

## WESTERN RESERVE RUG HOOKERS

Meets first Thursday of  
each month from  
September to June

Family Life Center  
16349 Chillicothe Rd.  
Chagrin Falls, Ohio

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Bring a lunch, coffee and  
tea provided

More info at:  
[westernreserverughookers.com](http://westernreserverughookers.com)



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Chapter 119 of the Association of Traditional Hooking Artists



## June 2020

### 2019 - 2020 Officers

President – Shirley Hairston  
[swh9421@gmail.com](mailto:swh9421@gmail.com)

Vice President - Celia Esala  
[czesala@aol.com](mailto:czesala@aol.com)

Secretary - Win Grossman  
[winifredpallante@sbcglobal.net](mailto:winifredpallante@sbcglobal.net)

Treasurer - Sibyl Osicka  
[sibyl@sibylosicka.com](mailto:sibyl@sibylosicka.com)

### Committee Chairs

Hospitality - Lois Davis

Membership - Pat Keith

Sunshine - Ruth Ellen Englander

Website - Shirley Hairston

Hook-In - Kelly Kanyok  
Doreen Butler

Store: Diane Green

## From Shirley's Frame...

I was looking back at my calendar and I have not been able to hook with my friends since February 22! Now part of that is due to the arrival of my granddaughter but the rest is due to our new visitor, COVID 19. I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy in this time of self-quarantine and social distancing.

Donna Hrkmann's class is still scheduled for July 9, 10 and 11th. We are going to try to keep this open until the last minute. We are asking everyone to wear a mask and try to maintain social distance of 6ft. The social distancing is hard because we want to share so much with each other and with Donna. So, the masks are a necessity. If you have any concerns, please contact Celia immediately.

I am still missing a few of the alphabet mats. Please get those to me ASAP. We are still working under the assumption that Sauder is going to happen. (I hope so, I need a trip somewhere!) We have a full slate of officers and the arrangements for electing and installing them has been set up. Please answer YES to any requests for help from the new team.

We have a great plan for next year; the Hookin' Bee is on for May 15, 2021, and we are waiting to hear back from Lake Farm Park for next year's events.

Speaking of next year, please send in your membership form and dues to Pat Keith. It is included in this newsletter.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being President of this fine group of



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June meeting cancelled,  
Please see page 5 for Sept. 3rd meeting plan



WRRH is Chapter 119 of ATHA (Association of Traditional Hooking Artists)

ATHA stands for the combined talents, creative energy and resources of over 4,000 fiber artists across the globe; and exists to help people express themselves through fiber art.

Go to [atharugs.com](http://atharugs.com) for more information on our national organization!

Hookers. Your enthusiasm is overwhelming! We have some good plans in place to move forward and some good practices to keep things in motion. Thanks to the great people who have helped me through the last two years.

Keep on Hookin'

*Shirley*

P.S. Please see page 5 for September 3rd meeting plans

From Celia:

First, I want to thank all the board members, Shirley Hairston, Win Grossman and Sibyl Osicka. It has been a true pleasure working with this group of women. They were professional and dedicated to keeping WRRH an organization you could be proud to be a member of. Well done ladies!

Second, I want to thank all women who stepped up to take on other lead roles, Lois Davis, Diane Green, Pat Keith, Kelly Kanyok & Doren Butler, Ruth Ellen Englander. It was a pleasure to work with such unsung members who quietly do the work and when asked to do more, were gracious and said yes.

Third, I want to thank you, the WRRH membership, for allowing me this privilege of being your vice-president and the opportunities it has given me. I too was dedicated to providing educational classes that I hope increased the knowledge of all our members in one way or another. It's been an honor!

Virtual Woolly Hugs,  
Celia

## New Shop Keeper Needed

First, we want to thank Diane Green for the many years she has organized the WRRH store to make it available for us to use during our meetings. Please give Diane a high five for her many hours of volunteering through our store!

Next is a message from Diane regarding the store:

*"I have decided not to handle the guild store during our meetings. For each meeting, I set up the items that sold in the store plus the cutter and the steamer. After the meeting, I would put the items back in the storage room. The members that helped during the meeting would handle the store during that time. The money collected each month was given to our Treasurer at the end of our meeting. The Treasurer would order our supplies needed for the store. If you have any question or to take this position, please contact Diane Green [green\\_985@msn.com](mailto:green_985@msn.com). This could be a 1- or 2-member position to handle the store."*



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Laurie has been doing some sort of handwork since her Mother handed her a needle and thread at age 5. While still in school and with limited resources, she began designing and hooking rugs in 1970 after seeing an article in *Early American Life* magazine.

