

## **2025 ANNUAL REPORT:**

### **CHAIRMAN OF ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERS-AT-LARGE**

The McGown Guild has hosted four quarterly ZOOM events this year. The SHOW, SHARE, AND BRAG meetings were held on Oct 5, 2024, with 17 in attendance; on January 18, 2025 with 21 attending; and on June 21, 2025 with 21 attending. In June, we were joined by Jo Franco who lives in Australia and logged on at 2:00 AM! She stayed awake through the whole meeting.

Our online events are supported by large ads in the newsletter and Guild-wide emails sent out by our webmaster. Our ZOOM Coordinator, Lisa Chaloner, provides technical support and creates a slide show of everyone's rugs for us to enjoy and discuss. Please join us for future SHOW, SHARE AND BRAG events! It's fun to meet guild members we might never meet otherwise.

On March 8, 2025 we were treated to a demonstration and interactive lecture about "Upping Your Hooking Game" by guild members and teachers Jennifer Curran and Susan Clarke. We had approximately 60 members attending. This was a popular event with many questions from attendees. We are planning another teacher demonstration this fall—"Dueling Morrisies"--when Jane Flynn and Vivily Powers will share their many William Morris rugs, along with their hooking and color tips. Look for the date to be announced in a future email. Don't miss this one!

This year, the McGown Guild has been invited to participate in a display booth at Sauder Village Rug Hooking Week, spotlighting the three large rug hooking guilds—McGown, ATHA and TIGHR. Nan Bass and I—along with the help of board members and a few local McGown guilds—worked together to supply information, photos and giveaways for the display. Be sure to look for it at Rug Hooking Week this August.

Martha Lowry

