

HOOKED UP!

THE GALLERY

The purpose of the Stillwater Public Library Gallery is to provide education through exhibits and displays; to increase community involvement in the library; and to provide an enjoyable environment for the library's users.

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Creating Art with Wool—One Loop at a Time
A St. Croix Valley Area Group Show

Stillwater Public Library Gallery

January—February 2016

Artists Reception: Sunday January 24, 2-4pm

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Although the exact origin of rug hooking is not firmly documented, many rug hooking historians believe that immigrants from England, Scotland and Scandinavia brought rug hooking to North America. By the mid-1850s the craft was well established in the northern colonies of America and Maritime provinces of Canada. Born of necessity, hooked rugs provided warmth on the floor and kept drafts from doorways. Women of the households were the primary creators, and early rugs were hooked using strips of worn-out clothing on a foundation of coffee, grain and sugar feed sacks. Seamen of that era also passed time hooking rugs, alone or with their wives, featuring simple nautical and geometric images hooked on a foundation of canvas.

Today, rug hooking has evolved from its humble origin to an art form in its own right. While many contemporary rug hookers keep alive the tradition of primitive motifs, others approach the craft with complete freedom of imagination in design and materials. Hooked pieces have moved up off the floor to become wall hangings, chair pads, pillows, bed rugs, pins, tea cozies, table mats and runners, footstool covers, purses and bags, and whimsical three-dimensional creations.

Uncomplicated to learn and requiring only a few tools, rug hooking continues to expand as fabric artists explore this traditional craft as a means of fresh expression. This exhibit presents a sampling of styles and projects from St. Croix Valley area rug hookers who thoroughly enjoy carrying forward this satisfying handcraft.

Rug Hooking Groups and Resources

Magnolias on Locust Street

206 Locust St.

Hudson, WI 54016

715-808-0047

Paulette@RiverRockWool.com

Open Hooking: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of month, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Lila and Claudine's Yarn and Gifts

86 Mahtomedi Ave.

Mahtomedi, MN 55115

www.lilaandclaudines.com

651-429-9551

Open Hooking: 1st Monday of month, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Please call Becky at 651-341-8996 as schedule may vary

White Bear Rug Hookers

Bear Patch Quilting Co.

2199 4th St.

White Bear Lake, MN 55110

Contact Bear Patch Quilting, 651-429-1039

Open Hooking: Every Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., and 3rd Thursday of month, 7 p.m.

First Saturday Hookers

Stillwater, MN

Contact Ginny Glover for information

meemaglover@gmail.com

Pine Country Rug Hookers

Rosebud's Cottage

2580 7th Ave. E.

No. St. Paul, MN

651-426-1885

Open Hooking: Every Wednesday of month, 10:00 a.m.

Please contact the artist with inquiries on individual pieces