

## Multicolores and the Hunterdon County Rug Artisans Guild

What our participating members had to say....

*I really enjoyed getting to know my "Artist Buddy".*

*Maria Ignacia is an amazing women. Despite only a sixth-grade education she was very smart. She helped her Maya friends with translation when needed and had a joyful outlook on life.*

*Here is a picture of the two of us designing my rug. ~ Joyce Combs*



*My trip to Guatemala was wonderful! It gave me the opportunity to meet women living such different lives than our own, and yet we share a common interest in rug hooking. Where we do our rug hooking as a hobby, they produce rugs to better their lives.*

*The women were so generous in sharing their time and talents. My buddy Irma was so talented and willing to share her skills and friendship.*

*We got to see their beautiful country and their way of life. It was a great reminder of how much we have here in the US and how much we take for granted. I recommend this trip to anyone who wants to learn about another culture and explore a beautiful place and learn something about themselves. ~ Roberta Olah*



In Progress...



Our Guild members made two trips to Guatemala, 2019 and 2025. We continued our support of the women after our return when the Guild did a trunk show of about 20 Multicolores rugs for sale to Guild members. Many were sold that day! The Guild made several cash donations to Multicolores over the years.

The story of the Multicolores artists inspired us to hook our own colorful rugs in wool or with T-shirt material as they do.



My completed rug

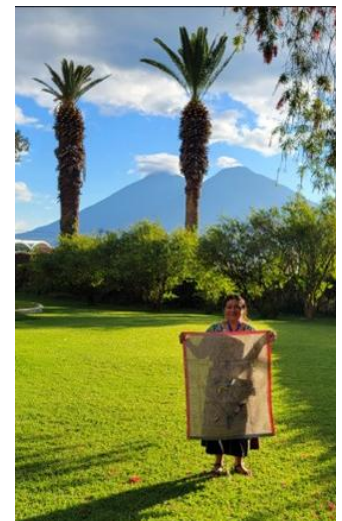
Informative talks were presented to the Alice Beatty and Spring Lake chapters of ATHA in an effort to raise awareness of the difficult lives some of those women lead while making economic progress in their communities for their families.

~Weezie



My completed rug

As everyone who has experienced Multicolores can confirm, the most memorable part of the trip is partnering with a Mayan artist to create art. In the process, friendships are created, even when there are no common words. The art is the language, and the pattern is the conversation. Here my partner Gloria and I share a meal after completing the design, and Gloria holds the linen in the beautiful garden where we created it. ~ Patti Mahar





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