

# CONNECTING US

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**CANADA -Vancouver Island** Sheila Stewart

I love the articles on recycling and reusing fabric in August Newsletter. I am teaching a beginner rug hooking workshop on Denman Island near Vancouver Island in October this year using recycled t-shirts (information at [creativethreadsconspiracy.com](http://creativethreadsconspiracy.com)). Using T-shirts for Rug Hooking is not only less expensive but much better for the environment. As the article says, there is far too much fabric going into the landfill and creating rugs from recycled fabric is a wonderful way to use it. Below is a sample of my rug hooked with T-shirts. Sheila





Each month I get several newsletters returned with the explanation that account over quota, or mail box full, limit exceeded, so if you do not receive the newsletter please check and advise me when I can resend.  
Miriam

AUSTRALIA -QUEENSLAND. Annette White



These flowers were crocheted by my 13 yr. grandniece for me. Annette

My niece from Germany with husband and four kids have arrived on Sunday, and already the older girls are keen on rug hooking. I set them up with an embroidery frame to try it out. Annette is 13 and very "hooked". Annette

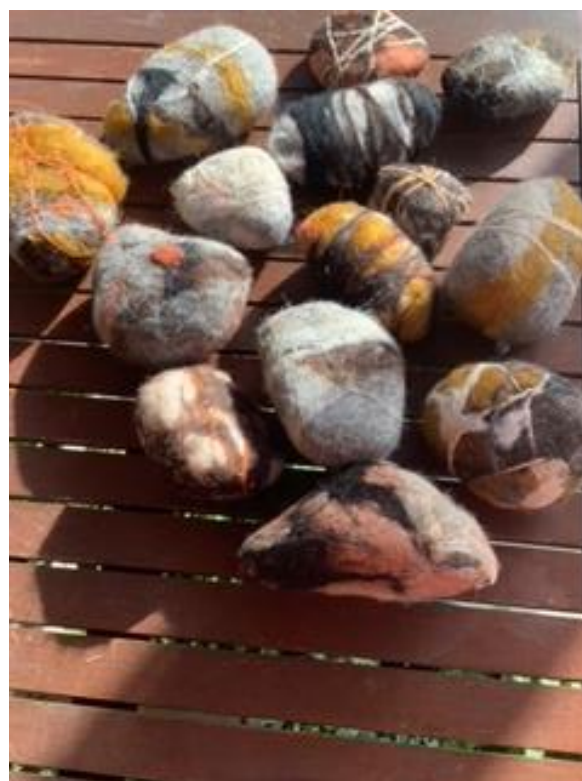
### JOKE

Once I went to a party with my husband, full of people he knew (from work) but I didn't. A guy came up to us, turned to me and said "You must be his wife." I turned to my husband and said "You have a WIFE?" Should've seen the guy's face!



## AUSTRALIA NEW SOUTH WALES – Milton – Milton Spinning Group.

### Felting Rocks



Easy felting: warm soapy water, wrap smooth stone evenly in plenty of wool roving or batting, (Corriedale is good) add decorative yarn or other feltable decorative bits. Hold under warm soapy water till thoroughly wet, then carefully put inside a knee-high pantihose, knot it closed firmly near stone, and roll and massage in your hands, adding more soap directly onto wool if slow to felt. Keep going till it doesn't move and has shrunk onto stone. You can add other bits or tidy it up as you go before it gets too tight. Undo it from pantihose once or twice to stop it felting through the pantihose as well. Rinse in water with dash of vinegar. Dry in sun. Vivien

## QUEENSLAND – KINGAROY. Judith Brook



The little elephant is made out of old blanket.

And I was just trying to make some little blanket soft toys.

As a change from knitting and rug making.

The sunflower rug I did a while ago using hooky and proggy. The yellow was a fleecy jumper with printing on the front which I left on, so as not to run out of fabric. Judith.

**My Kid: I feel like you're always making up rules and stuff.**

**Me: Like what?**

**My Kid: Like if I don't clean my room a portal will open and take me to another dimension.**

**Me: Well that's what happened to your older brother.**

**My Kid: What older brother?**

**Me: Exactly.**

The older you get the more you realize how precious life is. You have no desire for drama, conflict or stress. You just want good friends, a cozy home, food on the table, and people who make you happy.

Oldtimers9.com



## AUSTRALIA - NORTHERN TERRITORY Irene Bruninghausen

Finniss River Red Gums. Central Australia.

I finished this a few weeks ago and entered it in the Royal Darwin Show in the 'recycled used materials' section. It scored second prize. I have no idea what came first as I got there late on collection day and all the other exhibits had already gone. The materials were well and truly used and bound for landfill as I picked them up from the side of the road, garbage skips and bins and from 50cents/\$1 racks at op shops. Had quite a lot of difficulty sourcing rich cream and mid blues and was wishing I could avail myself of your well stocked shelving.

Love and best wishes. Irene





## CANADA – New Brunswick. Mary Alexander

My camera is not taking great pictures. Anyway, I'm sending 2 pictures taken with this camera, of my kaleidoscope mat. One of them while I was struggling with colour arrangements and the other of the end results. The word in this is HOPE. It is a bit dyslexic re the P. I did not catch this until yesterday! After thinking about it, I have decided to leave it because it is me/who I am. Most of the women in the course choose names for their words. I choose HOPE because it is, for one, "What moves the foot forward is HOPE", David Joy author of *Those We Thought We Knew*.

The course of creating hooked kaleidoscopes was given by Donna Legere, a certified Nova Scotia Canada Rug Hooking Teacher, and Certified Oxford Punch Needle Instructor. The size of our kaleidoscopes is 16 inches in diameter. I think and believe our group would agree, Donna is a wonderful, generous teacher.

I attended a funeral of a friend. and this was the first time I have attended a funeral where the program had a recipe on the back page. It is one of Ruth's famous recipes, "Strawberry, Rhubarb torte. BASE... 1cup graham wafer crumbs, 2 tbsp white sugar 4 tbsp melted butter... combine and press in pan, bake for 10 minutes... keep some crumbs for topping them. Cook 2 cups strawberries and 2 cups rhubarb together, and add 1 cup w sugar, 4 tbsp cornstarch, 1/2 cup water, food colouring? Cook until thick. Spread on graham crust TOPPING 1 env dream whip, 1 1/2 cups small white marshmallows 1 pkg of vanilla instant pudding, 2 cups milk".





Continued Mary Alexander.



## SIGNS.

In a Podiatrist's office:

"Time wounds all heels."

At an Optometrist's Office:

"If you don't see what you're looking for,  
you've come to the right place."

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On a Plumber's truck:

"We repair what your husband fixed."

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### On another Plumber's truck:

"Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber."

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### On a Church's Billboard:

"7 days without God makes one weak."

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### At a Towing company:

"We don't charge an arm and a leg. We want tows."

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### On an Electrician's truck:

"Let us remove your shorts."

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### In a Non-smoking Area:

"If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action."

**AUSTRALIA NEW SOUTH WALES – Milton – Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers -Kay Moriarty.**



A set of Coasters in process of being made, in similar colours and varied patterns.

Kay is going to make a large piece combining the colours and some of the patterns. To complete the set.

The end



