

Hello Fellow Rug Hooking Enthusiast,

It is my duty and pleasure to welcome you to membership in ATHA. From its earliest beginnings in 1979 ATHA has been an open guild. It was formed primarily to promote the art of traditional rug hooking while embracing the varied interests of all hookers from fine shading to folk art is and primitive styles.

As you begin to receive and read the ATHA Newsletter, join a chapter and connect with other members you will become familiar with the goals of the Association. One goal is to maintain high standards and encourage creativity in this art form. Another is to provide the means for exchange of ideas and information among the members. The Association is committed to promote educational activities to enhance the interest in and the quality of rug hooking.

If there is a chapter in your area, I hope you will be able to join it. If you do not live close enough to an established chapter, start one in your area. I have all the materials that you need to do just that. I will be glad to send you a copy of the Handbook on Starting an ATHA Chapter.

Please access the ATHA website and create your password. The website is being updated continually to be more informative and user friendly. Be sure to check out the resource section for educational material you can borrow for the cost of the postage.

If you are hooking in isolation and need to help connecting with others in your area, please contact me and I will make every effort to put you in touch with another rug hooker by using the ATHA membership list and the Internet. I have no doubt that one connection will lead to many more in the rug hooking world.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I will do my best to help you in any way I can. My email address is: \_\_\_\_\_ and phone # is \_\_\_\_\_

Best Wishes,

Region Representative