



NEWSLETTER

SEPT/OCT 2010



Photo taken of rugs in Sally's garden at the August Picnic

AUGUST and SEPTEMBER'S NEWS

Sorry for the delay in producing this newsletter. No newsletter is usually produced in August or December so I have got out of the rhythm!

It seems a long time ago now but August's picnic went very well. The weather was lovely until the very end when it poured! Fortunately everyone was packing up so no harm done.

Members of Woodhorn Matters were able to come and had some wonderful examples of rugs and wallhangings. Most members of this group use a frame when working. Julia, an Ebor Ruggers member, has started doing a piece using tights as described by

Cilla and asked in passing if anyone had any white tights. And guess what - Wendy, from Woodhorn, had come prepared and was able to pass some on!!! Isn't it amazing what people have in their work bags! I know my bags are like bottomless pits but I don't have any old tights in them - well not yet anyways!

Many thanks to Sally and her family for hosting this event and for providing an endless supply of refreshments.

Some members helped at the Bishop Burton Town and County Day and were able to promote rag rugging to those attending. Jennifer Rowley had a basket of allotment courgettes which were offered for donations to Rug Aid, Heather Ritchie's charity, and raised £10.

SEPTEMBER'S WORKSHOP

September's workshop was led by Sharon Smith and a colleague from Hull. Both were experienced teachers of Textile and Design and were able to show those who attended the principles behind the use of mood boards for inspiration and planning of textile work.

Sharon had brought some examples of students work and described how mood boards are used a lot in the textile industries. Fortunately no drawing skills are needed!! With Sharon we were able to use pieces cut out from magazines, use threads and wools, paint swatches from DIY stores, textures from objects etc to explore colours and simplify shapes of a selected image or future rug project. The photo gives some idea of what was produced on the day. It was a bit like being back at school and doing a collage - lots of

cutting, glueing and sticking!! Great fun!!

Sharon also talked about the use of the computer, for example the Photoshop programme, to filter and cut out images from photos. For those who came it was useful to look at the different methods of planning future work especially when thinking about the use of colour and texture.

Many thanks to Sharon for coming to talk and to Barbara for planning this event.

NEW SHOP!

When having a wander down Walmgate (7 Barleycorn Yard) I found a lovely new shop called Grace and Jacob that has lots of feltmaking and textile supplies. Creative textile courses are running and it is well-worth a visit. The shop is run by Fiona Hirst who can be contacted on 01904 627583 or at www.graceandjacob.co.uk.

Meeting Dates

2nd October 2010 - All day workshop. Details over the page.

6th November 2010 - Design workshop by Sally Coomer, an Ebor Ruggers member. Details in the next newsletter.

4th December 2010 - Christmas Late Lunch

Bring and share lunch. A bran tub for all members will be part of this. Usually members who come bring along a present for inclusion and we thought this year it would be good if it could be "rag rug related" So a piece of material, some wool, inspirational books, tools etc wrapped and ready to put under the tree would be fantastic.

WEBSITE NEWS

The Ebor Ruggers Web-site is there! Please go and have a look at www.eborruggers.com. If you have any other photos or any other information you think should be included please contact one of the Committee members. I have had some photos for inclusion in the gallery part of the website but we still want more. Don't be shy!!! We need information of the maker of the rug and its name/title. The Newsletter is included in the news section but if anyone has anything else they would like to add please let us know.

NEW BOOK

Woodhorn Matters have just sent me details of a new book by Deanne Fitzpatrick called Inspired Rug Hooking which is available from www.hookingrugs.com. It does look inspiring and I already have a copy of another of Deanne's books which I frequently look at for ideas and help.



Shirley's mood board and her "inspirational image" next to it. And below a rug of Sally's at the picnic.



Dates For Your Diary

🕒 Judy's Affordable Vintage Fairs
Sunday 17th October at The Hospitium, Museum Gardens in York
and Sunday 31st October at The Riley Smith Hall, Leeds University, LS2 9JT

🕒 Rag Rug Workshops at The Bakehouse Gallery in Alnwick. For more info 01665 602277 or www.thebakehousegallery.com

🕒 Saturday 9th October 10-4
Woodhorn Matters Proggly Christmas Workshop in Morpeth. Contact Doreen on 01670 5153250 for more info.

🕒 Sunday 24th October 2010

North Eastern Textiles Open Day at Danby Village Hall YO21 2JF. There will be demonstrations of spinning, felting and rag rugging. Free entry. For more info look at www.northeastertextiles.co.uk

OCTOBER MEETING - TRY IT OUT DAY

We have had lots of requests for help with things like starting and finishing pieces, preparing items for exhibition and ideas for new things to make.

With this in mind (and an eye to helping people prepare for York Open Studios 2011) we have arranged a try-it-out day for our October meeting.

We have also made it a longer meeting, so we will have plenty of time for everyone to try all the things on offer.

The Hall is booked from 10.00 am right through to 4.00 pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be available as usual. Please also bring any fabric you would be happy to exchange.

Topics arranged so far are:

Starting and finishing work

Preparing for exhibition

Brooches

Button necklaces

Hats

Bags

Cushions

Please bring your usual working kit with you, to include pieces of hessian, fabrics, scissors, needles and thread. For the button necklaces you will need 2 metres of fine leather thong (obtainable from Craft Basics), and for brooches you will need to bring some medium-sized safety pins or brooch pins (also Craft Basics).

Any other ideas? Please let us know.