

FLORA AND FAUNA

Creating Art With Wool -One Loop at a Time



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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A St. Croix Valley Area Group Show

Stillwater Public Library Gallery

January—February 2018

Artist Reception Sunday, January 21, 2-4 pm

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Rug hooking migrated to North America from England, Scotland and Scandinavia and by the mid-1800s was well established in New England and the Maritime provinces of Canada. Early rugs were born of necessity, providing warmth on the floor and blocking chilly drafts.

Today, rug hooking has evolved from its humble origins to an art form in its own right. Hooked rugs have moved up off the floor to become wall hangings, chair pads, pillow covers, tea cozies, table mats and runners, footstool covers, purses and bags, and whimsical three-dimensional creations. Contemporary rug hookers let their imaginations take flight while thoroughly enjoying the tactile quality of working with wool and other fabrics.

Uncomplicated to learn and requiring only a few tools, rug hooking is a simple process that allows rug hookers to create designs as simple or as detailed as they desire. To create a project, a strip of fabric is pulled through a foundation fabric using a metal hook. The fabric strip forms a loop, and the rug hooker repeats this process many hundreds of times to produce one rug.

Whatever a rug hooker's artistic skills and background, it will come through in a fresh expression. This exhibit presents a sampling of styles and projects focusing on a theme of "Flora and Fauna" created by St. Croix Area artists who find great satisfaction in this traditional craft.

All work in the gallery show belongs to the individual artist and is not for sale.

Enjoy!

Ann Griffith and Kim Kazlin, Curators

Rug Hooking Groups and Resources

Bear Patch Quilting Shop

2199 4th Street
White Bear Lake, MN 55110
651-429-1039
9:00 a.m. - noon every Tuesday

First Saturday Hookers

Stillwater, MN
Contact: Ginny Glover: meemaglover@gmail.com

Magnolias in Mahtomedi

86 Mahtomedi Avenue
(Old Stillwater Road)
Mahtomedi, MN 55115

Every Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Contact: Paulette Wentzlaff: magnoliaspaulette@gmail.com
651 429-9773

For local rug hooking information

<http://www.autumnvalleyhookin.org/local-groups.html>

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