



# HOOKER HAPPENINGS

Crooked River Rug Hookers

April 2022

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## VICE PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS...

Welcome back everyone. I am so happy to see everybody. I need all the help you can give me. This is a new craft for me. I have done various crafts for years but only started rug hooking in 2018. So if you see me hooking in a weird way please let me know and show me the way you hook.

We have a program set for April. Heidi is going to do a short demo on how she dyes. May will be our garage sale. We are looking for programs for the months to come, so if there is some method or style, etc., that you want to know more about or you learned a method you would like to share let us know.

Happy Hooking  
Nancy

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And speaking of dyeing with Heidi . . .

### **Living with Dyeing**

by Heidi Kramer

Here is a beautiful, rich gold made with *ProChem Washfast Acid* dyes that will work well in your primitive or fine-cut rug. It is a wonderful complement to hook with purple, green, black, or red wools.

To be dyed over 1/4 yard natural or oatmeal wool. You may double the recipe for a deeper gold, or to dye it over 1/2 yard. Triple it if you want a very deep gold. (Double or triple the recipe if you are over-dyeing an already-dyed or heavily textured wool.)

ProChem dye numbers are in parentheses. Note: with only these three colors of dye you can make almost any color on earth! If you're just starting out in dyeing, buy these three.

### **Gold Rush**

1/4 t. Yellow (119)

1/64 t. Magenta (338)

1/128 t. Blue (490)

Add dyes to a glass measuring cup. Add one tablespoon boiling water. Stir with a spoon until all dye is dissolved. Add boiling water to make one cup of dye solution. Stir again, very well. Add solution to a simmering dye bath. Add wet wool. Stir.\* Simmer for 20 minutes. Mix one tablespoon citric acid with one cup hot water and add it to the dye bath. Stir well. Simmer for 40 minutes. Remove from heat. Let cool in the dye water. Wash and dry.

You can always start with the original dye recipe and mix up an extra batch of solution if you think you want it darker. If you are adding additional dye solution to wool already in the pot, move the wool to one side of the pot with your tongs, add the solution and stir well. Or do like I do and just pour it in there and walk away. I like my wool to be mottled with color! #norules

\*Don't stir right away if you want mottled color. Let it take up the dye in puddles on the wool, or use less water in the pot. If you need detailed dyeing instructions, check out the Living with Dyeing article in our March issue of Hooker Happenings. You will find it under "Newsletters" on our website, [www.crookedriverrughookers.com](http://www.crookedriverrughookers.com).

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### Hook in news . . .

At the March meeting, a little show and tell was done on how to hook a sunflower to attach to a bedspring. All but a few of the 25 bedsprings went home with members. One sunflower will be on each table at the hook-in to be given away as door prizes.

Door prize mats are being collected. The committee asks that they be about 8" x 8" or the equivalent. Of course, larger mats are most welcome, too. Hooked, appliqued, needle punched, and quilted mats...let your imagination run wild. All will be gladly accepted. We have already collected twelve of them 😊 ! 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).

Raffle baskets are needed. This is the major source of our hook-in income. Please include a complete list of the items in your basket for labeling purposes. Please do not bring loose items. We greatly appreciate your donations and will receive them, with gratitude, as a prepared basket. Remember, you may work with another member to put a basket together. 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.

Volunteers are needed!!! The hook-in requires many volunteers. If you can donate a few hours of your time (you do not need to work the entire hook-in), contact Sharon at [skbee56@gmail.com](mailto:skbee56@gmail.com) or Debbie at [quiltedgirl@icloud.com](mailto:quiltedgirl@icloud.com).

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Hook-in vendors include:

- Silver Hook Rug Hooking
- Orphaned Wool
- Because of Ewe
- Jewelry & Sundries by Melissa and Lauren
- Elderberry Marsh
- Carried Away Designs
- Crows on the Ledge
- Connie's Wool

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## Calendar of Events

April 30 - Western Reserve hook in. Please note this has been **CANCELLED**.

May 28-29 - Great Lakes Fiber Show - Wayne County Fairgrounds, Wooster  
([www.greatlakesfibershow.org](http://www.greatlakesfibershow.org) for more information)  
(The website has been having some growing pains. Please keep trying as the web master fixes the problems.)

### GREAT LAKES FESTIVAL WORKSHOPS

They have an outstanding lineup of workshops this year.

#### SATURDAY

Introduction to Ridged Heddle Weaving  
Discovering Shibori w/Indigo Dyeing  
Weave a Napkin or Cracker Basket  
Whorl Away: Spindle Styles & Spinning Techniques  
Rug Hooking 3D Pumpkins

#### SUNDAY

Fiber Blending for Spinning  
Choosing a Handspinning Fleece  
Felted Friends & Fauna  
Intro to Fair Isle Knitting  
Weave Shoelaces using Kumihimo Techniques

June 4 - Great Lakes hook in - Susanne Woodbury

June 5 - HEARTS and HARMONY, at Brunswick Historical Farm, 4613 Laurel Road, Brunswick, Oh 44212, time is 12 - 5.

This is a special day of remembrance, to remember those we have lost. There will be crafts, music, councilors and a reading of names, along with many other activities. Please let Nancy Page know if you plan to attend.

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

April 27 ~ dyeing demonstration ~ Heidi Kramer

May 25 ~ member garage sale

June 22

July 27

August 24

September 28

October 26

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

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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.

FYI...as of this newsletter, there are still openings.

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