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CANADA New Brunswick. Mary Alexander

Grenfell Rugs

The Grenfell Mission was founded in 1892 by Dr. Wilfred Grenfell who came over from England to work with the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen. He resolved to dedicate his life to those of the coast of Labrador and Northern Newfoundland due to the harshness of the conditions and absence of health care.



Grenfell and fellow nurses travelled the coast to the communities via boat in the summer and by dog team in the winter.

Dr. Grenfell was very concerned at the poverty, hunger and disease that the native people were living in; it was then that he set up a cottage industry so that the women could sell their rug mats rather than exchange them for food and medicines.

Silk stockings were obtained by the mission from all over and sent to the women who dyed them and used them for hooking. Grenfell Mats are famous for their tiny stitches and straight horizontal line hooking and detailed design of Labrador images such as dog teams and other images relative to the Labrador coast. Mats were designed by Mrs Grenfell as were a number designed by Dr. Grenfell himself.

Grenfell rugs were hooked by the women living on the coast of Labrador and Northern Newfoundland during the winter months when fishing was not possible due to ice conditions. These mats were sold thru the cottage industry primarily to England and the United States. By the winter of 1929 the revenue from Grenfell mat sales was \$63,000

Shortly after the Second World War ended the interests in such mats waned due apparently to the fact that it became easier to find materials to produce rug mats and the women did not want to appear as if they were living in poverty so chose to purchase materials for hooking themselves.



Fortunately, Grenfell Matts are still produced and sold thru the Grenfell Handicraft Store, St Anthony Newfoundland , Canada

AMERICA – New Hampshire Sally Gilbert



This is a door pocket I hooked and will fill with Christmas greens and give to my daughter-in law as a gift. The pattern was purchased from Two Old Crows, and was fun and easy to make. It has linen as the foundation cloth and is 13 inches long. I used a 6-cut using wool from my stash.

AUSTRALIA – New South Wales. Milton

Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers Christmas lunch. A photo of 4 of the attendees. Janet, Miriam, Jacqui and Christine.



CANADA – Nova scotia. Cathy Komourdjian



I have almost finished a small Celtic mat David Rankine designed for Gail Lambert...

AUSTRALIA New South Wales. – Milton

Outside my bedroom window this morning. A lone male. Don't know if he was banished from the mob, perhaps a young male, been there a couple of hours. I don't see Kangaroos often Miriam



AUSTRALIA New South Wales. Mogo -Dawn Hollins

ivan's daughters Sharon and Andrea created the beautiful patchwork quilt pictured below



. RECIPE Here is a simple recipe

Honymel Sauce (for ice cream or deserts in particular)

1 cup Honey

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup cream

6 tbs of butter

1.5 tsps. Natural vanilla

Heat and stir honey and cream only to boiling point remove from heat.

Hand whisk in butter and vanilla.

Cool and place in 500ml squeeze bottle.

Excellent over fruit pudding.

AUSTRALIAN CHRISTMAS TREE. Photo sent by Maree Vickery



CANADA – Nova Scotia. Cathy Komourdjian

I did a brown bag challenge with Jane Steele from Petite Riverier...used Winnie Glavine idea of hooking on a mesh waste basket (round 11 " high). Winnie is so creative. I used beach artifacts that I have collected over the years. Working /functional art. I love how it turned out...



CANADA = ONTARIO. Bellville karen Kaiser.

I have made a Santa Banner for my front step.
I now have one for every season.



AUSTRALIA – Queensland. Kingaroy. Judith brook



Left, is the image I made of Heather from that time I came down to you for the rug workshop weekend. (She always seemed to have a hook in her hand). And then it took another 10 years for me to get around to finishing the rug, after we came back from Reeth.

Right.- This was a little rug my niece Zaylie started ages ago and which I finished for her while I was there.



AUSTRALIA- Northern Territory -Darwin. Irene Bruninghausen

Starting another Central Australian landscape



CANADA Gander Patricia Parsons



Members of the Gander group Hooking Matters gathered in mid-December, to share a festive meal and catch up on all things rug hooking related- Where's the best place to buy wool? Are there any courses coming up in the new year? Where can I order a pattern from? How can I renew my membership in our Guild? These are the things we love to chat about. Happy New Year to one and all!



AUSTRALIA -Western Australia - Wink. Lindsay



My Jacarandas are in full flower at the moment - a joyous sight and I do love the purple carpet beneath the trees. Isn't nature amazing!

CANADA – Lynda Grant



Greetings from Canada CA, land of ice and snow these days

My son and his family live in Victoria Australia. When we came to visit, before Covid, we would often take a small holiday together to visit Barwon Heads.

The holiday town of Barwon Heads is located on the southern coast of the Bellarine Peninsula and separated by the Barwon River from its twin coastal town of Ocean Grove. It is a popular seaside community, from the shallow and sandy shoreline of the Barwon River to the windswept surf beaches which front Bass Strait along the 13th Road Beach. The Bluff Lookout, at Point Flinders, is situated on a rocky outcrop and a network of surrounding walking tracks provide views over the town centre, the Barwon River and across the Bass Strait in all directions.

We have been lucky to rent a sea cottage by the ocean for 5 consecutive years, such a magical place. We have had many happy family memories during our visits together and that is why I have chosen to hook a landscape piece from one of my photographs. It captures our memories.

Looking forward to our next family visit this February 2023

THE END