



# HOOKER HAPPENINGS

Crooked River Rug Hookers

July 2022

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## Vice-President Musings

Thank you all for your insights on workshops at the Great Lakes Fiber Show. There is so much to learn about this craft, well really about any craft. Be it spinning, weaving, dyeing, basketry or something new you want to try. Before we meet again, I will have attended Convergence. There I am taking four classes,

Sprang and Tablet weaving. Taking small squares that are woven on a pin loom and decorating woven items with them. And last but not least is Rug Hooking. So maybe I will come back with something that I can share with you.

Cheers  
Nancy

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### Hook in news . . .

The hook in will be here before we know it. We have collected 24 mats that will be used as door prizes. Our goal is **50** so please consider hooking (or stitching or punching) one or two for tables. Also, 19 of the sunflowers have already been turned in. THANK YOU!

Registration for the hook in has begun and we currently have 89 hookers registered. Spread the word! Please note...special requests to your lunch request cannot be honored. The lunches come prepared and we regret special requests are not possible.

**RAFFLE BASKETS are desperately 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

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

**September 17 - Hooktoberfest**

October 15 - Ft. Laurens hook in

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## BRUNSWICK FARMERS MARKET

If you like being out in public showing your craft or if you want practice spinning in public, Nancy Page will have a tent at the Brunswick Farmers Market on Laurel Road, at the Brunswick Historical Farm, 4613 Laurel Road, Brunswick, Ohio 44212. It is quiet and calm and a great way to get used to doing the craft in public. The market is almost every [Sunday](#), but there are a few dates when Nancy will be off elsewhere. There are occasional weather problems that cancel the market days. This is an opportunity to promote the craft and guilds. If interested, please contact Nancy Page and let her know you are coming. The market starts [June 12](#), from 10:00 to 1:00. It finishes the weekend of [October 1 & 2](#) with the Pumpkin Festival, when the market is open until 5:00 p.m.

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## Our 2022 meeting dates at Westlake Porter Library

July 27

August 24

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](mailto:n.weitendorf0709@gmail.com).

If you would like to donate an item for a meeting door prize, it would be appreciated.

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## Our current officers ~

President Deb May - [debmay48@ymail.com](mailto:debmay48@ymail.com)

Vice President Nancy Page - [nancy2page@gmail.com](mailto:nancy2page@gmail.com)

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Treasurer Kim Hirt - [becauseofEWE@gmail.com](mailto:becauseofEWE@gmail.com)

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We are planning a Make & Take as our Program at the meeting. July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, Linda Waitrovich is going to show us how to make a snippet pouch.

## Gathered Wool Snippet Pouch

Supplies needed:

2 pieces of coordinating wool-at least 8" in diameter

Beads (and charms if desired) two dozen approx

Very strong thread

Sewing needle to fit thru the beads

Heat and Bond (if you have any to share)

Wool pressing mat if you have one or two we can use



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## The minutes from our June 22, 2022 meeting ... thank you Nancy Weitendorf!

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 by Vice President Nancy Page. There were 22 people in attendance.

May minutes were approved. Linda Waitrovich so moved and Mary O'Donnell seconded.

## **BUDGET**

Treasurer Kim Hirt reported that the budget currently stands at \$13,648.40.

## **SUNSHINE COMMITTEE**

Nancy Weitendorf reported that Conchetta Behal fell and broke her hip and is in rehab. Can someone send a card?

## MEMBERSHIP

In absentia Heidi Kramer reported our membership stands at 54, a correction from last month, when it was reported to be 56. Membership will be due in July. Don't forget to renew your ATHA membership. Please welcome new member Rebecca Landon!

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Linda Waitrovich will be teaching how to make a wool bowl for snippets in July. She will send out a materials list.

The committee will be setting up a class with Kim Hirt for a wide cut shading class. They are also looking into classes with Kelly Kanyok for needle punch and will be approaching Donna Hrkman regarding a class in 2023.

## HOOK-IN COMMITTEE

We currently have 87 people signed up. People are needed to volunteer to work at the Hook-in. The sign-up book was passed around. We also still need baskets for the auction.

## NEW BUSINESS

Rebecca Landon mentioned that volunteers are needed for various tasks at Sauder Rug Hooking week.

Connie Bradley received a newsletter from a guild in Australia. It mentioned that there will be an International rug hooking get-together in Canada in 2023.

The meeting was closed at 10:30.

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A very happy birthday to Debbie Frances on July 11 😊

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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.

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## CONNIE'S RUG HOOKING TIPS

HAVE YOU HOOKED???

Animals	Analogous color plan
Pictorials	Monochromatic piece
Pillow	Geometric
Oriental	Tile or repeat pattern
Dummy board	Proddy piece
Stained glass	3D piece
Creative stitches	

Why not??? What is stopping you??? Be well rounded and step outside your box!!!  
Challenge yourself - hook a rug with a medium value background or used dip dyed wools?

We are our own biggest hurdle!

1. Frame rash - use a small hand towel on the edge of your work or a sock top on your wrist.
2. Pattern too small for frame? Sew any material to the edge of the backing OR cut an old pair of panty hose across the leg to create a "band". Use your hook to pull the band through the edge of your pattern and pull the end through the hose to form a loop. Do this about every 4-5" along your pattern edge. Stretch the pantyhose over your gripper strips and hook!
3. An easy way to remember cut width sizes: #3 = 3/32, #4 = 4/32, #5 = 5/32, #6 = 6/32, #7 = 7/32, etc.
4. When starting a new pattern - always check to make your pattern is drawn on the straight of your backing, Use a pencil and follow the line of the border on two sides to make sure your pattern is printed straight. This could save time later on.
5. NO CROSSOVERS are to be found on the back of a rug. This is not a good technique to have.

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~ Have a happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July ~