Known for her keen sense of color and whimsical, folk art designs, Laurie has been teaching rug hooking and various fiber arts around the Twin Cities for over 30 years. Her goal for each student is to relax and enjoy the process, while gaining confidence in their technique and ability to make each project truly their own. Laurie's patterns have been featured in many publications including *Wool Works* and *Rug Hooking Magazine*.

She is currently a faculty artist/instructor at Minnetonka Center for the Arts and a member of numerous organizations including TAFE: The Textile and Fiber Arts List.



L.J. Fibers at The Woolly Red Rug - Laurie Lausen  
4630 Wentworth Avenue South \* Minneapolis, MN 55419  
612-964-1165 \* email: ljfibers@hotmail.com \* website: www.woollyredrug.com

## Scrappy Mats... the ultimate stash buster Class



This course is designed to give students the opportunity to enhance their skills and confidence in:

- designing and drawing patterns - simple, uncomplicated motifs are best, allowing wool choices to add and define details
  - color planning and blending wools from their stash and leftover wool strips
  - various finishing methods will be discussed
  - \* Students will bring their own rug foundation (minimum 24" x 24") and wool/strips to class.
  - \* Stash sharing is encouraged
  - \* Students will draw their own pattern for a chair mat, pillow top or runner
  - a variety of simple shape templates will be provided for those uncomfortable with freehand drawing
  - \* Group discussion on color planning and how wools blend
  - \* Individual student/teacher rotation to assist with progress of hooking mat
- Class size: Maximum 20 students (depending on venue)



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(The above are Laurie Lausen's **copyrighted** patterns. You may purchase them from her website)

## Laurie Lausen- The Woolly Red Rug

September 29-30, 2020

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

I have seen all the posts on the completed projects during our creative time out! So, I'm sure everyone will have a stash of left-over wool to use for this class. Please see the class description on page 3. You'll learn oh so much and have lots of group interaction at a safe distance of course!

If you would like to register for Laurie Lausen's "Scrappy Mats... The Ultimate Stash Buster Class", please forward a check in the amount of \$80.00 and include your current email and phone number to Celia Esala, 17886 Lost Trail, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023 **by June 1, 2020**. Checks will not be cashed until late August.

### **PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK OUT TO L. J. Fibers**

Laurie will have patterns and wool to sell in the class and at her presentation at our October 1, 2020 meeting presentation.

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

1. *The current lottery system will be in effect for class registration.*
2. *If the current situation with COVID 19 persists or we don't meet the class number minimum, the class may be cancelled*

## **2020-2021 Dues are Due**

If you haven't already paid your next year's due, please complete the membership renewal form on page 7 of this newsletter and return to Pat Keith, Membership Chair, 9541 Remington Drive, Mentor, OH 44060 with your check made out to WRRH.



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From your Board:

We have a full slate of nominations. And now we need an opportunity to vote and transition.

We are planning on a September 3rd meeting. The meeting will go as follows:

- Shirley will open the meeting;
- Win will present the minutes from our March meeting. We will vote on them.
- Sibyl will present a treasurer's report, which we will vote on.
- The Nominating will present their slate of Officers. We will ask for nominations from the floor.
- If none, we will then take a voice vote.
- If passes, Shirley will turn the meeting over to the new President, VP, Treasurer and Secretary.

Shirley will send out an agenda for this meeting and March's meeting minutes in August.

At the September meeting we ask that everyone wear a mask. If you need one, we can provide one at the meeting. The tables will be set further apart, but we cannot guarantee the 6ft distance. We ask that each member respect that. We will not have refreshments at this meeting, but please bring a lunch if you would like.

Thank you,

Shirley Hairston, Celia Esala, Win Grossman, Sibyl Osicka

## Slate of Officers for 2020-2022

**President - Mary Horvath**

**Vice-President – Roberta Square**

**Secretary - Nancy Hagemeyer**

**Treasurer – Phyl Omiecinski**

Diane Green, WRRH's fabulous storekeeper, begins her search for volunteers to work the store for the 2020 – 2021 meetings beginning in September and ending in June.

