Historic Franklin Rug Hooking Retreat

October 17 – 21, 2027

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. There are two local golf courses 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 $165.00 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 **10155550** to get our special rate. You must reserve your room by **Wednesday, September 15, 2027** 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 2027 room reservations can be made starting on October 26, 2026).

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, 2027, you will be refunded your registration fee, less $50 for administrative fees. If you cancel after February 15th but before August 15, 2027, you will be refunded your registration fee, less $100 for administrative fees. After August 15, 2027 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 prices throughout the week. On Thursday after lunch, we will have a grand prize drawing for a 2028 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

2027 Teachers:

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's 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.

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

Joanne Page ~ Wake Forest, NC
Joanne page is the designer behind Woolly Worms Rugs. Originally from England, she came to The States on a one-year assignment with her husband about thirty years ago. Trained as a graphic designer and illustrator, she worked for the Ancient Monument Commission for England. Designing site graphics for places like Stonehenge and Hadrian's wall. Once in the States, she quickly learned to quilt and then discovered Rug Hooking. She started off designing primitive rugs, but kept adding brighter colors.
In the last couple of years, she has worked on some more detailed designs and is now very comfortable working with students in a wide range of cuts. She loves color and really enjoys color planning. You are welcome to work on any pattern, but if you are interested in seeing what Joanne has designed, you can find her on Etsy https://woollywormsrugs.etsy.com/

Jenny Smallridge ~ New Vienna, OH
Rug Hooking has become a way of life for me, as it has allowed me to retire from teaching public school to running a wooly business. At The Wolly Horse, we offer rug hooking patterns, punch needle patterns and of late, cross stitching patterns on rug hooking linen. We are primarily a primitive style rug hooking shop with a few whimsical patterns thrown into the mix. The longer I work at developing patterns, the more prim the patterns become. The classes I teach generally consist of scrappy/antique style hooking and choosing values when color planning your rugs, tips on bringing your hooking to the next level, backgrounds, bindings, and a look at antique rugs.
My style of hooking is primitive, and becoming grungy primitive! The cut sizes I prefer to use in my hooking are 8.5 – 10 (plus hand torn strips) but I have hooked with #3 cuts. When I am designing a pattern, I always have in the back of my mind what size cuts I want to use in that rug, therefore several of my patterns are large to accommodate the larger size strips.
www.thewoolyhorse.com

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.

2027 Registration Form
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Registration is first come/first served, with a postmark of November 2, 2026 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:_____