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CANADA ALBERTA      Arlette

We held our Prairie Harvest Rug Hooking School from September 22 - 27, 2023, at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Below is the project that I completed for the rug show at the school. It is an image by our local CHAT Television station (used with permission). It was taken at a city park just outside of Medicine Hat at last year's hot air balloon festival. Titled "Reflections: RiseUp YXH", the latter the name of the festival with the call letters for our airport.

The balloons are sculpted. Size 16 x 20 inches.





## AUSTRALIA- WESTERN AUSTRALIA. Wink.

My latest hooked project was a cushion for my best friend, just in time for her to visit. Her favourite colour is pink so I opted for bright! She also loves texture so I had a wonderful time looking for interesting fabrics at the Op shop to add to my stash. I used a bright pink piece of velvet fabric on the back. She loved it! Wink.



## AUSTRALIA – NEW SOUTH WALES. NARRAWILLY PROGGY RUGGERS 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER



### FAR RIGHT

Bag by Judy  
Thurecht and right  
Sue Rodney with  
her cushion for  
next year's Milton  
Show, Theme  
'Home Grown.'



## Continued Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers



Right Alana's  
dyeing.

Below right  
Christines cushion  
and left Alana's  
proggy rug.



See next page for Alana's  
comments on her proggy rug.





## Continued Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers

I call it 'Colours of the West' I vaguely copied it from an aerial photo of some Western Australian coastline. My goal is to make a rug to represent all the different places my various children live. It is 80cm x 220cm, and it weighs a ton. Alana



Dogs love the rug. Alana



Right- Jacqui on her first day out of hospital after 7 weeks, with broken ankle.

Below bright knitted rug.

Miriam





## AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES. WOLLONGONG

Fiona McKay

-Breaking with the rug theme, but still creating, I'm sending photos of some teapot towers I finished a while ago. I wanted some year-long interest and colour where there was none. I'm hoping that, eventually, the garden will take off and the towers will nestle in amongst foliage. I'm building up to do a pole mosaiced with lots of mug handles and pieces of broken china for another part of the garden





## AUSTRALIA WESTERN AUSTRALIA Sent by Jo Franco.

Cairn by Claire Connolly | Mixed media – sari silk, acrylic paint, textile medium and satin varnish on fabric

Claire is one of the founders of The Colour Exhibition, so we're tickled pink she won this year's Robin Inkpen Textile Prize which is an award close to everyone's hearts.

Here's Claire's thoughts on winning the award!



"Five years ago, a small group of arty friends decided to create The Colour Exhibition. Just prior to the first exhibition one of these friends unexpectedly passed away and in honour of her, the Robin Inkpen Textile Prize was created. On Friday evening at the Opening Night of The Colour Exhibition 2023 I was honoured to receive the Robin Inkpen Textile Prize for my textile and acrylic artwork Cairn. It occurred to me that a cairn is a mound of rough stones built as a memorial - this one is for you Robin."

Artist Statement:

"It's interesting how your mind can balance itself by focusing on the overwhelming beauty of a large landscape whilst also appreciating the colours in the small spaces right in front of you."

### JOKE

from  
Nathalie

\$45 billion found in a Nigerian man's flat. He'd spent ten years trying to get rid of it but no one answered his emails.





## AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND KINGAROO Judith Brook



- RIP Queenie, I started of course, after the Queen died. Mostly tee shirting.

The little abstract on the side was just using up the rest of the backing (polyester from Bec Andersen). I had on the stretcher frame

## AUSTRALIA- NEW SOUTH WALES – BUCKENBOURA Jane



Jane's cotton jumper was knitted in panels and sewn together.



## AUSTRALIA NEW SOUTH WALES – MILTON – Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers again.

We were invited to take part in a Community Expo. Bringing all the organizations in the district together after the bushfires.



Here we are, Janet, Judy, Miriam and Christine about to set up our stand

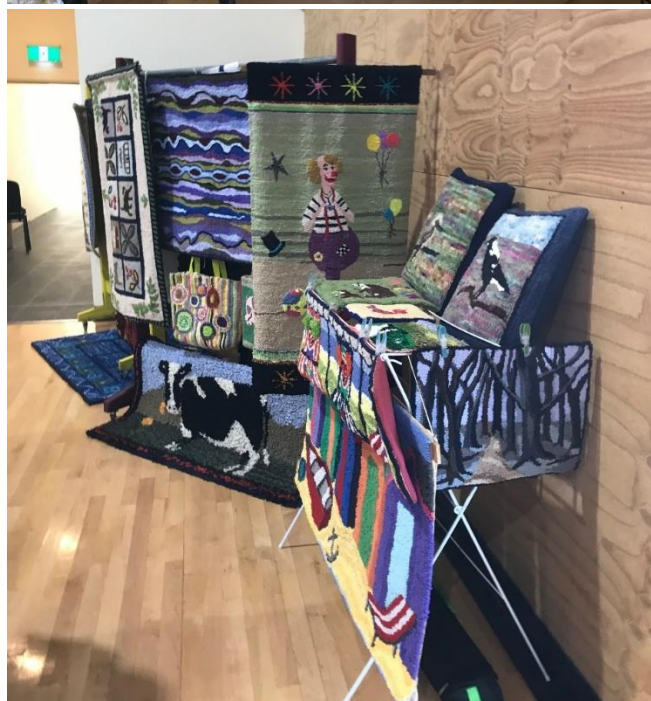






There were 90 local organizations represented from Rotary, Lions, to Helping homeless, Marine Rescue, youth, aging. Entertainment. and more. The local high school did the catering, and there was food for all. Entertainment too.

