

Annapolis Valley Regional Director's Report
Annual General Meeting, October 2021

This first year as a Regional Director has been challenging. Covid has shut down our meeting space in Centreville for over a year and is still closed at the present time. I'm hoping to hear from the Hall that reopening will happen shortly and we may soon get back to meeting in person although with proof of vaccine and masks in hand. Many of the smaller groups that make up the Valley area have been meeting in smaller groups in individual's homes. A few even started meeting again through Zoom early in the pandemic. As Regional Director, I reached out to members through newsletter. It has been sent out every two months with news about members, local activities related to hooking, relevant Guild news and photos of hooking projects. I've sent copies to those without email. I've reached lots of positive feedback. My plan is to continue with the newsletter until we can meet again in person. I have visited a few of the groups or contacted some to obtain photos for the newsletter and catch up on what is happening in their area.

Our local library in Wolfville has offered space to exhibit some of our rug hooking in November. Several of our members have offered up pieces to be displayed.

Two committees that I have been involved with are the Committee on Inclusion and the Every Child Matters Art Project. As Chair of the Committee on Inclusion, I'd like to thank the rest of the committee for all their hard work. We did a lot of research and passed that information onto members so they may make an informed decision about the name change at this year's AGM on Oct 30, 2021. I'm very proud to be involved in the ECM group. We meet frequently over three months and tried to ensure we worked with Indigenous leaders and groups to bring a respectful project forward to the membership and beyond. I'm excited to see the results early next year.

This coming year looks to be as challenging and exciting.

Respectfully submitted ,
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