

# THE HOOK UP

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM CAT HOUSE RUGS

FEBRUARY, 2005

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.

## TIP OF THE MONTH

It's important to distribute your colors well throughout your rug. You rarely use a color just once in a rug and you certainly don't want to concentrate one color in just one area of your rug. Your eye naturally goes to bright colors so balance them well, bringing some of the colors used in the focal point of the design to the outer border. Notice how Alice Ann's color placement (in the rug below) lets your eye flow over the entire rug.

## FEATURED RUG

**Title:** "Paisley Garden"  
**Artist:** Alice Ann Pearce  
**Design by:** Jeanette and Maureen Rugar  
**Size:** 35" X 23"  
**Cut:** #3 and #4  
**Hooked with:** wool on linen



This romantic little rug is blooming with florescent colors! I always have to smile when I look at it. Alice Ann really broke the mold when color planning her Paisley Garden – and it works! Paisley never looked so lively. No wonder it took a blue ribbon at the 2004 KY State Fair.

Alice Ann had this to say: "This was my first rug and I wanted it bright to place in front of my fireplace. Jyl searched all over for 'Paisley Garden' and we dyed wonderful colors for my flowers and background. I worked on and off, concerned that the loops weren't right or the color placement needed help, not really loving the work I was doing. I laid it aside for months. Mary and Jyl kept prodding me to continue it, saying that I hadn't hooked enough to be my own critic. I persisted, getting input from the BTRH members at our hook-ins. Now I love my rug and I tell the beginners to keep on hooking!"

If you come to the Cat House on Tuesdays, you're likely to be greeted by Alice Ann and her bright smile. She is great to work with, and always ready to help whenever needed. Her previous experience was as a professional seamstress. She has made numerous bridal gowns and ensembles as well as altering fashions for her clients. She now stays busy with our customers who need help assembling small hooked pieces like Christmas stockings or pillows. She has also begun to learn about restoration of antique and damaged rugs as she works with Jyl. Her talents also include computer technology – she's coached me through many messes with my techn-ignorance! Aren't we lucky to know Alice Ann?

## THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL OFFER

Beginning February 1<sup>st</sup> we'll offer a new shipment of recycled Pendleton wool shirts from the Dorr Mill Store! These "bales of shirts" aren't available often and they are great fun to sort through. (Last year we only received one bale of them.) The unique plaids make wonderful textures for your rugs. A great buy at just \$3.50 per shirt.



Corner of E. Fifth and Elm  
New Albany, IN 47150  
812-945-RUGS (7847)

[www.cathouserugs.com](http://www.cathouserugs.com)  
email: [cathouserugs@iglou.com](mailto:cathouserugs@iglou.com)  
Our hours are: Tuesday, Thurs, and Friday: 10 am – 4 pm  
Wednesday: 10 am – 7 pm  
Saturday: 10 am – 2 pm