This is the second year there has been a government grant to hold this event.





AUSTRALIA- NEW SOUTH WALES. Milton. Milton Spinning Group. Jackie Davies



Beautiful rug being crochet by Jackie.

Nearly finished.



ENGLAND. London Knitting and Craft Show. Jayne Watkins.



Saw this at the Show and thought of you!



## CANADA – NOVA SCOTIA. Cindy Noble



Sending you my Monarch Butterfly Fascinator mat, just have to finish the edge. Hooked by me and designed by Jane Steele of Riverhouse Shop, from Petiette Riviere, N.S.

I hooked it for a dear friend I went to school with, who loves Monarchs.



## IRELAND – CORK - Michelle

## Update from Ireland



Hello all,

I have been busy this autumn completing my ATT (Advanced Teacher Training) homework to be an advanced instructor. This means I will be able to teach others to be an Oxford Punch Needle Instructors in Ireland and online. I trained to be an Oxford Punch Needle Instructor with Amy Oxford back in 2018. I returned to the US in Sept 2022 to complete my Advanced Training. It's something I'm really passionate about as I love to share the joy of punch needle with others.

I will share more of my work if I get accredited!! But for now it's down and posted away to Amy Oxford and Heidi

Whipple for review.

This weekend I am vending at Irelands first "Let's Knit" festival in Doolin in co Clare. This is so exciting as it all about the wool and it's a first in person yarn festival in a few years so we are all really looking forward to it. I will be a one stop shop for all things punch needle at it.

That's an update from Ireland will let you all know how I get on next month!

Happy punching. Michelle



**JOKE** from Rosalie.

#### Don't Argue with a Woman

One morning the husband returns after several hours of fishing and decides to take a nap. Although not familiar with the lake, the wife decides to take the boat out. She motors out a short distance, anchors, and reads her book.

Along comes a Game Warden in his boat. He pulls up alongside the woman and says, "Good morning, Ma'am. What are you doing?"

"Reading a book," she replies, (thinking, "Isn't that obvious?") "You're in a Restricted Fishing Area," he informs her. "I'm sorry, officer, but I'm not fishing. I'm reading." "Yes, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment. I'll have to take you in and write you up."

"If you do that, I'll have to charge you with sexual assault," says the woman.

"But I haven't even touched you," says the game warden. "That's true, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start

at any moment."  
"Have a nice day ma'am," and he left.

MORAL: Never argue with a woman who reads. It's likely she can also think.

## AUSTRALIAN RUGMAKERS PAGE

### Groups and contacts

#### New South Wales

**Sydney – Epping** contact Jacky email [rugmakers2018@gmail.com](mailto:rugmakers2018@gmail.com) for details.

**Milton-** Narrawilly Proggy Ruggers contact Miriam Miller [narrawillyfarm@shoal.net.au](mailto:narrawillyfarm@shoal.net.au). Meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays

**Braidwood** contact Maggie Hickey email [maggie.hickey@bigpond.com](mailto:maggie.hickey@bigpond.com) Our rugging group meets at the BRAG Centre on the 2nd Monday each month. Beginners and experienced textilers all welcome.

**Cobargo- Bermagui** contact Dawn Hollins – [pigeontree@live.com](mailto:pigeontree@live.com)

#### VICTORIA

**Warrandyte - Yarra valley Group** contact Anne Schafer email [a.schafer@bigpond.com](mailto:a.schafer@bigpond.com) or phone 04 09844207 (There is also a Victorian Rugmakers messenger group through face book.)

**Leongatha – South Coast Ruggers** contact Chris Noorbergen email [jerryandchris@startmail.com](mailto:jerryandchris@startmail.com)



## QUEENSLAND

Mt Tambourine -contact Bec Andersen <https://www.becandersen.com/happy-hookers>

Sunshine Coast – contact Judi Tompkins email [judi.tompkins@bigpond.com](mailto:judi.tompkins@bigpond.com)

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Strathalbyn “ Strathmatter Rugs and More” contact Judith Stephens Email [studioblue20@gmail.com](mailto:studioblue20@gmail.com)

We meet at the Strathalbyn Neighbourhood Centre on Parker Avenue

First and third Fridays between 10 and 12.30 pm. Anyone is welcome to come and have a go.

## A.C.T.

CANBERRA – contact Maggie Whyte email [maggieandfish@hotmail.com](mailto:maggieandfish@hotmail.com)

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Wanneroo contact Jo Franco -email [rughookingaustralia@gmail.com](mailto:rughookingaustralia@gmail.com)

They also have a website <https://wanneroorugmakers.com>

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## THE END.