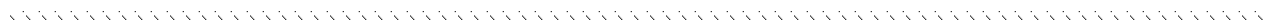


HOOKER HAPPENINGS

Crooked River Rug Hookers

March 2023



WELCOME SPRING! I love to see "green things" emerging from the ground. I have snowdrops, winter aconite and hellebores blooming. Daffodils will soon be in their glory unless mother nature plays a dirty trick on us. Daffs are one of my favorites! And with March comes the time change. I know some people don't like it, but I LOVE it. I will take and enjoy all the hours of daylight I can get.

The older I get, the more quickly the months are passing. I am just thankful that I am still here and able to enjoy life...and hook!

I do a bit of cross stitch, applique, and punch needle, but hooking is my true passion. What do you do with all your hooked rugs/mats? I have sold a few and given MANY away. They are on the floors and walls and rolled up in crocks and baskets, but that does not stop me from hooking more 😊

Happy Hooking

xoxo

Lauren

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### **President's Musings**

I really try when I get involved with groups to give it all I can whether it is demonstrating, talking and promoting or making items to promote the group. Sometimes they overlap and sometimes they need to be kept separate or dates overlap. I walked around and talked to a few of you, not everyone but a few and listened to some of the things that matter to you. I am trying to work on some ideas, either as programs for the meetings 10 to 15 minutes or maybe a service project to help a community need. If you have an idea please let me know.

### **DEMONSTRATIONS**

Demonstration season is starting to come together, I just had a great time at Wild and Woolly at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds. If you want to mark your calendar for next year, it is the 2nd Saturday of February.

At many of the events you can come sit hook. Some are fiber festivals that you can buy wool or yarn to work on your rugs.

I am working on a list that I will have at the next meeting of events that will be evolving as the season progresses. I will also get a list together for the next newsletter.

Heidi is setting up a group to demonstrate rug hooking in the lobby of Porter Library on Saturday, March 18. More details in this newsletter.

I just wanted to share with you that we will be shearing our Shetland sheep on Saturday, March 4, 2023. This is our Fourth year having an "Open House" while we shear and we are inviting you to participate. Whether you would like to just watch or actually get put to work. This is a great opportunity to purchase freshly shorn fleeces.

We have about 57 sheep that will be shorn, a variety of fleece colors too, from black, many shades of grey, a few brown and brown based, fawn or light cream color. Also white fleeces. Most of the sheep have sheep coats, so those fleeces will be very clean from VM.

We have both very crimped fine wool and a few that are wavy.

This is the first time that we have increased our pricing since having an Open House. Unfortunately our shearing cost has increased, so to offset this expense there will be a \$10.00 cost added to each fleece purchased.

Skirted fleeces will be sold at \$1.00 per ounce and you will be given what is skirted off (neck and britch).

Our averaging skirted fleece weight last year was 1# 6 oz. Shetland sheep are smaller sheep so their fleeces are smaller and the finer the wool, the less fleece weight you will have.

We will also be available to visitors who would like to purchase fleeces, the day after shearing on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am - 3pm.

-Dress for the weather.

-Plenty of parking.

-Come and enjoy the experience.

And yes, you are welcome to share this info. Bring your friends. If you are planning to attend, please let President Nancy know so that she can pass this information on.

Cheers,

Nancy

[Nancy2Page@gmail.com](mailto:Nancy2Page@gmail.com)

216-820-1517 cell

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Another tidbit from President Nancy ...

Jeannine from Long Tail Knits was contacted by a couple who have purchased the home of a woman that ran the yarn shop in Kent, Ohio. She recently passed away and they asked for help with the yarns and fibers that were left behind. This woman still lived in the house and everything was temperature and humidity controlled so the yarns are still good. There are fibers for spinning as well. The smell encountered is from the bags these were stored in. They are looking to sell these items. I (Jeannine) checked the yarns via the stretch and snap method and they are good. The fibers I (Jeannine) purchased did not have any evidence of bugs or rodents.

If anyone is interested in seeing what they have, please contact Julie at 330-815-0754, leave a message or text her and she will get back to you.

Meeting dates ~

March 22

April 26

May 24 - member garage sale

June 28

Snacks

Please continue to help Nancy Weitendorf by bringing treats to the meetings. Please email Nancy at n.weitendorf0709@gmail.com.

Meeting Raffle

President Nancy continues to need items for the raffle at the meetings, so as you look through your stash, think of donating to the raffle. No items donated = no raffle.

