

*2<sup>nd</sup> Annual*  
**Fall Foliage Fiesta  
of Rug Hooking**  
**September 21-25, 2011**  
**Vermont College of Fine Arts Campus,  
Montpelier, Vermont**  
**Three 4-Day Classes, One 2-Day  
Class Plus R&R Retreat**



*Vermont College of Fine Arts, College Hall  
Montpelier, Vermont*

**Get Hooked on Fall!**

The historic Vermont College of Fine Arts is a wonderful place to offer rug hooking classes during the height of Vermont's spectacular fall foliage season. Located on a scenic hilltop in the capital city of Montpelier, this classic New England college offers large, sunny classrooms; comfortable, clean dorm rooms; and a variety of delicious foods prepared by the renowned New England Culinary Institute.

**THE CLASSES**

*Classes are held in College Hall (pictured). They are limited to 14 students to allow for individual attention and are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Classrooms are open until 11 PM for evening hooking.*

- **Orientals** with Jeanne Benjamin, MA
- **Open Class** with Sybil Osicka, OH
- **Primitives & Wide Cut** with Anita White, KS
- **Techniques of Finishing** with Susan Feller, WV (2-day class, Sept 24&25)

**R&R RETREAT—REST & RUG HOOKING**

This option is available for those who prefer to relax and hook at their leisure with friends and new acquaintances. Stay in the dorm or treat yourself to one of the local Montpelier Bed & Breakfasts. Leave a little time to visit the shops in Montpelier or enjoy a meal at one of the many restaurants in town. There's lots to do, or very little—it's your choice!

**TUITION** (*prices include registration fee*)

**4-Day Classes- Single: \$660, Double: \$560, Commuter: \$360**

Includes 4 days of instruction, 4 nights of dormitory accommodations (Wed.–Sat.) and meals (Wednesday dinner through Sunday lunch). Commuter fee includes 4 days of instruction and lunches.

**2-Day Class (Sept 24-25) - Single: \$290, Double: \$250, Commuter: \$210**

Includes 2 days of instruction (Sat.–Sun.) and Sat. night accommodations, meals (Sat. lunch – Sunday lunch). Commuter's fee includes 2 days of instruction and lunches.

**Retreat Option- Single: \$425, Double: \$325, Commuter: \$25 a day**

Includes 4 nights of dormitory accommodations (Wed.-Sat.) and meals (Wed. dinner- Sunday lunch). Commuter fee includes lunches.

**An Additional Night's Stay:** \$80, includes dinner and breakfast.

**Accommodations for Spouse/Partner:** \$300, includes lodging in same room and meals, but no classes.

**TO REGISTER** Please send your **\$100 deposit**, completed registration form, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Fall Foliage Fiesta, 2838 County Rd, Montpelier, VT 05602.

## THE TEACHERS & CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

### Jeanne Benjamin- Brookfield, MA 'Orientals'



Jeanne started hooking in 1971 and became McGown certified in 1979. She teaches at 9-14 national events each year and has 3 classes for area students in her home studio.



### Anita White- Overland, KS 'Primitives & Wide Cuts'

Anita is McGown certified and since 1997 she's been teaching all over the country as well as at her home studio.



Jeanne enjoys a large, diverse class and gives instruction in small increments, which enables her to see individual students often. Class-time includes question/answer periods so everyone can participate and learn from the group, as well as from individual instruction. She stresses good pre-camp communication and advance planning to maximize your time in class. Jeanne encourages you to relax, keep an open mind, and enjoy this creative time!

For this class select any Oriental design of any size or cut. Jeanne will bring authentic Oriental rugs, as well as hooked ones, and several great books on Orientals to look through. She can help pre-plan your rug and is happy to incorporate your wools, if appropriate.

Jeanne is the owner of *New Earth Designs*- a hooked rug pattern business of diverse designs, including gorgeous Orientals. She also keeps busy with a dyed-wool mail order business featuring swatches, spots, yardage, and textured fabrics. Visit her website at <http://www.newearthdesigns.com> or e-mail her at [jeanne@newearthdesigns.com](mailto:jeanne@newearthdesigns.com).

Anita is offering an open class, allowing students to select a pattern of their own choice. Her style preference leans toward a # 6-9 cut, using lots of textures, plaids, over-dyed wools and antique paisley. Florals, geometrics, wide-cut animals, folk art, and antique-style rugs are great choices for this class. She will cover lots of techniques, dyeing suggestions, and helpful hints. Her class promises to encourage the beginner as well as to challenge the seasoned hooker. Join Anita for a fun week of hooking and learning. Visit her blog at [anitawhite.blogspot.com](http://anitawhite.blogspot.com) or e-mail her at [anitahooksrugs@yahoo.com](mailto:anitahooksrugs@yahoo.com)

## Sybil Osicka- Parma, OH Open Class



Sybil has been teaching throughout the US and Canada since 1989. She is known for her fine shading but can teach all styles and cuts. She has two McGown accreditations, and holds memberships in local, national and international rug hooking organizations. She frequently writes articles for Rug Hooking Magazine, the McGown and ATHA Newsletters. She has written two dye books,

*Soft is Beautiful 1 & 2*, and a rug hooking reference book- *Creative Journey into Rug Hooking*.

