



June 2020 Newsletter



Welcome to our brave new world!

On Saturday, June 20th, we had our first Mayflower Zoom call. Just under 20 people joined the call, including Sue Russo from the back seat of the car while her husband was driving. Thank you, Sue! We spent a couple of hours catching up. It was great to see everyone!

Thanks were extended to Ildi for setting up our Zoom meeting, Tina for setting up our Facebook page, and Andrea for the Happy DiFranza article which will appear in the next ATHA magazine. To Donna Allen for all her assistance with helping us connect to Benita Raleigh, one of our guest speakers for next year. And to all my board members for helping to maintain this group in the midst of this pandemic

The schedule for next year was reviewed with expectation we will be continuing with virtual meetings until such time as physical meetings can resume. Some prior programs, i.e., the Mentoring Programs and a question of a donation program will temporarily be put on hold, except for the Christmas donation to the women's shelter!

It had been mentioned previously that our meetings might be held at a new location next year. St. Anges has new management now, so it looks like we will continue to meet there. We'll keep you updated on any changes, and, of course, when we'll be able to physically meet again.

A few items that we want to share with everyone:

Membership Dues:

If you haven't mailed your membership check for next year, please do so at your earliest convenience. Make checks out to ATHA Mayflower for \$25, and mail them to Ildi Tary, 6 Linebrook Road, Topsfield, MA 01983.

Also, this is a reminder that belonging to our ATHA Chapter also requires that you join ATHA National each year. We have been asked by the Region 1 Board to provide the expiration date of each person's ATHA national membership. Please email Ildi (itary@comcast.net) with your expiration date so she can capture it. Your expiration date can be found in two ways. First, it is provided on the cover material you receive when you get the ATHA magazine. If you don't have one of these convenient, you can also look it up on www.atharugs.com. If you have been to this site before, you will need to register, which is pretty easy. If you haven't paid yet, you can also pay on their site using PayPal.

If you haven't done so yet, be sure to check out the Hookers on Hiatus page on Facebook. It's a great place to see what other Mayflower members are doing and keep in touch.

Wool Donation

Our chapter received a donation of wools and other stuff by the family of a deceased Mayflower member, Blanche Day. She passed away a good number of years ago, but her daughters wanted to find a new home for some of her supplies. Ildi picked them up earlier this year with the intention of bringing them to a Mayflower meeting and sell them on the Day's behalf. But, given our current situation, Ildi is unable to keep this rather large volume of materials until we next meet. So, her daughters agreed to have us donate the materials.

There is a charity in southern Maine that Ildi is fond of, Fair Tides. They help homeless people get back on their feet. This charity has a thrift shop and she will take the materials there. But, before that happens, if anyone wants to visit Ildi's house to look at the materials and take what they want, please get in touch with her. Full disclosure...there are very few things that could be considered jewels (Ildi will keep the very few things in that category for when we next meet). But there are boxes of rolls of wool, approx. 2" wide. There is also some yardage. They are pretty much all dark solids suitable for primitive. There are very few lights that could be dyed. But, if anyone wants to take a look, give Ildi a shout out. She will target donating them by mid to late July.

Show & Tell

Please see the attached PDF file for the Show & Tell photos.

2020 Challenge Pieces

"Women's Suffrage" is the theme for the 2020 Challenge Piece. 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment so it's an appropriate theme for our Challenge.

In addition, to the Suffrage theme, some type of "bling" should be incorporated into your rug.

The Challenge Rugs will be presented at our November 2020 meeting.

Mayflower Meetings 2020-2021

Sept 19, 2020

Guest Speaker Susan Clark
Influences On My Work

Oct 17, 2020

Guest Speaker John Sullivan
Hooking with Yarn. (Challenge)

Nov 21, 2020

Challenge and
Guest speaker Benita Raleigh
Monochromatics

Dec 12, 2020

Christmas Party
Gift Exchange

Jan 16, 2021

Guest Speaker Catherine Flowers
Zipper Heart Pin

Feb 20, 2021

Guest Speaker Ania Knap
Make and Take

March 20, 2021

Guest Speaker Lisanne Miller
Wreaths

April 17, 2021
Hook-In

May 15, 2021
Guest Speaker Donna Allen
Waldenboro

June 19, 2021
Strawberry Festival

External Events:

Jane Sittnick mentioned some websites for online classes. There are 6 different lessons. The easiest access to them is to go to “units” in the header of the main page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/stitchchallenge/?ref=share>

Some of these classes are:

Wooly Mason Jar - Lucy Richards
Karen Miller Studios.
Deanne Fitzpatrick.
Zoom TextileArtists.org. - units - classes

Meeting Location:

St. Agnes Church at 186 Woburn Street, Reading, MA in the upper Parish Hall behind the church.

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Note: All chapter members must also belong to ATHA.

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