



Historic Franklin Rug Hooking Retreat

October 18 – 22, 2026

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 who share their unique talents and expertise. Join us for a Meet and Greet on Sunday, with time to check in, meet your teacher, and get settled into your spot. Instruction hours are 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday – Wednesday and 9:00 am to approximately 1:00 pm on Thursday, with a break for a catered lunch at noon each day. Evenings are on your own for dinner. You may return for evening hooking in the conference room until 10pm.

Fees (due with registration form):

\$450.00 tuition for residents staying at the Drury Plaza

\$500.00 tuition for commuters

Your tuition fee includes instruction with one of our teachers, 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 \$169.00 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 **10114825** to get our special rate. You must reserve your room by **Wednesday, September 16, 2026** 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 2026 room reservations can be made starting on October 26, 2025).

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 1:00 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, 2026, you will be refunded your registration fee, less \$50 for administrative fees. If you cancel after February 15th but before August 15, 2026, you will be refunded your registration fee, less \$100 for administrative fees. After August 15, 2026 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 2027 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

2026 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. 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.

Colleen Faulkner ~ Jefferson City, MO

(Please note: this is an Oxford Punch class but no prior experience is required)

Colleen Faulkner has been making Punch Needle Rugs since 1992. She has designed and taught classes in Ohio, Texas, Arkansas and Missouri. Taught at the National rug hooking Atha Convention in 2022 and 2024. She lives in Jefferson City, Missouri with her husband and kids. She has furthered her studies by taking and completing an Oxford Teacher Certification class in 2014 Vermont with Amy Oxford.

Colleen has done commissioned dog portrait rugs. She has done a dog rug of the governor's dog, Daniel Boone, for the State of Missouri. She has made many rugs, but her biggest accomplishment “RED” was in Rug Hooking Celebration top 30, year 2020. She now has her own line of New Zealand rug wool that she dyes by hand called Whackadoo Yarns. Published in Amy Oxford advanced new book 2024 with a whole chapter on how I make rugs! Currently, I am just on Facebook under Colleen Solmos Faulkner and Instagram.

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, 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.

Ali Strebel ~ Tipp City, OH

Ali has been teaching fiber arts nationally and internationally since 1986. Her business, Ali Strebel Designs, is located in Tipp City, Ohio where she sells an extensive line of books and patterns that she co-published. She also carries hand dyed wool, yarns, roving and other fiber art supplies. Her approach has always been a little different to rug hooking. She works with different fibers and techniques creating special effects and unique pieces. It is always her hope to inspire and encourage students to try something new. www.alistrebeldesigns.com

Caroline Twigg ~Keedysville, MD

Caroline started rug hooking in late 2005 when a local library offered a rug hooking class. She quickly found that she loved primitive colors, patterns, and textures. As her passion grew for rug hooking, she began to study under teachers such as Barb Carroll, Cynthia Norwood, and Jayne Hester. In 2011, she opened her studio, Eagles Nest Woolens, now featuring over 100 patterns listed on her website. She has been traveling and teaching the art of rug hooking since 2016. Her class focus will be on primitive patterns, colors, and cuts utilizing wider cut textured wools to achieve the feel of old rugs. Primitive colors do not mean a colorless palette. The backs of antique rugs often show brighter colors and have worn to the old dusty colors that we all love. In class, we will focus on the dusty and worn color palette with splashes of bolder colors when necessary. Caroline will also discuss ways to enhance the look and texture of your rug as well as eliminate some of your fear and doubts about your color planning skills. Caroline lives with her husband Ron and beloved beagle, in Western Maryland. Her home is filled with old and new hooked rugs. Her website is www.eaglesnestwoolens.com



2026 Registration Form

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Registration is first come/first served, with a postmark of November 3, 2025 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 \$450.00 tuition (if you are staying at the Drury)

Enclosed check for \$500.00 (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: _____