

THE HOOK UP

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As rug hooking enthusiasts, we are dedicated to teaching and promoting the art of rug hooking. **THE HOOK UP** is our way of keeping you updated on the latest news from **Cat House Rugs** studio. Please forward this newsletter to anyone who enjoys rug hooking as much as we do.

Cat House Rugs

FEBRUARY & MARCH CLASSES & EVENTS

Dye classes, February 23 and March 21, 10 am to 4 pm, limited to 4 students.

February Woolly Weekend, Fine Shading February 15 and 16, 10 am to 4 pm, limited to 10 students.

Evening Open Hooking at the Cat House, February 21, 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm, Everyone Welcome!

ATHA HOOK-IN, February 28, 6 pm to 9 pm, at Kaye Miller's home. Call for details.

Brown County Hook-In, March 7, 8, & 9. See the "What we Do" on our website for details.

April Beginning Classes, April 1, 8, 15, & 22. Tuesday evenings, 6 pm to 8 pm.

April Woolly Weekend, Oriental Mat April 25 and 26, 10 am to 4 pm, limited to 10 students.

TIP OF THE MONTH

The ability to be creative with your hooked pieces is endless. Always consider the creative opportunities when doing the finishing of your piece. Will the piece look better with a bound edge? Or maybe a whipped edge would bring more weight to your border. Should you whip with yarn or strips of wool? What about a braided edge? Hint: when using a braided edge be sure that the size of the braid is proportionate with the width of the hooking. Generally if the rug is done in a smaller cut, the braid should be finer and smaller in width. So many decisions to make with the wonderful pieces you create. Have fun with the entire piece.

FEATURED RUG

Title: Swirl Mountain

Artist: Jean Geswein

Design by: Nola Heidbreder

Size: 20 x 28

Cut: #6 & #8

Hooked With: wool on linen

straight color wool yarn Jean used the wool strips left over from hooking the rug, and coordinated the border with the motif. What a great job.



Again, Jean Geswein, the president of our ATHA chapter, has hooked a great rug using wonderful colors, and creating great depth. Jean used one of her Father's scarves in the mortar of the log cabin, giving this piece very special sentimental value. Adding the snow angels in the front yard (one for her daughter and one for her son) gives the rug that personal touch.

In finishing the rug, Jean chose to whip the edge. But rather than using

THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL OFFER

In February - Free shipping on all web orders over \$75.00. In House, the Pendleton shirt sale in on!


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