



Hello!

Wishing you and yours well. We are writing on behalf of your 2021 OHCG Annual Meeting and Rug Show planning committee. We would like to cordially invite you to join us at the Marriott Hotel in Niagara Falls on April 16-18th, 2021.

We are saddened by the cancellation of the 2020 Annual in Deerhurst and feel for those who were planning to attend to view the beautiful rugs, take a workshop, shop with the vendors and catch up with old friends. The 2020 Committee has worked so hard to deliver an educational and fun-filled weekend, but the health of our members took precedence in the decision to cancel this year's event. Please

know that the hard work of their planning committee is being passed along to our committee and we really appreciate their generosity and support!

Our theme for the 2021 Annual weekend is Daredevils & Thrill-Seekers. The theme is meant to convey risk-taking in our art form. While we continue to honour the tradition of rug hooking, we open ourselves up to change and newness in our work. Our logo of the hook balancing on a wire over the falls graphically depicts our pursuit of risk-taking and challenge. We are very excited to share our plans and (eventually) our surprises with you! As a start, we are promoting participation in a **"Postcard Friendship Mat"** exchange (completely voluntary and part of our Friday evening ice-breaker program). Roughly 4" x 6", entirely of your own design or interpretation of the Daredevils & Thrill-Seekers theme and encouraging the use of alternative fibres and techniques—the sky's the limit, so GO FOR IT!

The weekend is being hosted by Area 7 members; Burlington, Georgetown, Cayuga, St. Catherines, and Paris; but we welcome more friends to help us out in the planning and delivery of the event. As evidenced by Covid-19, we absolutely MUST work together to ensure success.

The Marriott on the Falls Hotel, in Niagara Falls, Canada, is a 4-star hotel where every detail is meant to be elegant, comfortable and memorable for our members and guests. It affords the space to display our beautiful rugs, conduct the OHCG Annual meeting, house the vendors, provide workshops and enjoy dining together and evening entertainment. We can hardly wait to share in all of this with you and will advise as soon as the hotel is open again to bookings.

We look forward to a daring and thrilling weekend of beauty and fun. We sincerely hope you will join us in 2021. Registration information for the weekend will be coming out in the Winter edition of the OHCG newsletter. Keep safe and well.

Sincerely,
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