

THE HOOK UP

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM CAT HOUSE RUGS
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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 the **CAT HOUSE RUGS** studio.
(By Mary E. Silva)

UPCOMING CLASSES (Details on - www.cathouserugs.com - or call 812-945-7847)

August 3, 10, 17, 24 - Beginner Rug Hooking Class - Thursdays from 6 pm to 8 pm.

August 4, 11, 18, 25 - Intermediate Rug Hooking Class - Fridays from 10 am to Noon.

September 8, 15, 22, 29 - Beginner Rug Hooking Class - Fridays, 10 am - Noon

September 5, 12, 19, 26 - Intermediate Rug Hooking Class - Tuesdays, 6 pm - 8 pm

September 16 or September 16 - "About Faces" Workshop with Diane Phillips

September 16 or September 16 - "All the Ins and Outs of Fine Shading" Workshop with Sibyl Osicka

TIP OF THE MONTH

Do you get attached to some "special" clothes that you just hate to discard? Try including some fabric from old or worn items of your clothing for your rugs. We always recommend using 100% wool for hooking since it wears so well and accepts dyes thoroughly. However you can hook with any type of fabric you have. After all, the early rug hookers used whatever they had. Of course they only had natural fibers from animals or plants (wool, cotton, silk, linen). Not synthetics. That's still a good rule to follow. I love seeing a bit of old clothing (mine or one of my family members) in my rugs - it always brings backs fond, sentimental memories.

FEATURED RUG

Title: Ties to Dad's Memory

Artist: Jill Finn

Design by: Jill Finn

Size: 34" X 22"

Cut: #6, #4, and hand cut

Hooked with: silk and wool on linen

To me, this rug embodies the essence of rug making as it evolved from practical floor coverings to creative expressions of art underfoot. Jill designed this rug in memory of her father with images of her recollections of his life and personality. She hooked the images with fabric from his old silk neckties, truly injecting his "spirit" into the rug. While her depiction of these images may not be as sophisticated as a trained artist, they are certainly charming and genuine "folk art". This rug will evoke many memories for her and for all her family members over the years. What a precious gift to her mother, as well as an honor to her belated father.

Jill has written an essay about this rug which will be kept with the rug as it is displayed. These written records are important tools for establishing provenance over the years, adding value to the piece. Nice work, Jill.



THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL OFFER

August is "Design Your Own Rug Month" at Cat House Rugs. To encourage you to hook your own design, **BACKINGS and FOUNDATIONS are 20% off through August.** (Includes all linens, rug warp, and monk's cloth.)



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