



HOOKER HAPPENINGS

Crooked River Rug Hookers

February 2022



I, for one, am happy to have January behind me. Have you noticed how many more minutes of daylight we have? Daylight savings time begins on Sunday, March 14. And with each passing day, we are inching closer to spring. Only forty seven more days.

I hope everyone has had time to hook or be creative in other ways. It is good for the soul.

Fingers crossed that we can meet **Wednesday, February 23**, 10:00 am at Westlake's Porter Library.

Happy hooking,
Lauren

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What will tomorrow bring?



Do you know how Groundhog Day came about?

According to an old English rhyme:

*"If Candlemas Day is clear and bright,
Winter will have another bite.
If Candlemas Day brings cloud and rain,
Winter is gone and will not come again."*

This eventually grew into a tradition, particularly among German people, where woodland animals such as badgers or hedgehogs would be consulted as to whether or not they cast a shadow. Being outdoor creatures, of course, that would only happen if it were a "clear and bright" sunny day.

And when German immigrants came to America, they brought the tradition with them, swapping out hedgehogs for groundhogs.

The tradition was popular enough that in 1886, the newspaper The Punxsutawney Spirit dubbed February 2nd as Groundhog Day, which stuck and grew to its current national observance (such as it is). That's thanks in no small part to the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club, which was formed in 1887 and has been championing the cause ever since.

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Our hook in co-chairs have asked that I remind everyone to contribute a mat for our hook in that will be used as door prizes. Mats should be about 8" x 8" or the equivalent. Of course, larger mats are most welcome, too. Just think . . . we have 48 members and if each member contributed one, that would be almost two per table. Wouldn't that be amazing?

Currently there are four free patterns available on our website, [www.crookedriverrughookers.com](http://www.crookedriverrughookers.com). If you have a copyright free pattern to share, please email Heidi at [go.woolnuts@yahoo.com](mailto:go.woolnuts@yahoo.com).

Applique mats are most welcome, too. Stitched by member Jane Schofield.



Jane has graciously invited members to join her at her house on February 17 from 11:00 - 3:00 to work on applique mats. She has wool and patterns. She will even feed us lunch! Text her at 216-210-3009 for more details or to let her know you will be attending.

In addition we will be hooking sunflowers to attach to old bed springs that will also be door prizes.

Raffle baskets are needed as they are a major source of hook in income. Let your imagination run wild! Grab a friend if you wish and brainstorm. The more baskets we have to raffle off, the more money we can bring in to support our guild. Perhaps you have some beautiful wool that you know you won't use. A pattern you know you won't hook. Hooking related books you no longer wish to keep. BUT . . . baskets don't have to be hooking related. Many of us would be happy to win a wine and cheese basket or perhaps a movie themed basket with a DVD, popcorn and candy. Any and all are welcome.

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Calendar of Events

February 12, 2022 - Wild & Wooly, Berea Fairgrounds, 11 am - 4 pm

February 23, 2022 - CRRH guild meeting

April 2, 2022 - Connie Bradley's spring hook in

April 30, 2022 - Western Reserve hook in. This hook in is full and there is a wait list for members only

June 4, 2022 - Great Lakes hook in - Susanne Woodbury

September 17, 2022 - Hooktoberfest

October 15, 2022 - Ft. Laurens hook in

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Are you interested in attending a rug camp? Dragonfly on the Lakes at Cedar Lakes in Ripley, WV, will be held May 8-13. Our very own, most talented, Sibyl Osicka is one of the teachers, along with Jeanne Benjamin, Sue Clark, Gail Dufresne, Liz Marino, Kris McDermet and Joan Reckwerdt. Contact Christine Hornby at [hornbychrisgds@gmail.com](mailto:hornbychrisgds@gmail.com) for more information.

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