



ASID NY Metro Emerging Designers go behind the scenes with the talented textile designer Judy Ross.

EDE Studio Tour with Industry Partner Judy Ross

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Transitioning from the idealistic ambitions of youth into adulthood often includes significant detours, and can require total reinvention for many people. Not so for our new Industry Partner, Textile Designer Judy Ross.

Ross has remained an open-minded artist finding new creative opportunities every step of the way. Her decades of creative adventures have taken her from painting to fashion to the remarkable and successful reinvention of approaches to embroidery and, now, on to carpets and a creative collection of housewares for Garnet Hill. All this with her creative integrity intact.

A select group of committed Emerging Designers attended the EDE tour and talk with Judy Ross in her Union Square Studio. She shared her personal story and creative journey, beginning with her earliest experiences in fine art, through to experimental artworks and exhibitions, and on to commissions in the 1980's and the evolution that led to her unique approach to textile design.

Her initial forays into textile design

in India included an extended stay on a houseboat on the Upper Dal Lake while collaborating with master embroiderers to develop her initial embroidery efforts. Some two decades later, Ross worked with the same artisans to bring a fresh, clean and contemporary sensibility to the use of traditional chain stitch embroidery. The approach was used on scarves, shawls, pillows, textiles, fabric by the yard, bedcovers and wall hangings for a group of Interior Design industry insiders including the 2Michaels (Allied ASID), Robert Stilin, David Mann, Amy Lau, Eve Robinson and Annabelle Selldorf.

In recent years, Ross has expanded into handwoven Tibetan weave area rugs that utilize her unique and personal graphic and color sensibility with great success. And, with incredible aplomb, she has successfully translated her individual point of view into a beautiful and affordable line of products for Garnet Hill. Available in February 2017, the collection includes bedding, towels and flatweave carpets. You won't want to miss them! ■



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