

CONNECTING US

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ENGLAND – Hastings – Jayne Watkins

I am sending this photo from Sunday. My Opera Group. We sang a song for 'Support the Refugee's Festival'. We are the sopranos in red and pink



CANADA -- Winnie

The only perfect rhyming word for orange is "**sporange**." A sporange is an old botanical term for "sporangium," the portion of a fern in which asexual spores are created. This doesn't exactly lend itself to use in sonnets or couplets, but it's handy trivia nonetheless.

AUSTRALIA -New South Wales– Wollongong - Fiona McKay (Making scarves in memory of her mother.)



The first job I did was to set out flowers and leaves from Mum's coffin spray to dye silk for scarves for 'the girls' in the family. They aren't as colourful as I expected, but are soft and gentle. I wondered if maybe I didn't spray enough vinegar, or maybe there wasn't enough steam - it turned out the saucepan had a leak. But they're a memory anyway. A good learning experience, and I appreciate the friend who guided me



CHRISTMAS ISLAND – Annmarie Czichy (Annmarie teaches English and Creative Art)

Hi Miriam, still here on Christmas Island. It's a wonderful existence, quiet, kind and peaceful. My resources come mostly from the ocean which is a great sadness so I try to at least create something special. I'll drop a few photos



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Christmas island continued



CANADA – Alberta – Arlette Spencer



Here is the project that I call Neon Evolution. I wanted to see if I could dye wool that would transition between the colours where they overlapped. Since they were plain colours, I tried to use a variety of textures for each shape. In my mind this shows up sideways; the purple rectangle should be at the bottom!

AUSTRALIA Queensland– Kingaroy- Judith Brook



My son brought me this hand spun Merino back from Patagonia. It is not plyed so it may have been done on a drop spindle, very thick and strong. It is full of lanolin and Flora of the Andes, even a few black hairs from the lady who spun it, so I feel very connected. I'm knitting him a big chunky jumper with it on 8 ml needles. And will, need several, washes but sure to come up great.

I've been demonstrating rugmaking on my days in the gallery (Kingaroy Mondays) and people are taken with the Punch needle as I had this little piece on the go while the Alpaca Collective were having their show in Gallery 1.

The little trivets were also brought back from South America and were made by Fabio's Nonna in Sao Paulo, from little scraps of material with bottle caps inside. Good use of recycling I thought, but very fiddly. I took over a little hooky rug that I'd made, for them.



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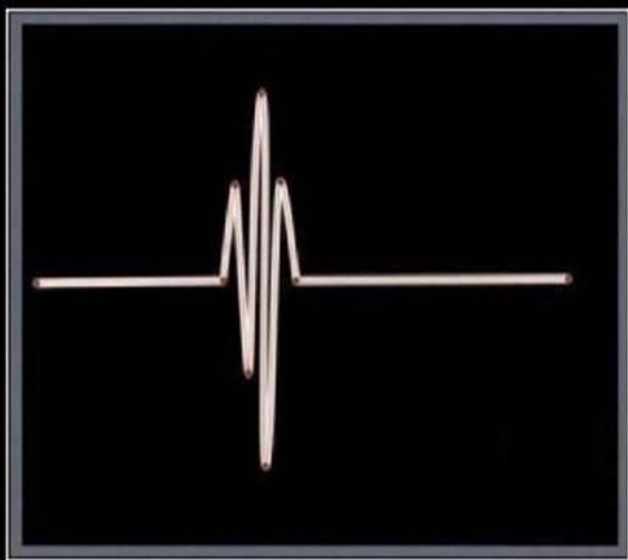
This is one of Ruth Wagner's art quilting pieces, called "Joyful" She had a display in Gallery 2 for June. She is a pathologist in her spare time



With the cold weather there has been requests for hot water bottle covers from the family. The houndstooth one (made from vintage wool) is for my daughter-in-law



Dog coats have also been on the list, as I have been doing a lot of dog sitting and much cooler here than Brisbane.



If there are no ups and downs in your life
It means you are dead

One of the best
feelings in the
world is knowing
that your presence
and absence both
mean something
to someone.



ENGLAND – Hastings

Jayne -Watkins

Black rag rug almost finished
and I'm knitting another one
for the bathroom with very
chunky needles



AUSTRALIA

New South Wales

Brianna and Damien

Beginners first hooking.

We look forward to seeing the finished piece.

JOKE

ATTORNEY: ALL of your responses **MUST** be oral, OK? What school did you attend?

WITNESS: Oral.



Left

Me working on a table runner in my Rug Room,

Miriam

AUSTRALIA Queensland- Kingaroy- Judith brook

Soap making



As I wasn't doing an exhibition for the Craft Fest this year, I thought I'd treat myself to a Soapmaking workshop with Felicity.

It was great fun, a bit like baking a cake, though all measurements had to be exact.

These are all our soaps lined up at the finish. Everyone did something different.

They had to harden for at least 24 hrs before they can be taken out of the mould and cut into cakes, then the cakes have to be stood on end, separated and left to dry for 6 weeks. That's the hardest part, waiting for it to be ready. But makes the hallways smell beautiful.

Below photo of Arlette's rug, a size larger, trying to better show her dyeing success. Miriam



CANADA= Newfoundland – Gander. Patricia parsons

Summer Hooking

The "dog days" of summer have certainly arrived here in Newfoundland, as we are seeing record breaking temperatures that we can only dream of in a bleak mid-winter.

It got me thinking about the pleasure- and fun- of hooking summer related themes- water, beaches, fishes, clear blue skies, whales, lighthouses and so on. Such creativity abounds when strolling along a sandy beach, and many of us want to capture those beautiful scenes to sustain us through a dark winter's day. Diane Burton, a rug hooker from Glovertown, (about an hour east of Gander) has designed and hooked some beautiful rugs in her short time as a rug hooker. I came across some of her work on display at The Beaches Arts Centre up the road from Diane's home town. Her work is creative, whimsical and her choice of colour, of yarn/wool/material, always gives her mats a real texture and depth.



I often want to go home and try to capture her style and colours

Have a look at the 3 mats here - I bet you will agree with me, that summertime is the most fun time for rug hooking, and Diane has certainly done that.

Happy Hooking!

Pat Parsons,

THE END