betty Albert, entitled "215", which referred to the first number of graves discovered at a now-defunct residential school. It was so profound in its depiction of a woman and child that I felt I had to hook it. The colour orange has been adopted as the colour to represent all First Nations.



I thought you might include it in your newsletter as a reminder to us all that we must learn to treat our First Nation peoples with respect and inclusion.

Thank you.
Kay

ENGLAND – YORKSHIRE Heather Ritchie

Here is Heather's website. www.Rugmaker.co.uk

It includes several interesting videos.

AMERICA -New Hampshire -Sally Gilbert

Here is the Mola I completed through a class taught by Jayne Nevins of the OHCG (Ontario Hooking Craft Guild). Jayne provided the pattern but the colour planning was up to each student. Molas are handmade textiles as part of the traditional women's clothing made and worn by the indigenous people of Panama (Kuna). It is in effect reverse applique. The colours are vibrant and often include up to 5 different colours. size 11 in x 11 in or 28cm x 28cm. I used a 6 cut, all wool, on linen.

**NEW SOUTH WALES Milton** Miriam

A friend in Canada sent me a tea towel with the words. "Do more of what makes you happy"

I am taking that advice.

QUEENSLAND Landsborough Judi Tompkins

Finally...after

many interruptions and some thinking about how to mount and embellish the Koala with the piece Koala Tartan (I purchased some of the Tartan from the Crofters Weaving Mill in NSW. it was only registered with the Scottish Register of Tartan in March of this year)....at any rate, I wanted to give Marie and Fred Lawson credit for being my "accidental



collaborators" so....I mounted the Tartan on its own stretched canvas (put a pocket on the back to hold their business card) and mounted the Koala onto that canvas. The Tartan colours are dark and light grey with the majority of the coat colour with white speckles or patches on the rump and chest are, inside ears, on rump/chest; pink for the nose and skin around the mouth, black for the nose, dark brown for eyes and green for the Eucalyptus leaves (Grey gum). Lots of fiddling and now I know how I might do it differently but...it's done! Yes...it is all hooked work and sculpted...Merino wool/silk/Alpaca tops and embellishments.

NEW SOUTH WALES. Milton – Narrawilly proggy Ruggers – Elke Smith-Hill

Finished 😊 105x75cm love Elke



JOKE

With the holidays upon us I would like to share a personal experience with you all about drinking and driving after a "social session" with friends.

Well, this past Friday, I was out on a pre-Christmas evening with long-lost friends. I had a few cocktails, followed by a handful of glasses of vintage red wine. Despite the jolliness, I still had the sense to know that I was over the limit. That's when I decided to do what I have never done before: I took a taxi home.

Sure enough, there was a police road block on the highway but, since it was a taxi, they waved it past. I arrived home safely without incident.

This was a both a great relief and surprise because I had never driven a taxi before. I don't even know where I got it from and, now that it is in my garage, I don't know what to do with it.

Happy Holidays!

SEX AFTER DEATH?

A couple made a deal that whoever died first would come back and inform them If there is sex after death.

Their biggest fear was that there was no after-life at all.

After a long life together, the husband was the first to die.

True to his word, he made the first contact:

"Maureen ..Maureen ..."

"Is that you, Tony?"

"Yes, I've come back like we agreed."

"That's wonderful!...What's it like?"

"Well, I get up in the morning, I have sex.

I have breakfast and then it's off to the golf course.

I have sex again, bathe in the warm sun and then have sex a couple of more times...

Then I have lunch...you'd be proud....lots of greens".

Another romp around the golf course, then pretty much have sex the rest of the afternoon.

After supper, it's back to the golf course again.

Then it's more sex until late at night.

I catch some much needed sleep and then the next day it starts all over again".

"Oh, Tony! Are you in Heaven?"

"No....I'm a rabbit somewhere near Kilgra."

QUEENSLAND Kingaroy – Judith Brook

So, the part on the left is a gum tree at your place and Heather when she was teaching us, then it slips to 2018 when she was welcoming us to the TIGHR conference.

Anne and you and Jacqui and Maggie White were sitting in the bus stop that day we were waiting for the buses, and



to top off it so you could see the village houses.

Mostly hooked with recycled fabrics, as is or dyed in some way. Behind the little Tigger is the pub that was the Rug Hub. I made up the little miniature hook in Heather's hand. And the faces are embroidery and Punch needle. A bit of a mish mash but finally finished
Judith

FRANCE – Normandie- Joanna

I've been trying to finish a few rug projects but have mostly been working on a memory patchwork quilt. It's



a collection of fabrics that come from old family clothes, some go back more than 50 years, it's quite random and colourful. On the back I'm hoping to embroider the family tree.

Joanna

NEW SOUTH WALES – Eden Beverley Smith

"Everyone is getting a tail sock this Christmas".