**Please**, check your calendars when you are available to work the store and contact Diane at [green\\_985@msn.com](mailto:green_985@msn.com) to let her know.

Let's make this the year we have all slots filled before we begin a new year!



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## ABOUT THE WESTERN RESERVE RUG HOOKERS (WRRH)

THE WESTERN RESERVE RUG HOOKERS (WRRH), ATHA Chapter 119, meet the first Thursday of each month from September to June at the Family Life Center located at 16349 Chillicothe Road in Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

The meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m. Bring a lunch, coffee and tea is provided.

WRRH is affiliated with the national rug hooking organization, Association of Traditional Hooking Artists (ATHA). You may find more information regarding ATHA at atharugs.com. To enjoy benefits provided by ATHA, all members of WRRH must also belong to the national organization.

It is our desire to promote interest in the art of rug hooking and encourage creativity, craftsmanship and self-expression. We meet monthly to visit with friends, hook together, and enjoy educational programs. We welcome new attendees and hope that you will choose to join our creative and talented group.

<b>RENEWAL</b>			
	<b>Chapter Dues</b>	<b>ATHA DUES</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Chapter Only</b>	\$15	\$0	\$15
<b>Chapter and ATHA</b>	\$15	\$32	\$47

## New Member

	<b>Chapter Dues</b>	<b>ATHA DUES</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>June-Sept*</b>	\$15	\$32	\$47
<b>Oct, Nov, Dec</b>	\$15	\$24	\$39
<b>Jan, Feb</b>	\$15	\$16	\$31
<b>March, April, May</b>	\$15	\$8	\$23
*June-Sept will be considered dues for the following year (July 1-June30)			

Chapter Members MUST be members of ATHA. ATHA membership may be applied across chapters.



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### Membership/Renewal Form

The Western Reserve Rug Hookers (WRRH) is a local, non-profit organization formed to encourage the art of traditional rug hooking. The purpose of the chapter is to expose the public to rug hooking, to teach and learn from each other, and to promote the fiber art of rug hooking. WRRH welcomes anyone interested in learning more about this time-honored craft. WRRH is part of ATHA (Association of Traditional Hooking Artists) as Chapter 119. Visit our website at [www.westernreserverughookers.com](http://www.westernreserverughookers.com) for more information about our chapter.

ATHA is a national organization with members from around the world. ATHA provides many benefits to its members including six magazines annually composed of articles and features about rug hooking, as well as listings of teachers, suppliers, ATHA chapters, and fellow rug hookers. Visit the ATHA website at [www.atharugs.com](http://www.atharugs.com).

Dues for both WRRH and ATHA are \$47.00/year. \$15.00 goes to support WRRH, and \$32.00 goes to support ATHA. Dues are paid annually in May or June. New members joining WRRH and ATHA in Oct., Nov., and Dec. the dues are \$39.00. To join in Jan. and Feb. the dues are \$31.00. To join in March, April and May the dues are \$23.00. If you are presently a member of ATHA and want to join the WRRH Chapter the dues are \$15.00.

To become a member, you may mail your check and the completed form below to Pat Keith, WRRH Membership Chairperson, 9541 Remington Drive, Mentor, Ohio 44060, or bring check and form to a chapter meeting at Federated Life Center, 16349 Chillicothe Road (Rt. 306), Bainbridge, Ohio, 44022. Meetings are the first Thursday of every month September to June from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

#### MAKE YOUR CHECKS PAYABLE TO WRRH.

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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle one: YES or NO** You may publish my e-mail address in the ATHA membership directory.  
Privacy notice: ATHA uses e-mail and street addresses only for ATHA business.

**Circle all that apply:**    **New Member**    **Renewal**    **Student**    **Supplier**    **Teacher**

Date dues paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of dues paid: \_\_\_\_\_



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🐝 Bee happy & enjoy our-🐝

Western Reserve Rug Hookers ATHA Chapter #119

Annual 🐝 (re-scheduled) 🐝 Hook-In

It's a

“Hook-in Bee”

“It's all the Buzzzzzzz.....”

NEW DATE: Saturday, May 15, 2021

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

The Federated Church Family Life Center

16349 Chillicothe Road

Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023



Happy Hooking  
&  
Enjoy your  
Summer!

*Stay safe and be well  
-till we meet again!*