

Northwest Rug Hookers, Chapter 77
ATHA Region 11
Candidate Bios for Election April 2021

Roxanne Ross – President

I joined a rug hooking group in Boise, Idaho, called Treasure Valley Rug Hooker's, in the spring of 2010, where I Hooked my very first piece. I received my "Pearl Mcgown Teachers Certificate" in 2018. I'm currently the Treasurer of the Western Mcgown work shop. I've served as President of my local rug hooking group, and I'm currently the Rug Hooking Judge at the Western Idaho Fair. I also have an ETSY Rug Hooking store. I have a passion for Rug Hooking, and I will never get tired of creating and sharing the craft of Rug making!

Jenifer Rudolph – Vice President

My name is Jenifer Rudolph. I have been serving as VP for our region as a fill in when our last VP had to retire. I have really enjoyed being part of the board. I started hooking in 2009. I was self-taught until I attended Friends Camp in 2011 for the first time and that started my learning and love affair of all things hooked (and punched)! To date I have hooked 16 rugs and many 3-D items. I am enrolled in the Western Teachers Workshop in Oregon (delayed last 2 years). I have Demonstrated Rug hooking at several fiber and wool related venues, representing ATHA. I have shown my rugs at the Oregon State Fair. I have attended Rug camps throughout the Northwest and California. I am part of the Salem Heritage Hookers and started a Wednesday evening spin off group called the Salem Heritage Moonlight Hookers.

I am a Registered Nurse. I work for the Veteran's Health Administration. I provide care to our elderly Veteran population in their homes. A job I love and adore!

I am married 36 years this year. I live in the very rural town of Lyons east of Salem. I have 2 boys, 1 daughter and my 17 month old grandson, Lincoln, who I have hooked a rug for already. I have a mini wirehaired Doxie named Olive. My family loves to spend our summers boating on Detroit Lake. I love gardening, knitting and crochet. And of course RUG HOOKING!

I am excited to run for VP and serve our ATHA group further. I will be retiring in the next 2 years from work and look forward to lots of involvement within the rug hooking world. I look forward to traveling to rug camps throughout the US, meeting new hookers and learning new skills. Can't wait to see everyone in person soon! Thank You for letting me serve Region 11! Yours in Hooking, Jenifer

Deb Jones – Treasurer

For about 5 years I have enjoyed a growing fellowship with the engaging personalities of our ATHA 11 members. You all have tirelessly shared your rug hooking techniques with me. Additionally, so many of you have demonstrated with your time and energy your commitment

to this group and the craft of rughooking through your efforts as board and committee members. I would like to take my turn at supporting our group in the role of treasurer.

Over the years, I have taken on most executive roles on a variety of boards - twice as treasurer. Hopefully, this experience and an understanding of basic board procedures will be of use in keeping our group strong and able to move forward with the goals that suit our membership.

Karen Sadler-Fred – Secretary

I began rug hooking 21 years ago, about a year before I became pregnant with my oldest daughter. After seeing some antique hooked rugs in Country Living, I tried to find information about how these rugs were made. I finally stumbled upon a class at the Stitching Post in Sisters. From there, I found the local Portland “hookers”, and attended Friends by the Sea twice before becoming a mom.

Needless to say, my hooking time drastically diminished after having one and then two babies. In addition, I was working as an embryologist (retired from OHSU after 30 years in 2017), playing clarinet in a community band, and taking care of our home with my husband, dog Briley, and cat Sarah.

Currently I am working part-time as a chemist (working with quantam dots), serve on the Board of Tigard Historical Association as Treasurer (the past 7 years to present), volunteer and attend my youngest daughter’s volleyball games and track meets (she is a high school junior), and hook with the Ladies of the Hook group in the Tigard/Lake Oswego/Portland area. I also enjoy anything related to old houses and historical preservation (so much so that I convinced my husband 11 years ago to buy the oldest house in Tigard- dating to 1878!).

Following my love of old homes, my favorite style of hooking is primitive, along with playing with natural dyes and overdyeing recycled wools. It is this utilitarian aspect of rug hooking that has always appealed to me most.

I look forward to volunteering with ATHA, spend a bit more time hooking, and to get to know more of the rug hooking community. As with all of us, I have greatly missed being able to gather over the last year!