Sybil is offering an open class where students may bring the project of their choice. She can design patterns on most subjects, and will dye the wool to suite each student's color plan. Students will be contacted prior to the class.



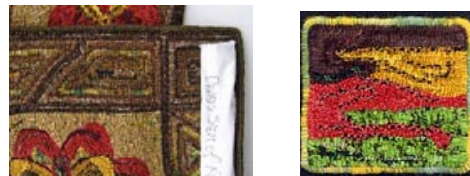
To learn more about Sybil, visit her website <http://www.sibylosicka.com/>

## Susan Feller- Augusta, WV Techniques of Finishing (2-Day Class)



Susan teaches all over the US and Canada, and as Past-President for TIGHR (the International Guild of Handhooking Rugmakers), and designer and owner of Ruckman Mill Farm, her goal is to promote rug making. She writes for Rug Hooking Magazine, the ATHA Newsletter and recently was selected as a judge for *Celebrations*. She says her interest in proper finishing techniques stems from her 20 years as a custom picture framer and gallery owner. She cites her failed attempt to be juried into the 'FINE CRAFT' category at TAMARACK (the best of West Virginia) as a turning point in prompting her to research the many techniques used to finish hooked rugs. After questioning other fiber artists, and doing extensive research, Susan's efforts paid off and she now holds memberships in several art and craft organizations, and she was invited to

contribute to Margaret Siano's book *Secrets to Finishing Rugs* published by Stackpole Books. See her work at <http://artwools.com>  
<http://www.RuckmanMillFarm.com>



Susan invites students to bring 4 or 5 projects from your UFO pile (Un-Finished Objects) and learn how to choose the best technique to complete each one. Unfinished Projects are not essential to participate in the class and techniques can be demonstrated and practiced on sample backings. Using tips from experts, Susan will demonstrate and then assist each student as they learn the final steps in completing their work. Judges look at and critique finishing as much as the overall appearance of a rug. Techniques included binding, whipping with and without cording, decorative binding, crocheted edges, and methods of hanging and picture framing. Supply lists will be sent prior to the class.

## HOOKING SUPPLIES

Wool and hooking supplies will be available for purchase on campus, as well as at Green Mountain Hooked Rugs, 3 miles from the VCFA campus.

**Fall Fiesta students view rugs in progress**



## GREEN MOUNTAIN HOOKED RUGS ~ RUG SUPPLY SHOP & ONLINE STORE

When in the Montpelier, Vermont area we invite you to visit our fully stocked rug hooking shop where Stephanie offers over 200 bolts of 100% wool fabric, yarn, dyed wool, kits, hooking supplies and equipment, as well as free hook-ins, monthly hooking classes, custom dyeing, rug repair and rug cleaning services. The Shop is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 AM-5 PM (closed for 3 weeks in June). We invite you to shop anytime at [GreenMountainHookedRugs.com](http://GreenMountainHookedRugs.com).

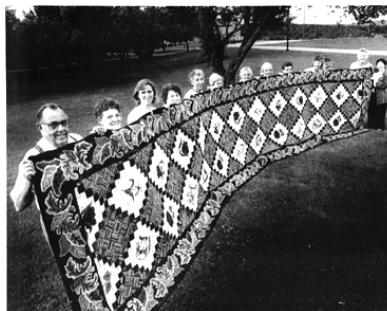
## ABOUT THE DIRECTOR

Stephanie Ashworth-Krauss was only six when she learned to hook from her mother, Anne Ashworth, a nationally recognized rug hooker who co-founded Green Mountain Rug School in 1982. A fourth-generation rug hooker and custom-dyeing specialist Stephanie owns Green Mountain Hooked Rugs in Montpelier, Vermont. She operates Green Mountain Rug School and Fall Fiesta with the help of her daughters, Lindsay and Mariah.



*In celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> year of Green Mountain Rug School, Stephanie has chosen to honor her mother, Anne Ashworth, by featuring one of her rugs, shown in the cover design, known as “That Damn Rug”, a 23’x5’ runner that can be seen on the floor as you enter the rug shop in the Summer and Fall. For more about this rug visit ‘Our Stories’ on the website.*

<http://www.greenmountainhookedrugs.com/stories.htm>



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