



Historic Franklin Rug Hooking Retreat

October 26 – 30, 2025

Drury Plaza Hotel Nashville Franklin
1874 West McEwen Dr.
Franklin, TN 37067

We invite you to join us for our annual rug hooking retreat!

Location:

The Drury Plaza is conveniently located right off I-65 approximately 18 miles south of Nashville, TN. The area surrounding the hotel is filled with shopping and lots of restaurants. Beautiful historic downtown Franklin is just 4 miles away and lined with antique shops, boutiques, galleries, and delicious eateries. For the history buff, there are three interesting civil war properties to tour. You may also want to visit the Arrington Vineyards, which is a short drive away. Golf courses abound for those spouses who wish to tag along and play a few rounds. The October weather is delightful in Tennessee! Make it a true Tennessee vacation and extend your visit before or after our retreat.

The Retreat:

We offer 6 nationally known teachers with room in each class for 15 students. Join us for a Meet and Greet on Sunday evening to check in, meet your teacher and get settled in your spot. Instruction hours are 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday – Thursday with a break for a catered lunch at noon. Evenings are on your own for dinner. You may return for evening hooking in the conference room until 10pm.

Fees (due with registration form):

\$430.00 tuition for residents staying at the Drury Plaza

\$480.00 tuition for commuters

Your tuition fee includes 4 days of instruction, light snack/dessert at the Meet and Greet, 4 catered lunches and beverages throughout the week. Dinner is on your own at the many restaurants in the area or stay for the evening KickBack meal at the Drury Plaza.

Lodging:

The Drury Plaza has extended us a discounted room rate of \$159.00 per night, double occupancy, plus tax. Your reservation includes: a hot breakfast, free wireless internet, free parking, complimentary KickBack hot food buffet and complimentary adult beverages from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm. There is free soda and popcorn in the lobby from 3:00pm to 10pm. All rooms are provided with a TV, microwave, refrigerator, coffee maker, iron, and hairdryer. The hotel also features a pool and fitness center.

Reserve your room on line at www.druryhotels.com or call 1-800-325-0720. Please use the group number **10080620** to get our special rate. You must reserve your room by **Wednesday, September 24, 2025** to receive the special rug retreat rate! *Your stay at the Drury Plaza helps support our rug hooking retreat.* (Please note that the Drury Plaza books their rooms up to one year in advance, so 2025 room reservations can be made starting on November 1, 2024).

Please note that due to the hotel's liquor licensing, we are not permitted to bring outside liquor into the meeting rooms.

Camp Store:

For your convenience, Spruce Ridge Studios will run the rug hooking store with a wide variety of supplies for sale during the retreat, beginning at 1 pm on Monday. If you have handmade or small antique items that you would like to sell in the store, please contact us for an inventory form. There is a 15% consignment fee for all items sold in the camp store.

Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations must be received in writing. If you cancel before February 15, 2025, you will be refunded your registration fee, less \$50 for administrative fees. If you cancel after February 15th but before August 15, 2025, you will be refunded your registration fee, less \$100 for administrative fees. After August 15, 2025 no refunds will be given for any reason. We do not allow tuition roll-overs from one year to the next. Lodging reservations must be cancelled with the Drury Plaza. Your signature on the registration form acknowledges that you understand and accept our cancellation policy.

Airport:

Nashville International Airport is 21 miles from the Drury Plaza.

Other Good Things To Know:

We will draw attendee's names for door prizes throughout the week. On Thursday after lunch, we will have a grand prize drawing for a 2026 camp tuition with the teacher of your choice! You must be present to win!



Like our Facebook page, Historic Franklin Rug Hooking Retreat, to get the latest updates and information about our retreat.

Please contact Kris Miller for more information. 517-546-7732 or franklinrugretreat@gmail.com

2025 Teachers:

Katie Allman – Ashland, OH

Katie enjoys the excitement of incorporating all sorts of fibers into her rug hooking creations. One of the most important aspects of class time is for her students to love what they make. A certified McGown instructor, she teaches at many camps and guilds. From fun, bright colors to primitive palates, Katie will help you create something you will enjoy. Although schooled in all cuts, she prefers medium to wide cuts, hand torn wools and chenille, especially in an uneven pile. To see examples of her work and available patterns, visit www.katieallman.com. A retired nurse after almost 40 years, she now enjoys more time with her family, church, spinning yarn, and teaching rug hooking. She resides in Ashland, OH with her husband. They have two grown children and two grandsons.

Donna Hrkman ~ Dayton, OH

Donna Hrkman has been an artist all her life. Her artistic experience in different media includes drawing, painting, and stenciling, just to name a few. She got started in rug hooking fifteen years ago, developed a reputation for creating realistic portraits of people and animals and has added a Steampunk theme to her list of design motifs. Donna also enjoys teaching workshops and travels extensively to do that. She can teach a wide variety of themes and topics and is very flexible in anything from primitives to fine cuts. She has exhibited her work in art shows and galleries, and has written two books: *Rug Hookers Companion* and *Creative Techniques for Rug Hookers*.

