



Piedmont Rug Hookers

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Dates to Note

Mar 20
Wool Appliqué
Lesson

April 9 – 11
Trinity Beach
Retreat

Apr 17
Rug Show and
Officer Election

May 15
Rug Finishing
Techniques

Meetings run from 10 am – 2pm on the THIRD Saturday of every month
(excluding July and August)

Visit our website: piedmontrughookers.com

February Meeting – Cabin Fever Release

It was a terrific day to be out and about for our February meeting. For a change we had some nice weather. With cabin fever built up, it was a perfect day for a hook-in. It was great to see everyone's latest projects and catch up on your news.

Wool Appliqué Project in March

Our March appliqué project lesson is just around the corner. Kathleen Baden will be teaching us how to do wool appliqué. We'll be treated to a trunk show of several of Kathleen's beautiful wool appliqué quilts, wall hangings and smaller pieces. Then we will make a beginner wool appliqué needlecase. All you need to bring for this project is a pair of scissors. Kathleen will provide a kit with everything else needed for the project. If you did not sign up for the appliqué project during the February Meeting contact Kathleen Baden before March 14 so she can get a kit together for you. Kathleen can be reached at 336 996-6351 or at kathleenbaden@aol.com

Reminder: Bring your scissors, your lunch and your Trinity Check to the March meeting.

Hookers Get Good Press in the N&O

According to the News and Observer, interior designers are noticing hooked rugs. Their color, warmth, durability and nice feel, along with the nostalgia value are all reasons people want them in their homes. After the story was published on January 23, N&O did a follow-up article printing Karen Poetzinger's email to the N&O. Our web site was even published in the January 30 follow-up. If you want to read the articles go to: <http://www.newsobserver.com/2010/01/23/297532/hooked-on-the-rugs-that-grandmas.html?storylink=mirelated> and <http://www.newsobserver.com/2010/01/30/310222/top-drawer.html>

Officers Needed

If you would like to be an officer for our Piedmont Rug Hookers Guild please, please, please let Judy Littlefield know you are interested at our March meeting. Officers serve two-year terms. We need people to fill the positions of President, Secretary, Treasurer and Program Director. We also need a volunteer to serve as our hospitality coordinator. Please volunteer to help this organization keep going strong.



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Retreat

Hold on Spring is Coming – Trinity Center Retreat

The time is getting closer to having your toes in the sand and the wind in your hair. Final payment of \$138.00 for the Trinity Center Retreat is due no later than the March 20th meeting. Make your check payable to Piedmont Rug Hooker and send it to Betty Myers or give it to her at the March meeting. This year at Trinity, we will be in the St. James Conference Room.

What to Bring? Everything you need for your rug hooking project including your wool, pattern, frame, cutter, scissors, hook, task light if you use one, and extension cord. (Duck tape will be available). Bring a light jacket for cool evenings and days and a flashlight if you walk on the beach before breakfast.

We will have a wine and cheese social on Saturday evening. Bring a bottle of wine and any dip, condiment, cheese, crackers and snacks that you would like to share with others. Tableware, like glasses, plates, and napkins will be provided.

Directions to Trinity Center will be given out at the March meeting. If you find you have to cancel, let Jeanne Staley know immediately at 910-864-8126.

Scottish Shortbread Recipe

Some of you missed our short-lived Caraway Retreat, but if you were there, not many of us missed Candy Greco's wonderful Shortbread Cookies. By popular demand, here is her recipe.

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| 1 cup butter, softened | 1-3/4 cup all purpose flour |
| 1/2 cup superfine sugar | 1/4 tsp. salt |
| 1/4 cup rice flour | 1 tsp. vanilla |

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. In large bowl, mix butter and sugar; beat with mixer until light and fluffy. Add rice flour, vanilla, and salt; beat again. Slowly add flour until blended. Gather dough together with hands; divide into 3 equal pieces. Pat each piece into a 7-8" circle (about 1/2" thick) on an ungreased cookie sheet; crimp edges of dough. Score into 8 triangles and prick with for. Bake at 300 degrees for 30 minutes. Do not over bake--should be a light tan color. Cut on scored lines then remove from cookie sheet onto cooling rack. Dust with superfine sugar. Dough can be frozen. Baked shortbread also freezes well. Makes 2 dozen.



Wool Snippets

Susan Sharp brought some wool to give away at our March meeting. Thank you Susan. Who doesn't like free wool?

Carolyn Allen is interested in buying a used cutter. If you have one to sell, contact her at Retroraggs1@aol.com or 910-308-5856.

If you want some ideas for chair covers, check out the folk art chairs at <http://www.arneyen.com/availchairsfootstools.html>. Although the artist is doing needle punch, the same look could be achieved with traditional hooking methods.

Directions to Carolina Meadows

100 Carolina Meadows
Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8505

No need to RSVP. We'll be in the art room. *The Art Room is located on the second floor of the building to the right of the main building (closer to tennis courts). When you are facing the main building look right and you'll see a Café. Enter the doors nearest the Café and take the elevator to the second floor. Take the long hall to the end.*

From the East: Take I-40 and exit at #273A (Highway 54). The exit will circle around and take you back over I-40. Get into the left lane. There will be two stoplights. Take a left at the 2nd light, Farrington Road. There will be a Hardee's and a Shell station at the corner of Farrington Road. Follow this road for about two miles until it makes a curve to the right. At the end of the curve, take a left onto Farrington Mill Road and follow this road for about 3 miles. You will see a sign on the right-hand side of the road with an arrow pointing to the right marked Carolina Meadows. This is Whipoorwill Lane. Turn right. Enter 2nd gate main entrance. The building is on the right.

From the West: Take I-40 towards Raleigh and exit at # 273 (Highway 54). At the end of the exit ramp, there will be a traffic light; turn right and get into the left lane immediately. Take a left at the light, Farrington Road. There will be a Hardee's and a Shell station at the corner of Farrington Road. Follow this road for about two miles until it makes a curve to the right. At the end of the curve, take a left onto Farrington Mill Road and follow this road for about 3 miles. You will see a sign on the right-hand side of the road with an arrow pointing to the right marked Carolina Meadows. This is Whipoorwill Lane. Turn right. At the 2nd gate make a right into the main entrance. The building is on the right.