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PUBLIC CONFERENCE: NEW BRUNSWICK MAT REGISTRY

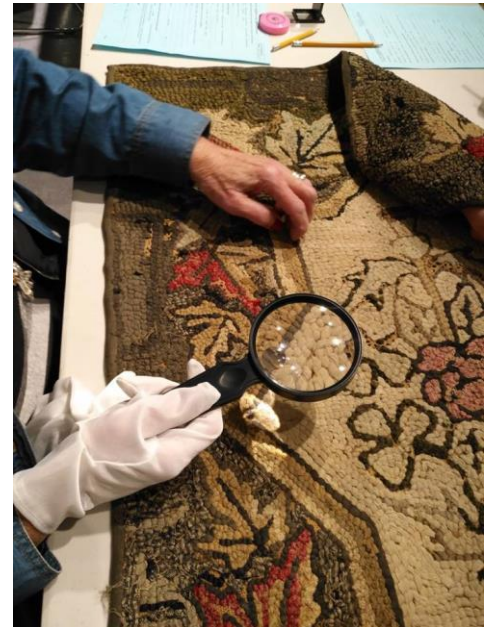
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / MONCTON, November 5 2018. The Musée acadien de l'Université de Moncton invites you to a public conference hosted by Judy Hickman Morison and Marielle Melanson Poirier on **Wednesday November 7 2018 starting at 6:30 pm in the Clément-Cormier building.**

The co-chairs of the New Brunswick Mat Registry will discuss and demonstrate the richness of this register and discuss future plans for the Registry. The presentation will be offered in English and French. There are no fees to assist, however, please note that the parking is metered. Everyone is welcomed!

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The New Brunswick Mat Registry is a network of volunteers from all regions of the province. It has already documented over 200 hooked mats - some as old as 100 years - since its launch in 2010. These mats were photographed, examined in detail and the owners interviewed to capture the individual stories behind them.

For years the rug hooking community has talked about the importance of documenting this part of New Brunswick's material history—unlike other Atlantic provinces, no provincial registry has existed until now. Everyone who owns a mat made more than 25 years ago in New Brunswick or by someone born in the province is invited to share this heritage by participating in the Registry. The Registry includes development of a database and a Virtual Exhibit in partnership with the New Brunswick Museum. Please visit this address to find out more: <http://www.mats-tapisnb.com/media.html>

Biography - Judy Hickman Morison

She was born in Dorchester NB, and has lived in Saskatchewan and Ontario. She has since retired to New Brunswick in 2002, where she lives in the home built by her great-great grandfather with her husband Cole. Judy graduated from the Moncton Hospital Nursing program and specialized first in Intensive Care nursing, second in Occupational Health and Safety working as a consultant in a wide variety of industrial settings.

Judy is actively involved with the Keillor House and St James Textile museums in Dorchester. She also supports regional tourism and local economic development initiatives. She recognized the absence of a mat registry in NB and has worked with a network of NB volunteers to ensure that hooked mats and the stories of their makers are recorded and shared with future generations.

Biography - Marielle Melanson Poirier

Born in Fredericton NB, she studied Fine Arts at Université de Moncton, majoring in photography and graphic design. She lives in Grande-Digue on a farm with her husband Jean-Guy, surrounded by their family of three children and two granddaughters, who all live nearby.

Marielle is a member of the Women's Institute of Grande-Digue, a member of *Les Hookeuses du Bor'de'lo* in Shediac and a member of The International Guild of Hand Hooked Rugmakers. She adamantly believes in preserving the history of women's handmade hooked rugs, to keep the stories alive for future generations.

ABOUT THE MUSÉE ACADIEN DE L'UNIVERSITÉ DE MONCTON: The Musée acadien de l'Université de Moncton (MAUM) was founded in 1886 and is located on the grounds of the only Francophone University in New Brunswick. The MAUM offers both permanent and temporary exhibitions, as well as diverse programming year-round. It features over 42,000 artifacts and photographs and boasts one of the largest collections of Acadian artifacts in the world.

For more information, please contact the Musée acadien by phone at (506) 858-4088 or email at maum@umoncton.ca.