

THE HOOK UP

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM CAT HOUSE RUGS FEBRUARY, 2006

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.

(written by Mary E. Silva)

TIP OF THE MONTH

Stretch yourself and learn something new with your rug hooking. The interesting piece featured in this newsletter is a great example of trying something new. More and more rug hooking articles are highlighting faces and portraiture and while it may not appeal to you, it presents a chance to expand your knowledge about color, shading, depth and texture. Spend some time studying art and find styles that do appeal to you. Learn to look at subjects in a different way. Find a teacher who can help you apply yourself more creatively. You may find it very satisfying.

FEATURED RUG

Title: Nomar
Artist: Ralph Hornung
Design by: Mary Silva
Size: 14" X 16"
Cut: #8, #6, and hand-cuts
Hooked with: wool on linen

In November, Ralph and I attended a workshop at Kindred Spirits in Dayton, Ohio, with Diane Phillips. It was a fantastic experience and we came away with a completely fresh outlook on the art of rug hooking. Diane's approach is that of a true artist. She creates wonderful portraits using wool to "paint" eyes, expressions, skin tones, wrinkles, and highlights that tell a story. And she freely shares her style and technique to her students.

This piece, Nomar, was inspired by an Associated Press photo of a Pakistani man after the devastating earthquake last fall. The photo was enlarged to the appropriate size and traced onto a linen foundation. Using a combination of light, medium and dark values of many (sometimes unexpected) colors, Ralph captures this man's anguish and desperation. Wow! Great job, Ralph! (You know – Ralph and I are sisters separated at birth.)



THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL OFFER

Our fabulous February special is Pendleton wool shirts and skirts. Occasionally we have a limited supply of recycled Pendleton shirts and skirts that make wonderful textures in your rugs. Each piece has been pre-washed and is 100% wool – they're great for over-dyeing or as-is. The price is \$3.50/shirt and \$4.50/skirt. All the fun of rummaging through recycled thrift sales without the fuss and grime! They are piled high on our second floor tables and you can hunt and pick to your heart's content.



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