

Mayflower Chapter Newsletter

March 2022



Other tips Diana shared included:

- Turn your piece upside down to see if it looks right; doing this makes you look at just the shapes
- Use canned air to clean your cutters
- Use lamp shade rings (Joanne's) and pin oddball wool pieces to them
- Combine netting with wool to create a transparency effect (for albino fish, etc)

Thank you, Diana for a wonderful talk!

What I learned about hooking in Nova Scotia - Diana DeRoche

Diana DeRoche was our guest speaker for March. She spoke about what she has learned about rug hooking from her teachers in Nova Scotia.

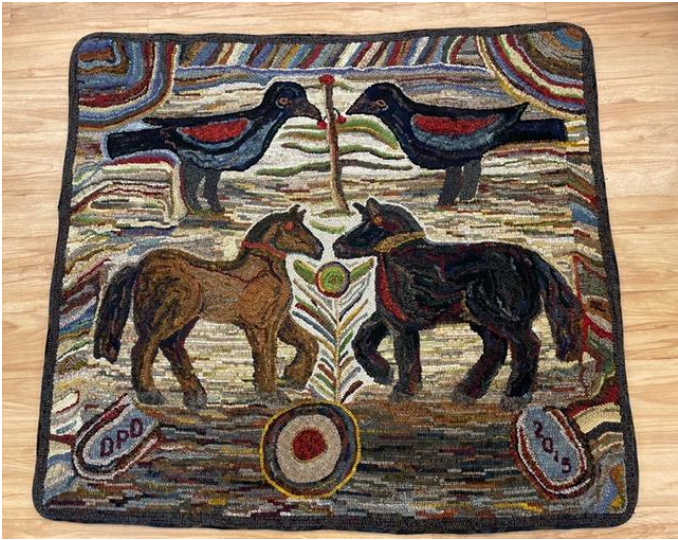
She initially showed us a round rug her Nana made many years ago. Nana was gifted in art and taught art. She often used old clothes including dyed flannel pants in her rugs.

One of Diana's rugs is a Magdalena style rug (shown below), which she told us was harder than you would realize.

She showed us a picture of an oil rig rug she made that is very realistic. The rug is now hanging in the company office in Halifax. That's quite a compliment! Another rug she finished is of a grist mill, which is a Honey Bee Hive pattern, and beautifully done.

Diana has acquired many interesting ideas. One is to use reverse hooking to make doors/windows look more realistic. Another is to use both long and short loops at the base of a tree. Cutting the longer loops results in realistic shoots of grass. She has also used chain stitching to make tree bark look more realistic.







Upcoming April 16 Meeting

General Hook-in for members. If we have enough members, we will also conduct elections.

Open Positions: President or Co-President
Program Director

Live Auction (conducted by Ildi Tary): Bring quality items to auction off, proceeds to benefit Mayflower. Ideas: wool, tools, baskets, gift basket, handmade item, art glass, hooking frame, a service, etc.

Silent Auction (paper signups) for other items. Ideas: wool, books, etc.
Be creative and let's have some fun.

Items not sold must be taken home by member.

Polar Bear Challenge

The Polar Bear Challenge has been extended to May. Everyone who has made the piece should bring it in for the May meeting. Do not change the mat size or finish the piece, and don't forget the blue dot that represents the Earth! Let's add to the people who completed the challenge already.





Twelve Days of Xmas by Ann Duggan



The Sheep Game

All who participated really enjoyed the sheep game. I think this game is back for good. Thanks to Donna Allen for her narration!

Show and Tell

3 Cats by Diane Hart (Happy DiFranza pattern)



Mini Landscapes by Tina Carrick



Six Small rugs by Bonnie Floyd



Poppy Rug by Susan Russo (pattern by Sharon Smith (W. Cushing))



Small mats by Janice Oberlander



Stained Glass Water Lily by Diane Hart



Pillow by Susan Russo



Tree with squirrel by Tina Carrick



Excuses

My apologies for not including all pictures of handmade items. I thought I had pictures of Ildi's quilts and Cynthia's cross stitched bed cover, but I did not.

Mayflower Meeting Dates for 2021-2022

April 16, 2022 – Auction/Sale and Hook-in

May 21, 2022 – Hook-in or Road Trip?
Elections; Dues Due

June 18, 2022 – Strawberry Festival

Do we have a volunteer to host this year?

External Events:

Nov 16-17 – Down East Hook-in at Hermon, ME

Meeting Locations

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

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