I loved this picture - and think the creator (anon) must have had a lot of fun making it

Beverley

NEW SOUTH WALES. – Braidwood. Maggie**Ducks**

There will eventually be three of them, glued, cut and whipped around the edges in conformity with Susan Sutherland's excellent instructions on U tube. They will have small rings attached to the backs and hung just like ceramic ducks!

Rug.

Size 700 x 350cm. The design is loosely based on my 6 year old grandson Archie's drawing of a scene in Dubai.



TASMANIA-Delorraine – Laura Window

The latest finished piece from our Monday morning rug hooking group. This is "Autumn Leaves" showing lots of sky, clouds and sun by Irene Woodward.

Hope all is going well with you and your group. Our borders are opening on December 15th, which is exciting and a bit scary as well. We really don't know what to expect. A case of wait and see. Cheers Laura.



NEW SOUTH WALES. Moruya -Ruth Hassall

I use thick canvas, sew an edge, gesso a few times, paint a background, paint the foreground and then use a polyurethane finish. I then paint a nonslip grip on the base. They are great! I have one in the kitchen and it just wipes clean! It's been there 5 years and looks new (that's the chook one) Keeps my toes off cold tiles and makes me smile... they're fun! 😊🌸 size of goat rug 3922x 2783



NEW SOUTH WALES – Milton- Christine Alexander

Progy rug made with overdyed blanket. Size 48 ½ x 53 inches or 124cm x 135cm



NEW SOUTH WALES – Narromine -Nathalie Quinliven (plus the story of the beanies)

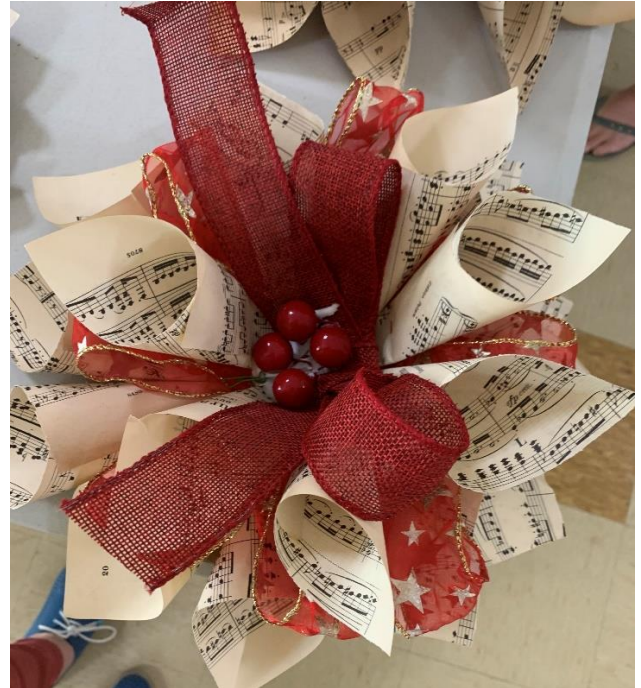


The boys in the Tuck family (my sister married Neville Tuck) all go away to boarding school in Sydney . At this school, Scots., they play Rugby Union Football and the boys all loved their football. On their return to Narromine at the end of school Anthony and Charles both played in the home town rugby football team, The Narromine Gorillas, combining playing, training with their farming activities. There comes a time when Physical fitness and farm work means they can no longer play but they become ardent supporters. The football code is very active and the team travels all over the district for matches. Narromine has been the Champions of the district many times. When they can't play, they become good supporters. This is where i come in. Because it is played in winter and supporters are often sitting in open stands i thought i would knit The Tuck Football Beanies. Anthony is my nephew and the Grandfather, Charles is Anthony's son and father of Hamish and Oliver. Both boys adore their Grandfather, and like to imitate everything Grandpa and Dad do and willingly go off to football matches with them. The Gorilla colours are black, red and white, so the two big black beanies are for Anthony and Charlie and the 2 smaller black ones are for Hamish and Oliver-- you will see thar the stripes make 2 matching pairs. Kathryn and Charles's 3rd child, a daughter Libby, was born last August so i thought i would do the female members' beanies a little different. They are white and Libby's has her colours in the pompom on top. The beanies are handknitted in 8 ply wool from Bendigo woollen mills.

Nathalie

SOUTH AUSTRALIA – Strathalbyn group.

Jenny B led the group in making Christmas wreaths from old music sheets



Hooked rug designed and made by Judy Stephens.



This was a fun and challenging piece. My first attempt at hooking snow. The drawing is an adaptation of a card I had. It is my COVID piece hooked this year. I am calling it “A winter stroll.” I enjoyed dyeing the yarns and wool used. The size is 18” by 26”.

Really found that the yarns worked to create the texture I wanted to achieve in the snow. Marg.

WISHING EVERYONE A HEALTHY HAPPY 2022

MIRIAM

THE END

