



Mayflower Chapter Newsletter September 2021

Welcome Back All – How Nice That We Can Meet in Person Again!

Our members finally enjoyed getting back together in person. For the time being, we are holding off on sharing food, so please continue to bring your own food/beverage and wear masks for in person meetings until you hear otherwise from us. Also, please get your vaccinations if you have not done so yet. We want to ensure the safety of all our wonderful members.

TASK FORCE and SURVEY

At the meeting we had a discussion of the Task Force that was created last April to address concerns regarding declining participation, and how to deal with succession planning for officers. Our bylaws state that officers should hold their positions for 2 years only. In our group, there are many who have held their positions much longer than that. We have a large group (almost 60 members) which should make this easier to do than in small chapters, but it has been difficult to entice members to step up. The Task Force was made up of 4 volunteers – Donna Allen, Jeanie Crockett, Andrea Gendron and Ann Duggan.

After meeting several times over the summer, these four volunteers put together a survey which was distributed just before the September meeting. People who submitted their survey were entered into a raffle for three gift bags. The lucky three winners were: Alicia Mills, Diana DeRoche and Susan Russo. The lucky winners each received a gift bag containing a pattern, wool, a hook, sox, and more.

The survey link from Donna Allen will remain open about a week; if you haven't submitted yours, you can still do so. The Task Force will be consolidating and reviewing the survey results and will get back to us soon with their thoughts and recommendations.

CHALLENGE

The challenge this year will be to complete a small Polar Bear scene which measures 7.5" by 7.5". Members are asked to keep with the size and not finish the edges (just fold under). Somewhere in the piece, you are asked to include a blue circle or dot, which will represent the Earth. These are the only restrictions. Here is your chance to experiment with technique, color, texture, etc. We plan to put

together an exhibit for the Westford Region 1 meeting, so we need each piece to be the same size with an unfinished edge (you can finish them after the exhibit).

Here's your chance to have a little fun! BTW, Donna Allen found this free design in the ATHA library. The last page of the newsletter has the Polar Bear challenge design in case you did not get one at the meeting. Be sure to print it in landscape mode.

If you don't have a printer, please email Jenna Sleeper and she will mail you a paper copy.

IN MEMORIAM

In honor of our late member, Rose Anne Hunter, the Mayflower Chapter has donated the book, Coils, Folds, Twists, and Turns by Tracy Jamar which features Rose Anne Hunter, to the ATHA Library. In addition, our chapter has donated funds to the Newburyport MA Library, requesting the same book be purchased for their collection.

DID YOU KNOW?

ATHA provides a substantial list of suppliers on its website, Atharugs.com under Resources. Log on and check it out!

SHOW AND TELL

Andrea Gendron's Story Book rug:



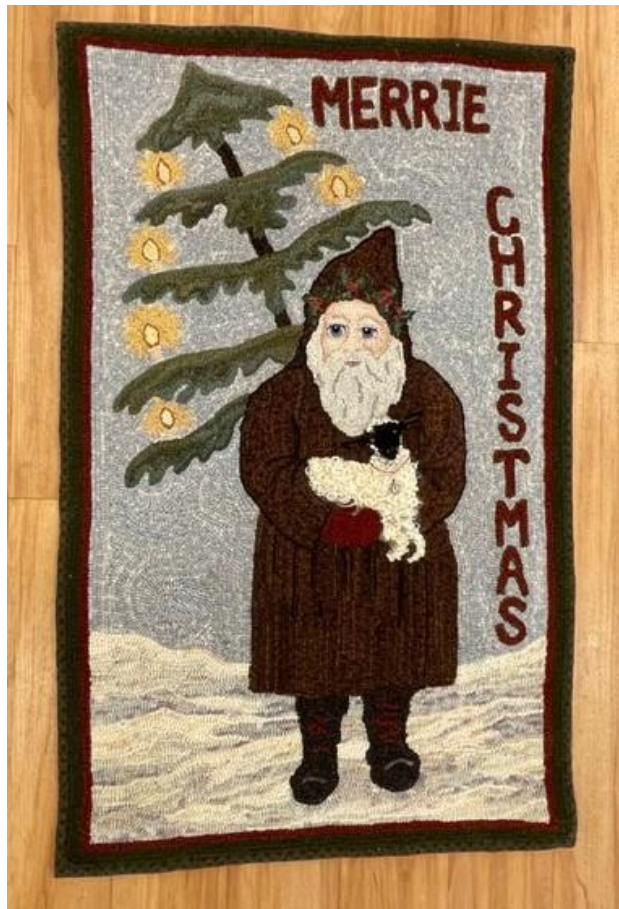
Ann Duggan's Leaf Runner:



