

## **Country Inn Rug School Report September 2024**

In September 2024 we held two sessions of Country Inn Rug School with a total of 91 students. In the first session there were 39 participants and in the second we were full with 52 students. Our teachers in the first session were Betty McClentic, Sarah Guiliani, Cherylyn Brubaker and Diane Stoffel. In the second session our teachers were Lisa Chaloner, Ingrid Hieronimus, Kathy Spellacy, and Diane Stoffel .

We had participants from 12 states and 2 countries.

Classes were from 9am to 3pm in both sessions. In the afternoons of each session, we held Mini Classes . In the first session Betty taught a Santa pattern complete with board, and Sarah taught a dye class. In the second session, Lisa taught a dye session and Ingrid taught a Shisha mirror class. Every class had a maximum of participants. Each week we offered 3 afternoons of chair massage. The lake was warm enough for swimming and several of our students did so.

We had a rug show each session which was open to the public and had in total approximately 105 rugs of all types. The show could be viewed from Tuesday evening to Thursday afternoon. We had 16 guests and realized that more advertising needs to be done in the Rindge area as there are more people we could reach with better advertising. Students from the area indicated they would advertise in local papers for 2025.

During our meet and greet each week we drew names for participation in the Cheryl Daneilli Registration Scholarship. This came about when Pam Pellitier sold Cheryl's hooking materials after her passing in 2022 and gave us the proceeds. We are awarding the cost of our registration for one person each session in 2025. Students Cheryl Chesley and Dorye Jackson were the lucky recipients of the drawings. Joyce Wenz again donated 2 wool Christmas trees that we raffled off and we decided that the money raised by this raffle will go into our Daneilli scholarship fund. Thanks to Joyce for donating the trees as they are a very popular raffle item.

The food was delicious, the weather outstanding, the teachers all worked hard, classes were wonderful, and the students produced fabulous work during both of our weeks.

Good news also is the nonexistence of Covid in either session. We stressed that everyone test before they came and travel to us as carefully as possible and as a result both sessions were covid free.

Respectfully submitted,  
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