

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 (check our website – www.cathouserugs.com - for details)

September and October Fridays – Open Classes with Jyl Clark, Friday mornings or afternoons (\$12.50 / 2 hr. class)
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
October 3, 10, 17, 24 – Beginner Rug Hooking Class - Tuesdays, 6 pm - 8 pm
October 7 - "Colors to Dye For I" Workshop with Jyl Clark
October 8 - "Colors to Dye For II" Workshop with Jyl Clark
October 20 thru October 21 - "Animal Faces" Workshop with Jon Ciemiewicz

TIP OF THE MONTH

Don't miss the opening of Rhapsody in Rugs at the Carnegie Center for Art and History – Saturday, Sept. 16, at Noon.
A first-class selection of juried rugs to be displayed in a beautiful gallery with an artist's statement for each piece.

FEATURED RUG

Title: Atlantic Cable
Artist: Jyl Clark
Design by: Mary Silva
Size: 18" X 44"
Cut: #8
Hooked with: wool on linen



Jyl surprised me by hooking this preliminary design that I had worked up as a pattern to sell at the studio. I questioned her about it repeatedly – What colors are you using? How are you applying the cable? Are you dip-dyeing the wool? She wouldn't tell me anything and didn't let me see it until she had finished it. I really like it and its fun to see how differently we interpreted the piece. It was quite a departure for her, but as always she stepped up to the plate and hit a homer.

Title: Atlantic Cable
Artist: Mary Silva
Design by: Mary Silva
Size: 24" X 44"
Cut: hand cut
Hooked with: wool on linen



This design was inspired by an antique rug I found in New Hampshire. I learned that it was a popular design over a century ago when the first communication cable was laid across the Atlantic.

I worked on this rug at Cedar Lakes Rug Camp with teacher Jane King. The challenge was to shade and hook directionally to acquire the "twist" of the cable. I had a little help from my daughter, Myra, for that. Theresa Johnson helped me dye the wools that I used – mostly from antique recycled homespun blankets and clothing. I like this rug and its simple complimentary color plan. I tend to hook mostly geometrics.

THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL OFFER

All classes during September and October will be 25% off. This includes Beginner and Intermediate Classes as well as the Friday Open Class.



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