Her rugs have won awards in shows, have been displayed and sold in galleries, and twelve of them have been selected as Finalists in *Celebrations* magazine.

She continues to strive for excellence in her work and in her teaching. Donna loves making rugs and sharing what she knows with others. She lives in Dayton, Ohio with her husband and three cats. Her three sons are grown and on their own. www.donnahrkmandesigns.com

Michele Micarelli – New Haven, CT

Michele is a certified rug hooking teacher whose main objective is to unleash creativity. The classes she teaches are full of storytelling, imagination exercises, and laughter. She has been a rug hooker since 1991 and prefers using 4 and 5 cut wool and linen for lots of detail but can teach all cuts. Michele is proud to have served on the ATHA Region 1 board of directors for ten years. She is past President of the Northern McGown Teacher's Workshop. She served as a judge for 15 years of *Craft's Adventure* in New England and is pleased to have had her rugs appear in several editions of *The Celebration of Rug Hooking* (and has also served as a judge), as well as being inducted into the *Celebrations* Hall of Fame. Her rugs appear in many rug hooking books and also in issues of *Rug Hooking Magazine*. She was honored by The Green Mountain Guild in the "Strong Woman" show, has received the "Silver Hook Award" from the Newtown Historical Society Rug Show, and named "Hooker of the Year" by the Rug Hooking Museum of North America (Nova Scotia), where she is Director at large.

Michelle Palmer – Macedon, NY

Michelle has illustrated in watercolor for over 35 years. She has translated hundreds of her paintings and ink illustrations into punch needle and rug hooking designs. Her love for designing with fibers began in 2005. Michelle wanted to bring her illustrated characters to life for her children through needle felting. That quickly expanded to punch needle with embroidery floss where she could continue to design functional art. Her passion for rug hooking began in 2007. Michelle's works in fiber have a painterly quality. Her teaching focuses on the use of color, light, and atmosphere along with the importance of negative space to define and support the main subject. Her workshops are filled with practical techniques in a relaxed and light-hearted atmosphere. You can find Michelle's patterns and writings in *Pinch Needle & Primitive Stitcher* magazine, *Rug Hooking Magazine*, and through her Etsy shop.

Cathy Stephan ~ Athens, WI

Cathy is the owner of Red Barn Rugs in Wisconsin and she loves antique looking primitives and all things rug hooking. She has been teaching at workshops and camps for 14 years and does a lot of designing and reclaiming old rug designs that will be lost without someone to rescue them. She has been featured in *Rug Hooking Magazine* in several articles and books, most recently *Rug Hooking Journeys: Finding the Maker in the Rug*, by Tamara Pavich. You can find her designs on Facebook under Catherine Stephan, but there is no website at this time. She has been teaching torn strips and wide cut hooking and shading, how to color plan to make it look old, working with neutrals, wide cut sepia, building wood frames, great backgrounds, and most of all using those textures and tweeds we love!

Diane Stoffel ~ Brewster, MA

Diane is a very popular, energetic rug hooking teacher who teaches at workshops and camps throughout the United States. She is a McGown Certified Instructor. She conducts an open class and teaches all types of patterns, designs, and cuts. Diane brings a mixture of custom dyed wool and textures for her students and shares her vast knowledge of color planning and rug hooking techniques.



2025 Registration Form Historic Franklin Rug Hooking Retreat

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Registration is first come/first served, with a postmark of October 28, 2024 or later. We will not accept forms that are postmarked before this date. There is a limit of 3 registration forms per envelope.

Please print. Fill in all blank spaces and sign at the bottom of the form (your signature is required for registration).

Make checks payable to **Historic Franklin Rug Hooking Retreat** and mail to: Spruce Ridge Studios/Kris Miller, 1786 Eager Road, Howell, MI 48855

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____

Email address: _____
(Please print clearly!)

Emergency Contact (name) _____

Emergency Contact (phone) _____

Allergies or Dietary restrictions _____

Teacher Choice: 1st: _____

2nd: _____ 3rd: _____

Enclosed check for \$430.00 tuition (if you are staying at the Drury)

Enclosed check for \$480.00 (commuter-not staying at the Drury)

I have read and accept the Retreat cancellation policy.

I release the Historic Franklin Rug Hooking Retreat, Spruce Ridge Studios LLC, Kris Miller, Ken Miller, or any other persons associated with this rug hooking retreat of responsibility/liability for injury, illness, damage, theft of property, loss, or acts of God while attending the Historic Franklin Rug Hooking Retreat.

Signature: _____