



ROCKY MOUNTAIN FOLK SCHOOL

“EVERYTHING NEW IS OLD AGAIN” PRIMITIVE RUG HOOKING WORKSHOP 2023

Located in beautiful Grand Lake, Colorado
Class taught by **Keith Kemmer** May 18 - 21, 2023



This rug workshop is being hosted by Rocky Mountain Folk School in the heart of historic Grand Lake, Colorado. The workshop will begin on Wednesday, May 17th with a “meet and greet” where you can check in, set up and meet the teacher. Keith Kemmer’s workshop incorporates color, wools, and hooking techniques for students wanting to emulate the “old” antique rugs. Keith received a BFA in graphic design and worked as an award winning Art Director for national clients. He took up weaving in the late ‘80s which lead to his interest in rug hooking. His focus includes many fiber crafts, including hooking, weaving and knitting.

Grand Lake is a wonderful, historic mountain town with shopping, dining and minutes away from the west entrance to Rocky Mountain National Park. There you can enjoy hiking, driving and exploring to find elk, moose and other wildlife.

Location

Classes will be held at the Grand Lake Center, 301 Marina Drive Grand Lake, Colorado 80447

Transportation & Lodging

Upon registration, a list of accommodation options will be emailed to you.

Workshop Fees & Cancellation Policy

- \$325 workshop fee
- Workshop deposit: \$100 due with registration and refundable until March 1, 2023
- Remaining fee of \$225 due by March 1, 2023 (non-refundable)
- Checks payable to Rocky Mountain Folk School, mail to PO Box 545 Grand Lake, CO 80447
- Questions contact Lisa Hut at lisahutart@gmail.com

Workshop Details

- Wednesday meet and greet, 5 pm – 7 pm at the Grand Lake Center
- 4 full days of instruction, Thursday thru Sunday, 9 am – 4 pm with one hour for lunch
- 3 lunches and one dinner included (so you have one lunch day to explore town on your own)
- Dinners on your own & you may return to the Grand Lake Center to hook in the evening
- Friday afternoon mini-shop; if you have craft items to sell; now is the time

KEITH KEMMER

Keith Kemmer has been creating hooked rugs for close to 30 years and designing rug patterns for almost that long. Early on it was primitive rugs which sparked Keith's interest. The use of folky design and "worn" materials captured his interest and gave focus to his love of rug hooking. Over the years, Keith has achieved a primitive rug hooking style through techniques and knowledge gained from workshops with many renowned primitive rug teachers. He shares all this knowledge with his students - passing on the love of primitive rugs.

Teaching rug hooking is now Keith's "full-time job". He has been honored to teach at well known rug camps - Sauder Village Rug Hooking Week, ATHA Biennial; and is the director of the Shaker Village Rug Retreat at Pleasant Hill Shaker Village. Keith continues to design rug patterns based on his own ideas, as well as adaptation of early rugs and folk art along with "fancy" woven coverlets from the 1800's. These patterns, along with those of Barbara Carroll, Edith O'Neill and others are available through the Woolley Fox – woolleyfox.com.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION: EVERYTHING NEW IS OLD AGAIN

What does it take to create a primitive rug? Is it the technique, the pattern, the wools, the size of cut, or the colors? Well, the answer is - YES to all of these options - or any combination. For the past 25 plus years, it's been my focus to recreate the look of the old rugs. I will share what I've learned from the old rugs, discussing how to recreate a folky or formal primitive rug.

Students will select an appropriate primitive pattern for this workshop. My patterns (along with other great, well known primitive patterns) are sold through the Woolley Fox/A Nimble Thimble in Tyler Teams. Class will focus on individual color plans, using as-is and over-dyed textured wools. I'll discuss and demonstrate different hooking styles and techniques. The recommended strip size will be #8 and up, but there is no limit when it comes to giving a rug that "early" appeal. Yep, we can use a #4 cut to wide torn strips. Students are welcome to bring any textured wools for use in their rug. I will have plenty of wools, too. There will be lots of options for creating a rug that "wows".

Plan to learn and try new techniques in this workshop and see how they can impact the overall primitive look. Everything from "raggedy" Hit'n Miss to "higgley-piggley" to halo/echo and puddled styles. We'll discuss how a primitive pattern can help you know how to hook it. Is it folky or more formal? We'll all have fun learning something new to make your rugs look old.

Our retreat in Grand Lake is hosted by Rocky Mountain Folk School. Your camp organizer is Lisa Hut, an artist and rug hooker who is excited to share information with you about the school and activities in Grand Lake, Colorado. For additional information contact Lisa at lisahutart@gmail.com or 720-201-0326.



2023 ROCKY MOUNTAIN FOLK SCHOOL RUG HOOKING CAMP REGISTRATION

Keith Kemmer Primitive Rug Hooking May 18 - 21, 2023

Registration is first come/first served based on receipt of signed registration form and deposit received. Space is limited, we will keep a wait list for cancellations.

Fill in all blank spaces and sign at the bottom of the form, your signature is required for registration. Please print.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____

Email _____

Emergency contact (name & phone) _____

Allergies or dietary restrictions _____

- Checks payable to **Rocky Mountain Folk School**, mail to PO Box 545 Grand Lake, CO 80447

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We will follow potential Covid restrictions regarding vaccines, masks and social distancing according to Grand County guidance and local positivity rates.

I release the Rocky Mountain Folk School, Keith Kemmer, Lisa Hut, Grand Lake Center or any other persons associated with this rug hooking retreat of responsibility for injury, illness, damage, theft of property, loss, or acts of God while attending the Rug Hooking Retreat.

Signature: _____

Date: _____