Craft guild expands traditional hooking

There are 1,200 confessed hookers in Ontario and recently 16 have come forward and joined ranks in Milton.

One of this town's newest organizations is made up of women who share a love of traditional rug hooking. The group's name, Hooking Craft Guild, indicates their hobby takes in more than the rugs which are the root of the handiwork.

Hundreds of craft hookers belong to the Ontario Hooking Craft Guild as well as local groups. Those in Milton had been traveling to Georgetown and Bramalea to meet with others of their kind.

When the call went out last month for the first meeting here, both experienced and beginning hookers turned out. Although beginners may join the group, they will not benefit from the advanced skills taught at these gatherings until they have mastered the basics.

There are two qualified instructors in Milton, Jean Furlan and Lea Johnson. According to Mrs. Furlan, lessons for beginners run for 10 weeks. During those weekly sessions the basics are taught and a rug is produced, something likely to take longer than the course lasts.

Traditional hooking differs from latch hooking which utilized pieces of yarn and a heavy net backing. The pioneer method involves a burlap base and stips of wool flannel material.

Those early settlers who created the rugs for warmth, used scraps of material and clothing and a bent nail or modified kitchen knife to hook the strips through the burlap. The basic designs, lacking shades of colour and sculptured effects are still being made and are called primitives.

New hooking techniques, patterns and uses for the craft have continued to develop and knowledge of them is spread through the guilds. New material is often used today but for those who recycle old garments, the craft can be an economical one.

For about \$10 the hook and wooden ring can be purchased.

"So many people are interested in hoking," said Peggy Haliburton, a guild member.

According to the most experienced among the group, Edith Joyce, hooking is easy on the eyes and appeals to all ages.

"Younger people are taking it up because of the early American decorating that is popular," explained Mrs. Furlan.

Milton guild members are convinced there are more of their kind in town. The group meets the last Tuesday of the month at the library of Martin St. School beginning

at 7.30 p.m. There is much to learn and Mrs. Furlan is willing to share new ideas with members. She started by teaching members of her family and for the past five years has taken in other students. There are special stitches, pictorials, oriental styles and sculptured

designs. Patterns can be obtained or may be designed by the individual. It is a timeconsuming craft, similar to quilting.

"All your fancy work can be duplicated in hooking," Mrs. Haliburton explained.

"The pictorials overwhelm you. They look like paintings," she said.

Her mother, Marguerite Day, has a collection of antique primitive rugs which will be viewed by the guild at their November meeting.

The next meeting will be Tues. Oct. 30, 7.30 p.m. at Martin St. School Library. For more information contact Peggy Haliburton at 878-3976.

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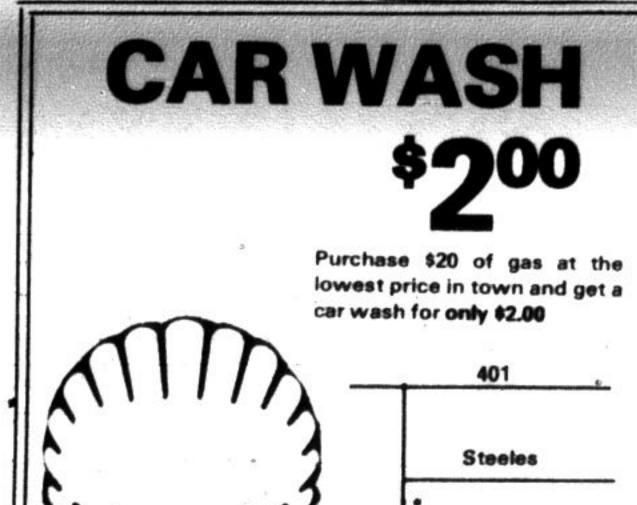
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These women no longer need to leave town to develop their hooking crafts. They are part of Milton Hooking Craft Guild, a group which came together last month. There are 16 members and among them are from left, Edith Joyce, Peggy Haliburton, Rita Noble, Norma Hardy and Jean Furlan (front). The tools of traditional hooking are shown in inset.

Award winning E.C. Drury students

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Many E.C. Drury High School students were recognized for outstanding achievement in various subject areas at the fourth annual awards assemblies Tues. Oct. 23.

The following is a list of students who received special awards.

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Sr. Family Studies: Julie Campbell, Sr. Music: Geoff Lander, Sr. Visual Arts: Sherri McCulligh and Todd Smith. Jr. Family Studies Susan Early, Kristen Milne: Jr. Music: Lisa Keogh; Jr. Visual Arts: Jeff PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

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SOCIAL SCIENCE: Sr. Social Science: Nancy Hoodless, Tanya Petrenko, David Vander Eyken; Volunteer, Social Science: Robert White; Jr. Social Science: Dean Kinser, Jeff Perrotti, Bradley Youmans.

SPECIAL EDUCATION: Sr. Achievement: Kent Niedzielski, Karen Wilkes; Jr. Achievement Robert Fleury; Exceptional Achievement in an Integrated Setting: Connie Connelly; Ben Rampen.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION: Sr. Automotive: Robert Wilson, Sr. Painting and Decorating: John Thring, Sr. Mechanical Drafting: Gino Sincovich, Todd Smith, Jeevan Vivegananthan; Sr. Baking: Tammy Newton, Sr. Quantity Cooking: Dino Graziotto: Sr. Restaurant Services: Brent Belford: Jr. Automotive: Joe Costa, Peter Vander Eyken; Jr. Drafting: Eddie Love; Jr. Electricity/Electronics: Rick Rosenboom; Jr. Baking: Mark Carriere, Lynn Norton; Jr. Quantity Cooking; Darlene Bradley, Karen Gilray, Alfred Lewis: Jr. Restaurant Services: Guy Bosse, Kirk Cherwoniak.

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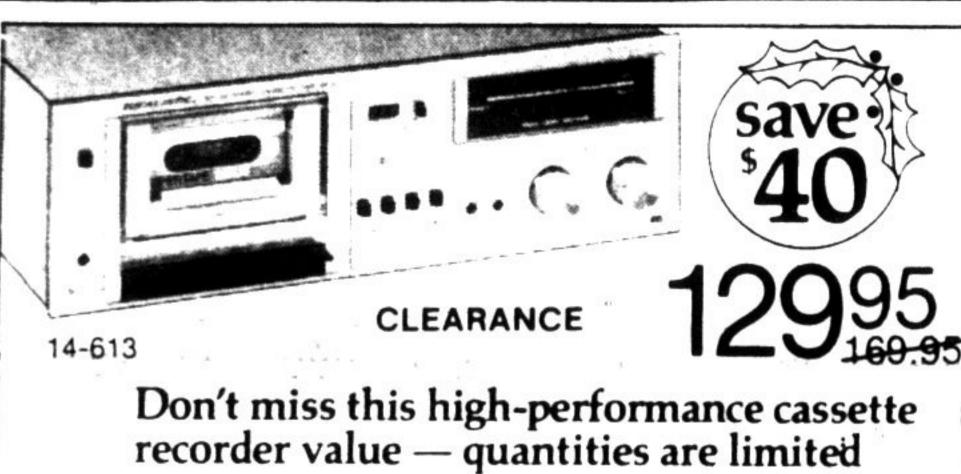


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