



NEWSLETTER

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DOORMATS EXHIBITION

26th Sept -
13th Oct 2011
at Gray's Court
Cafe in York

It was great at the last meeting to see everyone pouncing on the hessian packs. In case anyone missed them, or would like a second pack, I will have more ready at the June meeting. OR if you are not able to get there, phone

me on 01904 652222 and I will see to it that one is sent to you.

Incidentally, it will also be fine if anyone wants to make a doormat on a base other than hessian (e.g. rug canvas). As long as it is the same size (45 x 75 cm) that's fine.

If you have not yet been to have a look at Gray's Court, do take the chance when you are in York. We are to have our

Meeting Dates

12-30 4-30pm at Dunnington Reading Rooms
Church Street, Dunnington YO19 5PW.

- 4th June - Working meeting and swap shop
- 2nd July Workshop - Jane Jackson and Margaret Kenny. Please contact a committee member for more information and details of the course. This will run from 10-4pm and will cost £40 which includes lunch and expert tuition from 2 experienced and talented ruggers. A working meeting will be held as usual in the afternoon.
- 6th August - Venue to be confirmed. The hall at Dunnington is booked just in case!

Have you any ideas of events or workshops that you would like for next year? Would you like to share your skills with the group? Are you attending a workshop and could tell the group about it? Then Sue and Jennifer, our events organisers, would love to have a chat with you. Please contact them asap. Please don't be shy - still haven't heard from anyone yet!

rugs hung up the stairway, along the corridor and in the main dining area looking out over the garden. Imagine the space filled with lots of wonderful 'doormats', all the same size but in a fantastic range of

styles and colours. We will collect them in at our September meeting.

Let's show York what we can do!

Jenny

OTHER NEWS ITEMS

NEW MEMBERS

Wonderful to see so many visitors and new members at the May meeting. Welcome to you all and we look forward to many happy hours of rugging to come. If I haven't spoken to you yet - I was somewhat distracted by trying to attend both the workshop and the meeting! - please make sure you accost me at the June meeting.

Jenny Barnes

LAST MONTHS MEETING and WORKSHOP

Both the workshop and the meeting were hives of activity. Thanks to everyone for making them so successful. As mentioned there was lots of discussion about our latest project for Gray's Court and Jenny was able to tell everyone there what this would involve. The sales table is proving to be a great addition to the meeting and ensures that access to materials and equipment is always possible.

The workshop with Ali Rhind was very interesting and inspirational. Ali described the work she has carried out for a number of organisations and her work with people attending a cancer care unit in Newcastle. As a group we then looked at different projects that participants had brought along. These included stools, ottomans and even a waste paper bin! We also looked at producing 3D objects such as cones and stones and how these could be made. Ali shared some of her techniques and tips and most of us began to make a plan and draw out our pattern. For some this meant making a calico model first. It will be very interesting to see what people make over the next few months. There were a few new members who attended the workshop and we were all able to try some proddy work on a frame that Ali brought along. She always uses a frame and did try and convert us to its use! I can certainly see its benefits but am not so sure that my husband would welcome its addition to the decor in the living room!! Thanks again to everyone and if anyone would like to write about what they got from the day please send it to the Newsletter Editor.

Dates For Your Diary

- 16/5/11-9/6/11 - Mark Hearld and Emily Sutton are exhibiting at The Gallery in York College. The show includes drawings, collage, print and craft. For more info visit www.yorkcollege.ac.uk or phone 01904 770400.
- 10-12/6/11 and 18+19/6/11 North Yorkshire Open Studios For a free brochure contact admin@artconnections.org.uk or 01756 748529
- The Art Tour around Northumberland - Open Studios, exhibitions and workshops. Weekends in June and July. Contact www.networkartists.org.uk.
- 18/6/11 - Woodhorn Matters Picnic. If you are interested in going please contact Gill Barker.
- 25/6/11 - Woolfest. There were only 4 seats left on the bus last time I heard so get in quick!! Please contact Kay on 01757 703086 if you are interested. It's worth it just for the ride through such gorgeous countryside, and Woolfest itself is a stunning marketplace for all things woolly, from sheep and whole fleeces through looms, spinning wheels, yarns, felting materials to dozens of people demonstrating different skills and techniques.
- 21-24/7/11 - Art in Action, Oxford. Contact www.artinaction.org.uk for more information.

CLIPPINGS

DID YOU KNOW.....?

- That Sally Coomer has four generations of rug makers in her family. Her grown up son and nephew continue the tradition.
- That Sally's sister was awarded a scholarship to study rag rug making in America.
- That Heather Lambourn took part in the pilot City and Guilds Rag rug Making project and is one of a very few people to hold this qualification.
- That Heather and Sally founded Ebor Ruggers nearly 16 years ago.

If you have, or know anyone that has, a snippet of interesting information for the CLIPPINGS column please send it in. And thanks to Heather whose idea it was to include the column.