

Crooked River Rug Hookers

Newsletter – January/February 2019

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Dear Friends,

Where did January go? We're already nearing Valentine's Day, which means we'll be together again soon! I'm looking forward to our 2019 season. The newsletter is back - at least for the time being. I can't promise to produce one regularly, but I'll try my best.

Your Executive Board has been busy, even though our chapter has been on a winter-break. We have news to share at our next meeting, and we're still hard at work on future projects.

I'll see you soon!

Heidi

Group Challenge

in February, VP Connie Bradley will present a 2019 group challenge rug that she has designed. Participants will each hook the same pattern and put their individual spin on it. It's going to be great fun. You will receive a paper pattern and help in transferring, if needed. You will use your own backing, but if you need to purchase backing Connie can make it available. Please let her know in advance. The approximate finished size of the challenge rug is 12 x 14.

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Crooked River Calendar

February 27: General Meeting, 10 am – 2 pm; 2019 Challenge Rug; 2019 Upcoming Events; Workshop Information

March 27: General Meeting, 10 am – 2 pm; Braided Worms Snippet Box

April 24: General Meeting, 10 am – 2 pm; The Colors and Textures of Morocco, with Linda Waitrovich; Hooktoberfest Registration Begins

May 22: General Meeting, 10 am – 2 pm; Members Only Garage Sale; Executive Board Nominations

Mid-Century Modern Workshop

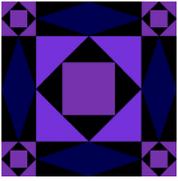
CRRH is pleased to present a 3-day workshop with esteemed artist and rug hooker, Lori LaBerge, May 9, 10 & 11, in Westlake. Watch your email for details and registration. CRRH member will have the first opportunity to register for this fabulous workshop! Thank you to education chair, Jane Schofield, for her effort in bringing us this wonderful opportunity.



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2019 Activities

We have a lot to accomplish this year. Hooktoberfest is in the planning stages; we are looking at additional teachers for our guild; and this is an election year. See the calendar above for upcoming events in the next few months. Big things, big changes, big fun!



Hooktoberfest!

“Happiness is Handmade” is the Hooktoberfest theme for 2019. We are in the process of confirming details for the event. The date is Saturday, October 5. Our new location is the Strongsville Recreation Center. More details will be available at our February meeting. Registration for chapter members will open at our **April** general meeting. You *will* have time to register before the general public.

Lynn Davis is working hard on vendors for this year. We will release vendor info as soon as contracts are complete.

To make this hook-in work, we need **HELP!** In addition to the volunteers for day’s events, we need a few members to step up to the plate in order to keep the ball rolling (yes, mixed sports metaphors). Without help, we just can’t do it. Specifically, we need: a volunteer coordinator to keep track of our volunteers for the day; a food team to oversee the morning pastry and coffee, as well as help with the lunch/beverage catering service; and an auction/raffle team to work on the collection and preparation of auction baskets, as well as the preparation of ticket packets and monitoring ticket sellers. Two or three people for each team would be great. It would be awesome if we had a chairperson for the event. Most of the hard work is already done. Please consider helping *your* Crooked River Rug Hookers produce another outstanding hook-in.

Door prizes for the event will be small, hooked mats that will decorate our tables. We need at least 25 mats, but more are always welcome. In keeping with our theme, we suggest a hooked quilt block as your design, or another “handmade” motif of your choice. We will offer quilt block patterns for you to transfer if you don’t want to create your own. Mats may be anywhere from 8 to 10 inches square or round. So easy that you could probably hook two!

Hooktoberfest volunteer sign-up sheets will be available at our February meeting. We will be asking members to donate bakery for the morning of the event.

Raffle Rug

We have a hook-in raffle rug! We will be working with a wonderful Barb Gott design, “Log Cabin Runner”. Color-planning is in the works. The rug will be at the February meeting. We need wool for the rug - especially “federal” or primitive blues, primitive golds and primitive reds. Bring anything you’d like to share in February. If we have an abundance of donations, you may keep yours or donate to our beginner classes, giveaways or free wool bin.

Outreach

On February 23, CRRH will host a beginner class at Parma Library. Five students are registered, with a waiting list. Heidi Kramer will teach the class, and Nancy Weitendorf will assist. Thank you to Connie Bradley for donating the patterns on linen for this event! The library is graciously covering the cost of the class for students. The income from the class will be added to our chapter’s education fund.

ELECTIONS

We have already reached our first election year. It’s true – time flies when you’re having fun! Nominations for chapter officers will be accepted in May. Elections are to be held in June. Officers will be installed in August. This gives the current executive board the full month of July to advise the new officers and bring them up-to-date on chapter procedure and ATHA requirements. The current board will gladly help to help to ensure a smooth transition. An ATHA chapter cannot exist without dedicated leadership. We are blessed to have bright, talented members. Please give heart-felt thought to your role in our journey.



Strawberry Pretzel Dessert

- 2 cups pretzels, crushed (8 oz.)
- ¾ cup butter, melted
- 3 Tbsp sugar
- 2 cups whipped topping
- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 pkgs. strawberry gelatin (3 oz. each)
- 1 ¾ cups boiling water
- 2 packages frozen strawberries, thawed, with syrup (16 oz. each)
- Additional whipped topping, pretzels or fresh strawberries for garnish

1. In a bowl, combine the pretzels, butter and sugar. Press into an ungreased 13x9-in. baking dish. Bake at 350° for 10 minutes. Cool.
2. For filling, in a small bowl, beat whipped topping, cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Spread over pretzel crust. Refrigerate until chilled.
3. For topping, dissolve gelatin in boiling water in a large bowl. Stir in strawberries with syrup; chill until partially set. Carefully spoon over filling. Chill until firm, 4-6 hours. Cut into squares; serve with additional whipped topping and pretzels if desired.

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We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month, except for December and January, at Westlake Porter Library, in Westlake Ohio. Visitors are always welcome.

View our website for calendar and membership information:

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