

## A Superior Rug School on a Great Lake

September 10 – 14, 2012

Arrowhead Hookcrafters Guild

C/O Kay Despard

P.O. Box 345, Aitkin, MN 56431

TEACHERS – Select one of the four teachers

**Maria Barton** ([www.starrugcompany.com](http://www.starrugcompany.com)) Maria, (a hockey playing working wife and mother from Michigan) owner of Star Rug Company, a website based rug hooking pattern business, began hooking in 1992. Inspired by Polly Minnick, after seeing Polly's home and rugs featured in a Better Homes and Gardens article; Maria is best known for her primitive and whimsical style and patterns. Her favorite topic and signature pieces are Halloween themed rugs. Maria has written articles for both Rug Hooking Magazine and The Wool Street Journal. Recognized by Early American Life Magazine in 2005, 2006, and 2011 she was selected as one of the top 100 artisans in the country. Her work has been exhibited at Sauder Village and Star of Texas. She has taught at camps and workshops in Michigan, Texas, Ohio, Minnesota and Alabama. In 2011, Maria served as a *Celebration of Hand-Hooked Rugs* judge. Her hooked rugs have been featured in the ATHA newsletter, and magazines such as *Country Almanac*, Phyllis Hoffman's *Celebrate*, *Early American Life*, *Rug Hooking Magazine*, and *Wool Street Journal*. She has written articles for both *Rug Hooking Magazine* and *The Wool Street Journal*. Her most recent article in Rug Hooking Magazine was January/February 2012.

**Mary Johnson** ([www.designsinwool.com](http://www.designsinwool.com)) Mary (an avid quilter before her sister taught her to hook in 1998) has had a business in Illinois, Minnesota and now California. Her designs are influenced by her love for folk art and the whimsical designs of early rug hookers. She continues to make new designs and dye fabulous wool. Mary offers primitive rug designs on her website and will bring lots of supplies. She loves to dye wool as much as she loves to hook. Most recently she had an

article in Rug Hooking Magazine in December 2011 with her Christmas ornaments. She hopes you will visit her website to see her new designs.

**Cathy Stephan** has been designing primitive rugs for 16 years and teaching for 9 years under the name Red Barn Rugs, located in central Wisconsin. Inspired by color, folk art, quilts, animals and all of the gorgeous textured wools available, she likes to work with geometrics and do shading with wide cuts. A recent interest is symbolism in hooked rugs, and the way it reveals who we are, what we believe, and the stories we tell in our rugs. Cathy's favorite rugs are simple designs with terrific color, that hold a bit of a secret, revealed in a symbol or two. Cathy won TWO first place awards at the 2010 National McGowan Conference in Wisconsin.

### Cathy Tokheim

Cathy grew up in Duluth, MN, appreciating the beauty of nature and animals and now lives on the Minnesota/Iowa border. She learned from Jill Rotterman in 1998 and discovered that primitive rug hooking combines all of her favorite creative things, design, color, texture and fiber. Learning to dye wool for the primitive colors she needed, she soon had more wool than she could use so she opened Old Friends-Woolens as a business, specializing in custom designs, over-dyed wool, and rug, punch needle, and whimsy patterns. She teaches primitive rug hooking and has her own patterns at her "in home" shop. She continues to see new design ideas everywhere. Her class will teach designing your own patterns, using a variety of templates, and pictorial inspirations, based on individual interests. There really is no end to what you can design!

**Once we receive your deposit we will send your confirmation and information about the hotel in your self-addressed stamped envelope.**

## MINI CLASSES

Mini classes are offered at the end of the day..

### Hook Caddy – Cathy Tokheim Tuesday 3:30 (\$25.00)

This mini class will get you started on making a lovely hook caddy for all of your hooks and scissors, to take along in your bag when you hook. It's lovely and convenient. Available in several shapes and designs you will personalize it with your initials on one side. It has two hooked outer covers and is hand sewn together with woolen hinges to form a book-like piece that contains two pockets inside for your tools. It's a quick project, easily finished during our workshop week. Our mini class will get you started and Cathy will be available to help you finish it. **The cost is \$25.00, for the pattern and instruction.** You will need to bring about ¼ yard of wool of your choice to hook it and finish the insides. It is suggested that you bring a combination of about 5 colors or textures to finish your piece. Cathy will have additional wool available for purchase or you can provide your own. She will have thread and needles on hand along with buttons that you will need, but you can also provide your own, if you'd rather. You'll have a great keepsake or a gift to give when you're finished.

### Whimsical Pumpkin – Maria Barton-Wednesday 3:30 (\$25.00)

Known for her love of all things Halloween, Maria will teach a pumpkin class that will encourage you to stretch your creative designs and think "outside" the hooking box. She will teach a variety of techniques such as beading, felting, using zippers and adding tongues, just to name a few. This will be a fun class with new ideas that you'll be able to use beyond this project.

**Mail your registration along with a self-addressed-stamped-envelope (SASE), your payment in full or deposit of \$100.**

**Mail Registration information (along with a self addressed stamped envelope) to:**

Kay Despard  
P. O. Box 345  
Aitkin, MN 56431

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

First Choice Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Choice Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Mini Classes: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Amount Due: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Balance due June 1, 2012 please

Checks to: **Arrowhead Hookcrafters**

Best way for your teacher to contact you:

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**HOTEL**

Edgewater Conference Center offers Comfortable rooms with refrigerators and coffee makers, just steps away from the workroom. The breakfast room has a great view of the shipping channel. When registering for rug school, you will receive a code number giving you the special rate of \$59 (double room).

**Dining**

Catered meals are a daily option for lunch and dinner, a variety of eating places within walking distance, and of course great places for dining in and around the city.

**REGISTRATION**

Return the registration form and a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope to:  
Kay Despard  
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Aitkin, MN 56431

Class fee is \$205, (payable to Arrowhead Hookcrafters) payment of \$100 will hold your reservation. Balance is due June 1, 2012  
Cancellation policy: All but \$50 will be returned if written cancellation is received before July 1, 2012

**QUESTIONS?**

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PRE-Workshop hooking: 9-9-12 starting at Noon. Special Maria Barton Class offering from 2-6 pm. Cost of \$55 or \$60 depending on size (\$5 discount for rug school participants). Must pre-register for Maria's class. Contact Kay for more data.

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### Edgewater Conference Center Duluth, Minnesota

Classroom overlooking Lake Superior  
Great selection of patterns, books, wool  
Cutters available for use by students  
Daily prize drawings  
Evening hooking until 10:00 pm  
Mini classes, catered meals optional.

### Classes September 10-14, 2012

Mon. Register beginning at 1:00 Classes 3-6  
Tues. Wed. Thurs. classes 9-3  
Wed. Rug show 1-3  
Friday classes 9-12