

# Adirondack Rug Braiding



HELEN CONDON'S

*Rug Braiding*

WEEKEND CLASS

*For Two*



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*Scenic Landscapes & Garden*

The weekend course (for two students) is designed to teach the art of rug braiding in an intimate setting. The former grange hall, built in 1863, has been restored by Helen Condon and now houses her residence and the 2nd story studio.

Students will learn the steps in making a round, oval, and square rug. The weekend price is all inclusive: twelve hours of lessons, a kit for a 2' x 4' rug of your choice, needle, twine, clamp, instruction booklet, sleeping accommodations, meals, & beverages.



*Accomodations and Meals Included.*



# RUG BRAIDING WEEKEND

The studio, guest room and private bath are on the second floor. The bedroom holds antique twin beds with a dresser for your clothes. The weekend is casual so there will be no need for “dressy” outfits. There is an Ivers and Pond piano if you care to play.



*Helen Condon*

## TEACHER:

Leading the weekend will be Helen Condon, owner of Adirondack Rug Braiding. She received her B.A. in Theater and Writing from the University of New York at Potsdam with a semester in Liverpool, England. Nothing like studying the Bard on his own turf! While completing her Master of Fine Arts Degree in Creative Writing from the University of North Helen wrote a memoir entitled, *The Big Rug*, that takes the reader through the grieving process following her husband's death and making the biggest rug she ever attempted. She has taught and demonstrated rug braiding



*The Big Rug - 15'x18'*

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in art centers throughout the Adirondacks including Old Forge Art Center and Great Camp Sagamore in Raquette Lake as well as Scoharie River Center, TAUNY (Traditional Arts In Upstate New York), St. Lawrence County Art Central in Potsdam and the Hand



Weaving Art Center in Clayton New York. Helen was one of the first artists to be a member and enjoy the benefits of the NATC (Northern Adirondack Trading Cooperative) initiated in part

by then US Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Helen has been braiding rugs for over 60 years.

## YOUR RUG

Two weeks before the class date students are asked to choose the rug they wish to make from the selection on the web site: [www.adirondackrugbraiding.com](http://www.adirondackrugbraiding.com). If none of the rugs fit your color scheme a personal one will be designed for you. The entire kit will be ready for you upon your arrival.

## WEEKEND ITINERARY:

### FRIDAY

Check out Allegiant airlines for travel into Plattsburgh, which is a beautiful city approximately two hours away from Parishville. Upon arrival Friday evening students will enjoy a tour of the Circa 1863 boarding house and adjoining garden. After settling in they will enjoy beverages, snacks, and conversation in the living room or weather permitting at the stone table overlooking the river. A bath in the claw foot tub might be your choice of relaxation before bed.

6 pm **Appetizers & Gourmet Dinner**

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## SATURDAY

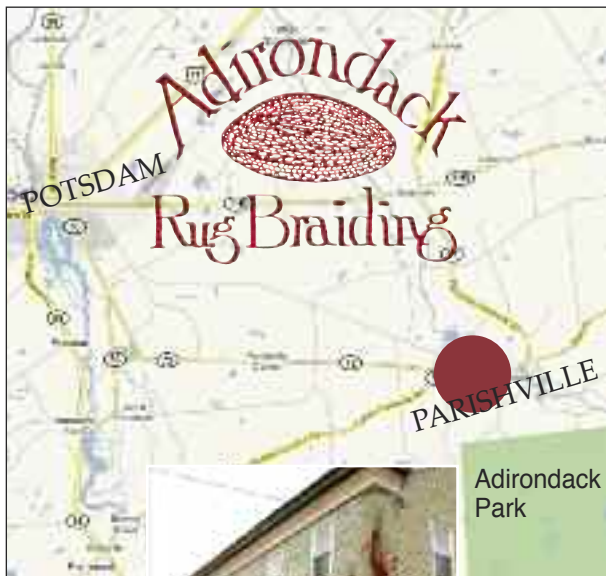
- 8 am **Breakfast**
- 9-12 Starting the round, oval or square rug. You will open your kit and start your rug. This portion of the class is rigorous as the beginning is the hardest.
- 12-1 **Lunch**
- 1-4 Students will learn the art of lacing and will work on color and design. Braiding, lacing, talking and laughing will complete the first day of classes.
- 4-5:30 Leisure time; your choice of a swim in the river or a walk on one of the towns two nature trails.
- 5:30 **Happy Hour**  
Wine and Appetizers
- 6:30 **Gourmet Dinner** in the dining room with a decadent dessert

## SUNDAY

- 8 am **Breakfast**
- 9-12 Braiding and lacing your rug and learning the art of butting (if you're interested in this skill), and repairing braided rugs will fill the morning session.
- 12-1 **Picnic Lunch** at location overlooking the waterfall, weather permitting. Bring your camera as this frequently photographed waterfall and rock cliffs are something you may want to capture.
- 1-4 Work on your rug. Learn the ending (you won't be finished yet but you'll learn the skills for when you do so) During this afternoon session coffee and healthy snacks will be provided. Students will leave between 4:00 and 5:00.

*Ask about dinner on Friday.*

# RUG BRAIDING WEEKEND



*The Historic Grange In Parishville*

## DIRECTIONS TO PARISHVILLE:

The town of Parishville is located in the northwest corner of the Adirondack Park, three hours north of the Syracuse Airport, ten miles east of Potsdam, and 45 miles west of Saranac Lake. If driving from Potsdam on route 72, the grange is located five buildings on the left from the Kunoco convenience store. Coming from the east, the grange is the first building on the right after crossing the bridge. (7 miles from Hopkinton and route 11B.)



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