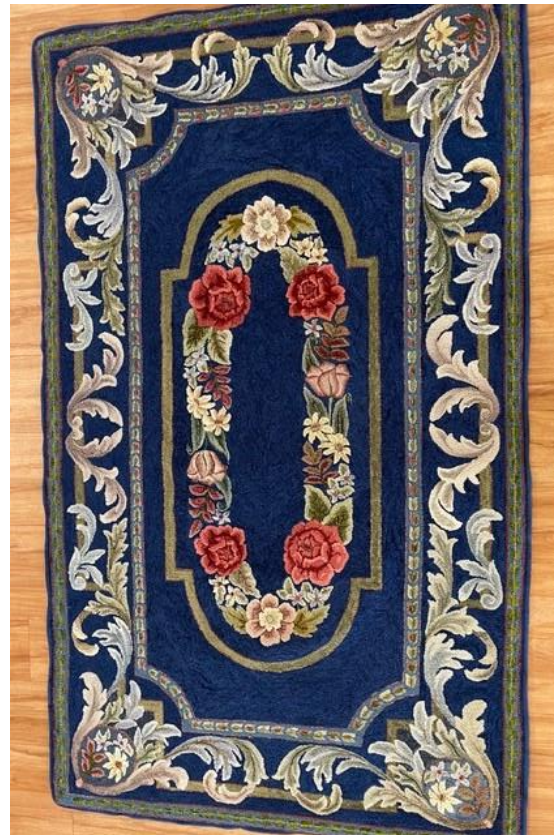
Donna Allen's recent rugs:



Jenna Sleeper's Tree Skirt Rug:



Diana DeRoche's rug:



Janice Oberlander's Rug in Process:



More from Cynthia:



Cynthia Dabroski's creations:



Cynthia Dabroski's Covid Rug
(those are covid viruses attacking a cell):



Tina Carrick:

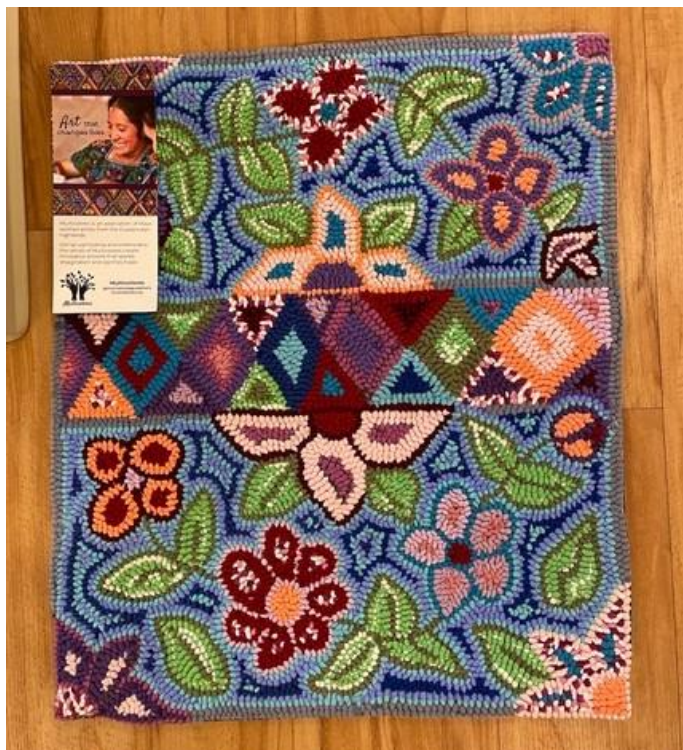


Tina Carrick's rugs:





A Multicolores (rug purchased by Jenna)



Marcia Kent's Landscape Rugs:



Mayflower Meeting Dates for 2021-2022

Sept 25, 2021 – Meet and Greet

Oct 16, 2021 – Gail Desfresne – Geometrics
(Virtual / Zoom)

Nov 20, 2021 – Faith Webster – Historic Rugs
and Pocketbooks

Dec 11, 2021 – Christmas Party

Jan 15, 2022 – Karl Gimber – Tavern Signs
(Virtual / Zoom)

Feb 19, 2022 – Ania Knap – Tiffany Stain
Glass Workshop

March 19, 2022 – Diana DeRoche

April 16, 2022 – Kathy Spellacy

May 21, 2022 – Hook-in or Possible Road Trip

June 18, 2022 – Strawberry Festival

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External Events:

Members are invited to submit info on upcoming events and hook-ins. Please send to Jenna Sleeper.

Meeting Locations

Most meetings take place at St Agnes Church, 186 Woburn St, Reading MA behind the parish house. Changes will be announced.