

# Adirondack Rug Braiding



HELEN CONDON'S

*Rug Braiding*

WEEKEND CLASS

*For Two*

Adirondack  
  
Rug Braiding

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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, unlimited phone calls, and use of the internet to retrieve your messages.



*Accommodations and Meals Included.*

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The studio and guest room are on the second floor so you must be able to maneuver the trips up and down during the day. The bathroom is on the first floor and boasts a claw foot tub and modern shower. 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. Telephone calls can be made to anywhere in the US, Canada, and Puerto Rico and a dial up computer is yours to use. 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 Carolina at Wilmington, Helen wrote a memoir entitled, **The Big Rug**, that takes the reader through the grieving process following her husband's



*The Big Rug - 15'x18'*

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death and making the biggest rug she ever attempted. She has taught rug braiding in Clayton, NY the Old Forge Art Center, Great Camp Sagamore, the Farmer's Museum in Cooperstown, NY, at the Adult Education Center in Cambridge, MA and in her private studio. She has been braiding rugs for over 50 years and, according to her, has made every mistake that can be made. She and her late husband owned restaurants for over 30 years; thus her love for cooking. The meals are scrumptious.

*your rug:*



Rug - August Wildflowers

Two months 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

Students will arrive sometime early evening on Friday and will enjoy a tour of the grange 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. There is no TV at the grange but, if you are interested in watching a DVD inform us before your arrival and we will rent one of your choice.

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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 **Wine and Cheese**
- 6:00 **Gourmet Dinner** in the dining room with a decadent dessert

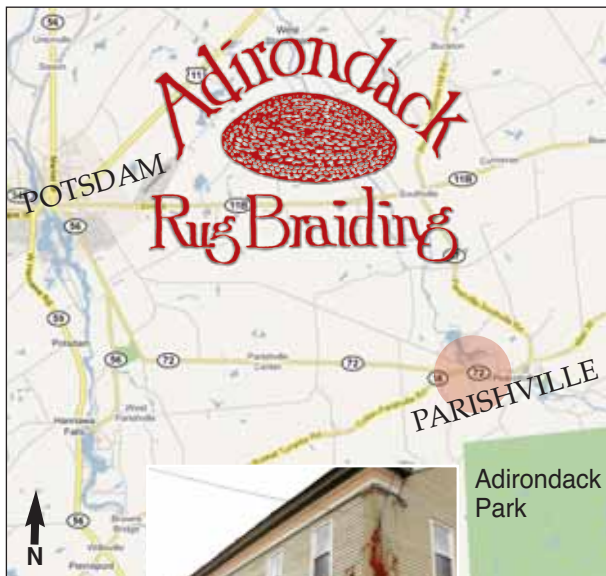
## SUNDAY

- 8 am **Breakfast**
- 9-12:00 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.
- 12-1:00 **Picnic Lunch** in the gorge overlooking the waterfall, weather permitting. Bring your camera as this frequently photographed waterfall and rock cliffs are something you may want to capture.
- 1-4:00 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 hearth snacks will be provided. Students will leave between 4:00 and 5:00.

*Ask about staying for another dinner and overnight stay.*

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*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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