



HOOKER HAPPENINGS

Crooked River Rug Hookers

August 2022



How can it already be August? Here I am, a day late and a dollar short. I have a myriad of excuses why this newsletter is late! The main one . . . Rug Week at Sauder. For those of you who don't know, I, along with Melissa Masterson, are vending there. The Holy Grail of rug hooking vending. We are so honored to have been asked, but let me tell you, to say it is overwhelming and stressful is an understatement. If I don't sleep between now and then, I would still only get half of what I wanted to done. I hope you will be making the trip to Sauder. It is very doable for a day trip

and well worth the visit. So much inspiration . . . and did I mention wonderful shopping? Please stop by and say hello!

Lauren Fuqua

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### **Vice-President's Musings**

I think we are really getting back on track. It took a while after Covid, and we still have work to do. But we are really getting it together.

I really enjoyed putting together the "Snippet Bowl" that Linda organized. I am going to make some for members of another group I am a member of. We do have ideas for our August, September, and October meetings, but if you have a project you would like to share with the group, please let us know.

You all might have noticed that I like to demonstrate. I have a couple of spinners from the spinning guilds I belong to that come when they can. I display flyers for all guilds and events, talk to those interested. I would love to have some of you come and show how to hook.

Cheers,

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Hook in news . . .

The hook in is quickly approaching. We have collected 32 mats that will be used as door prizes. We are getting close to our goal of 50 so please consider hooking (or stitching or punching) one or two for the tables. Also, 22 of the sunflowers have already been turned in. THANK YOU!

Please remind your hooker friends to register for the hook in as soon as possible! We currently have 91 registered. Spread the word! Please note . . . special requests to your lunch cannot be honored. The lunches come prepared and we regret changes are not possible.

RAFFLE BASKETS are still needed. This is a major source of our hook-in income. Please consider donating one. The baskets need not be hooking related. Let your imagination run wild. Do you have a frame you no longer use and it is just taking up space in your closet? DONATE IT! Someone would love to win

it. How about wool you know you will never hook with? Hooking related books?
Any and all baskets are most welcome.

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## Calendar of Events

(Additional events are in the secretary's minutes.)

August 15-20 - Rug week at Sauder Village, Archbold

Lorain County Fair August 28, 11-3 ... more information will be provided at the next guild meeting

Nancy Page will also be at Brunswick Farmers Market at the Brunswick Historical Society every Sunday in August. Market times are 10-1.

September 9-10 - Woolkeepers hook in, Danville, IN

**September 17 - Hooktoberfest**

October 15 - Ft. Laurens hook in

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Our 2022 meeting dates at Westlake Porter Library

August 24 (4th Wednesday of the month...not the last!)

September 28

October 26

November 16 (Note this is the third Wednesday because of Thanksgiving)

Snacks/treats are most welcome at our meetings. If you would like to bring something, please email Nancy Weitendorf at n.weitendorf0709@gmail.com.

Members bringing snacks August 24th

Heidi Kramer

Robin McNaught

Items for meeting raffles

If you have items you would like to donate, we are in need of items for the raffles at our monthly meetings. It can be any item(s), wool, worms, hooks, patterns, etc.

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## Our current officers ~

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CONNIE'S RUG HOOKING TIPS

1. If you're not sure you'll have enough of one color wool, hook several strips to see how far your wool will go with the height being hooked. If another piece of wool needs to be added, you can mix it in with your original wool early on.
2. Don't be afraid to use up wool strips of similar color or "value" in the piece. This adds interest to your piece whether it is background, leaves or other motifs. Pioneers didn't always have enough wool to do a whole rug with the right amount of color. So if you want to be a real pioneer, don't make your rugs "perfect".
3. Many of us spend a lot of time hooking our motifs with great care, only to find after completing a section that we left holes in our hooking. These holes are called "holidays" - they are areas in your rug that should have been hooked in loops but weren't. I've noticed holidays in my hooking most frequently when I work on projects that require a lot of wandering, tight curving loops, often referred to as higgly piggly hooking. Since holidays are hard to spot from the front of your work, finding them to fill them in can be a source of annoyance for us. **A toothpick** poked halfway through the back side to the front is most helpful. Put the rug on your frame and fill in the holes. Easy peasy.
4. When hooking horizontal or vertical lines - **DO NOT** have all of the clipped ends stop at the edge of your hooked piece. Learn to hide your ends!!

5. Enjoy the piece you are working on. There are no problems that cannot be resolved.

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A very happy birthday to Roberta Square on August 22 😊

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Do you have any yarn sitting in a closet/drawer/basket that you are not planning to use? Jane Schofield would welcome the yarn donation and it will all be given to a local nursing home for the residents to craft with. Please bring to our next meeting.