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## SAVE THE DATES

Connie's Spring HOOK-IN

Saturday, **April 15** 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

New Russia Township, The Lodge

46300 Butternut Ridge Rd, Oberlin, OH 44074

(Conveniently located between Rt. 2 and Rt. 20, just off Rt. 58.)

Cost: \$25.00 per person (non-refundable)

Bring a sack lunch and rug or a hooked piece to display.

Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Come enjoy the day of fun, friendship, auctions & vendors!

Basket Treasures, Teresa's Primitives, Elderberry Marsh,

Traveling Woodbury and more!

Please make checks payable to: Connie Bradley and mail to:

18550 Pitts Road, Wellington, OH 44090 and include your name, phone# and email.

For more information, please message Connie at 440.328.6699

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Harvest Ridge Hook In

Saturday August 26

Holmes County Fairgrounds

Registration form is posted on the Harvest Ridge Hook In page on Facebook.

Please note that it is open to the first 100 registrations only.

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Hooktoberfest is **September 23**. It is not too early to start planning your raffle basket donation or door prize table mat (approximately 8" x 8"). Sunflowers are also being hooked for each table. Springs are available at our guild meetings.

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FIBER FESTIVALS

Black Swamp Spinner's Guild Market Day & Fiber Fest. March 25, 2023. Junior Fair Building at the Wood County Fairgrounds, 13800 West Poe Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402 \$1 admission, time 9 to 4.

Great Lakes Fiber Show, May 27 & 28, 2023, 199 Vanover Street, Wooster, Ohio, 44691 Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4. Free Admission.

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## Classes for 2023 include:

**May 3 and 10 - Sibyl Osicka -- CLASS IS FULL**

PLEASE NOTE: If you wish to be put on the wait list, email education co-chairs Linda or Mary. Do not send a check at this time.

**June 6, 7, 8 - Nola Heidbreder**

Day 1 of class is finishing techniques. Class fee is \$40.

Days 2 & 3 - These days cannot be split. Gee's Bend and/or Hit or Miss. Class fee is \$80.

So...if you wish to attend all three days, total class fee is \$120.

**July 12-13 - Jo Wick**

Class on making a pencil pouch purse. Class fee is \$50 and a supply fee which includes the pattern and pencil pouch, payable to Jo on the first day of class is \$25. No wool is included.

**September 21 - 22 - Linda Powell**

Footstool class. Cost of the class is \$70. The footstool cost is \$100 plus an \$82 charge for the pattern and handouts. Wool purchased from Linda is additional.

**All class fees and registration forms are now to be sent to:**

**Kim Hirt**

**1504 Superior St.**

**Genoa, OH 43430**

**Please put the teacher name on the memo section of your check.**

## **QUESTIONS?**

**Contact Linda Waitrovich at [ljrwaitro@gmail.com](mailto:ljrwaitro@gmail.com) or**

**Mary O'Donnell at [odonnelldesigns@yahoo.com](mailto:odonnelldesigns@yahoo.com)**

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CRRH has agreed to purchase hooking related books for Porter Library. Their current inventory is very slim. If you have a favorite book, please email title to Maureen at maureenmcbride@me.com. The library cannot accept books ~ they **MUST** purchase them in order to add to their inventory.

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A couple reminders...

Porter Library collects pop tabs to benefit Ronald McDonald house.

President Nancy will gladly accept your empty pill bottles. One of the vendors at the Brunswick Farmers Market works with a Girl Scout troop who collects them for Doctors Without Borders. Please remove labels before bringing them.

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Our current officers ~

President Nancy Page - nancy2page@gmail.com

Vice-president Laura Gill - lauragill@eaton.com

Secretary Nancy Weitendorf - n.weitendorf0709@gmail.com

Treasurer Kim Hirt - becauseofEWE@gmail.com

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A big shout out to Susan Knight who secured a display class in the front lobby at Porter Library. Jean Kern and yours truly helped set up the display. Thanks to all who brought rugs to share. It looks great!!!

(Sorry for the wonky pictures but they had to be taken with the glass doors open. The doors are now closed and the rugs are behind lock and key.)





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Happiest of birthdays to our March birthday hookers

7th - Kim Hirt

20th - Lauren Fuqua

23rd - Carole Beverage

Please email lauren@centurytel.net with your birthday if you have not already done so. Please put birthday in the subject line.