



**“Wool Whisperings”**  
**The Newsletter of the Wool Whisperers**  
**ATHA Guild 131**

February 2014

### **From the President and Vice Presidents**

The parlor was buzzing like a hive with so much to share during a long winter hibernation. Many came out for company and comfort during this winter of record-breaking snowfall. Our membership renewed this month and we are richer with 3 new members. A warm welcome to Deborah Jones, Lisa Moulton and Cathy Heilferty. They bring new ideas and beautiful rugs to our group. We look forward to our Winter Retreat for next month with everyone snuggled into the Spring Hill Suites for a fun weekend of hooking, learning and sharing!

Hang onto your woolies for now with 6 more weeks of winter and hooking!

Cherry, Sue and Tonia

### **January 2014 Meeting Minutes**

\*President Cheryl Halliday opened our first meeting of 2014.

\*Betsy Warner reminded the group to sign up for their membership and that our dues are to be paid by the end of January.

\*Cheryl Halliday opened a discussion about the retreat that is coming up in February and reminded us that **THERE WILL BE NO REGULAR MEETING IN FEBRUARY** because of the retreat. She asked for volunteers to help set up at 2:00 in the afternoon and Betsy Warner requested that the people who signed up for Norma's class let her know if they want to do a Rufus Porter pattern or if they prefer to work on something else that they would like Norma's input on.

\*Cheryl Halliday called our attention to the fact that we are in an election year and that our bylaws state that we cannot serve more than 2 consecutive terms in the same position. We will hold an election in May so please be thinking about what you would like to do.

\*Birthday wishes were extended to those who have a birthday this month.

\*We welcomed new members: Debbie Jones, Lisa Moulton and Cathy Heilferty and they shared a little about themselves.

\*The Woolwrights guild is having their hook-in on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Please see the newsletter for more information.

\*Sue Schultz announced that we will skip the month of February for our wool swap due to the retreat.

\*We ended our meeting by exchanging our beautiful remembrances of Patty in this month's wool swap.

Respectfully submitted,  
Juliana Kapusta  
Secretary

**Treasurer's report:**

The balance in the checking account as of 1/30/14 was \$1662.72. This is after payment of the room for the retreat. We received payments of \$780 for the retreat. We paid \$800 for the room and \$72 for the room taxes. Since we are a non-profit, the taxes should be refunded. I am in the process of confirming that with the hotel.

Dues reminder:

A reminder that the 2014 dues are now due. Please send a check for \$10.00 made payable to Wool Whisperers to Betsy Warner or bring the payment to the retreat.

Retreat:

There are still openings for the retreat. Please contact Betsy Warner immediately if you are interested.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Betsy Warner  
Treasurer

**Next Meeting** – There will not be a “meeting” in February.

**Member News**

**February Retreat:** We still have openings for the retreat and the afternoon with Norma. The afternoon is not limited to doing a Porter design. For the afternoon, Norma will work with the participants on designing a Porter pattern and also will consult on projects other than the Porter design if you wish. Please let Betsy Warner know if this changes your interest in doing the afternoon consultation and whether you will be doing the Porter design or another project so that Norma can prepare.

**Rugs on Display:** at the January gathering.

Cathy Heilferty



Deb Lesher



Sue Shulz



## February Birthdays

Birthday wishes go to members celebrating their special day this month:

Barb Meyers (2/18); Barbara Boyko (2/25)

## Membership

**ATHA Renewal:** When renewing your ATHA membership please remember to include our chapter number - #131 Wool Whisperers.

Please send additions or corrections relating to Membership to Juliana Kapusta at [juliana\\_kapusta@hotmail.com](mailto:juliana_kapusta@hotmail.com) or 215-721-4327.

## Reminders

Don't forget to BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch) to each meeting. You can also bring something yummy to share. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Visitors are welcome up to two times a year. If you visit the Guild and would like to be added to the waiting list please contact Cherry.

## Events and Workshops

February 21-23, 2014 – **Wool Whisperers Winter Retreat** – A relaxing weekend of time to hook any project you bring, with fellow Wool Whisperer members. We will have a morning of instruction with Norma Batastini, for those in attendance on Saturday. Springhill Suites 1930 John Fries Highway ~ Quakertown, PA 18951 (215) 529-6800. 3 pm Friday afternoon through 3 pm Sunday afternoon. Additional information will be listed in our newsletter Wool Whisperings.

March 15, 2014 - **Woolwrights 4th Annual Spring Hook-in.** 1383 Arcadia Rd., Lancaster, PA 17601. Contact : [www.woolwrights.com](http://www.woolwrights.com) or Deb Burcin 717-464-5271

April 6-11, 2014 - **Maryland Shores Rug Hooking School.** Ocean Front Dunes Manor Hotel, Contact: Pam Johnson 410-251-2888 [lpt219@comcast.net](mailto:lpt219@comcast.net)

April 27-May1 - **Wooley Fox Rug Camp.** Ligonier , PA Contact: [www.wooleyfox.com](http://www.wooleyfox.com) or 724-238-3004

May 7-May 10, 2014 - **Region 1 Rug Hooking School.** Wisdom House, Litchfield, CT Contact: Sarah Guiliani, Director, 447 Ocean ST. South Portland, ME 04106 207-233-1953 or [uhookrugs@yahoo.com](mailto:uhookrugs@yahoo.com)

June 4-13, 2014 ( 2 Sessions ) - **Green Mountain Rug School.** Vermont Technical Center, Randolph Center, VT. Contact: [greenmountainhookedrugs.com](http://greenmountainhookedrugs.com) or Stephanie Allen-Krauss 802-223-1333

August 11-16, 2014 - **Sauder Village Rug Hooking Week.** 22611 St. Rt. 2, Archbold, OH 43502. Contact: [www.SauderVillage.org](http://www.SauderVillage.org) or 800-590-9755

October 15-19, 2014 - **Hooked in the Mountains XVII.** Champlain Valley Exposition (new venue), Essex Junction, VT. Contact: [www.gmrhg.org](http://www.gmrhg.org)

October 21-24, 2014 - **Region 1 Rug Hooking School.** Inn & Spa at Church Landing, Meredith, NH. Contact: Nancy Blood, Director, 60 McMaster St., Owego, NY 13827 Contact: 607-687-0142 or [nanset@stny.rr.com](mailto:nanset@stny.rr.com)

**Rug Hooking Magazine Introduces Book Club** -- Rug Hooking Magazine recently introduced a rug hooking book club. Details can be found on the RHM website [www.rughookingmagazine.com](http://www.rughookingmagazine.com) or by calling 877-462-2604 toll free.

The Events and Workshops list will be supplemented as we receive notices of workshops. Please send any additions or corrections to this list to Betsy Nutt at [betsynutt@aol.com](mailto:betsynutt@aol.com). (With thanks to *HCRAG Newsletter* for some of the above information.)

## Wool Whisperer's Calendar

(All Monthly meetings are at Jenkins Parlor at Foulkeways, 1120 Meetinghouse Road, Gwynedd, PA 19436 from 10am to 4pm unless otherwise noted.)

**\*\*February 21-23, 2014** – Weekend Hook-in (see Events and Workshops above)

**March 23, 2014** – Monthly meeting

**April 27, 2014** – Monthly meeting

**May 18, 2014** – Monthly meeting

**June 22, 2014** – Monthly meeting

**July 27, 2014** – Monthly meeting

**August 24, 2014** – Monthly meeting

**September 28, 2014** – Monthly meeting

**October 19, 2014** – Monthly meeting

**November 16, 2014** – Monthly meeting

**December 14, 2014** – Monthly meeting

## Guild Officers

### Co-Presidents:

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