

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 **Cat House Rugs** studio. Please forward this newsletter to anyone who enjoys rug hooking as much as we do.

TIP OF THE MONTH

If you are looking for a way to add a special touch to your rug, try sculpting part of the rug. Sculpting became popular in the late 1800's in Waldoboro, Maine and is becoming very popular again. It adds a three-dimensional aspect to your piece. Choose a part of the border or incorporate a sculpted effect into the focal point of the design. (Check our website www.cathouserugs.com for an upcoming Sculpting Workshop.) The photo does not do it justice, but note the sculpted rope border in Pat's rug below.

FEATURED RUG

Title: "It's a Keeper"
Artist: Pat VanArsdale
Design by: Pat VanArsdale
Size: 30" X 50"
Cut: #4, #5, and #6
Hooked with: recycled and new wool on linen



Pat VanArsdale is one of the charter members of the Buffalo Trace Rug Hookers and from the beginning she took to it like a fish to water. Many of you know Pat and know that she is a true artist. She always hooks her own patterns and has a knack for color and design.

"It's a Keeper" began as Pat's class project instructed by Anne Boissinot at Cedar Lakes Rug Camp in 2003. Pat explained, "This rug is a gift for my husband, Tony, who is a licensed fishing guide at Lake Cumberland in Kentucky. Captain Tony enjoys quizzing me about the names of fish because I am not a fisherwoman. I showed him I knew my fish by including their Latin names."

Pat also says she learned a lot about advance planning from this rug. She ran out of the background color, some of the border colors, and some of the sculpted rope wools and had a tough time getting more matching wool. It took Jyl several attempts to recreate the colors Pat needed, and we had to track down the background wool from the woolen mill. "Take it from me – overestimate the amount of wool you will need, especially for sculpted areas!"

THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL OFFER

During the month of January all remaining Christmas patterns will be on sale at 20% off the regular price. There is a limited selection of stockings, door pulls, mats and rugs.



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