

Mayflower Chapter Newsletter

April 2022



We have found in the past that having 2 co-presidents really works well. This allows flexibility and makes things easier if you need to miss a meeting.

If you have not served on the board, please consider doing so now. You will not be alone; we will help you. It's not fair for a few people to serve years at a time, and others to not do anything. This is a great chapter and we want to keep it going.

Please contact Jenna Sleeper or Ildi Tary.

Guest Speaker: Kathy Spellacy

At April's meeting we were fortunate to enjoy a talk by Kathy Spellacy who is a well known rug hooking teacher. She owns Wool n' Goods at her home in New Hampshire.

Kathy loves antiques and antique rugs, especially Primitives. She discussed rug hooking history. Prior to the 1800's, people had sand in their rooms, which they moved around with brooms to create designs! 1820 brought heavy coarse bedcovers and furniture covers, which often provided for expensive dowries. The first braided rug was in 1830 and homespun hemp was used in 1840. In the 1860's, rug hooking was popular up and down the east coast. Patterns were used in 1850 and Sears and Robuck sold printed patterns in 1890.

One interesting fact Kathy mentioned is sometimes people would keep their rugs on the floor, but upside down. Then, when they had guests, they would flip the rugs over to the right side.

Kathy told us she likes teaching free form rug hooking (no pattern). She loves primitives, orientals and geometrics. She brought many antique rugs to show us, each one unique.

Below are pictures of some of these rugs.

Important Things

Mayflower desperately needs your help. After June, we will no longer have a President or Program Director. To continue being a viable chapter in ATHA, these positions must be filled. ATHA wants these positions to rotate every two years. Since many people have already served on the board, we really need some new blood.

These positions are not a lot of work. I managed the President's role, the newsletter and membership while I was still working and traveling. And we are not asking anyone to do all three!

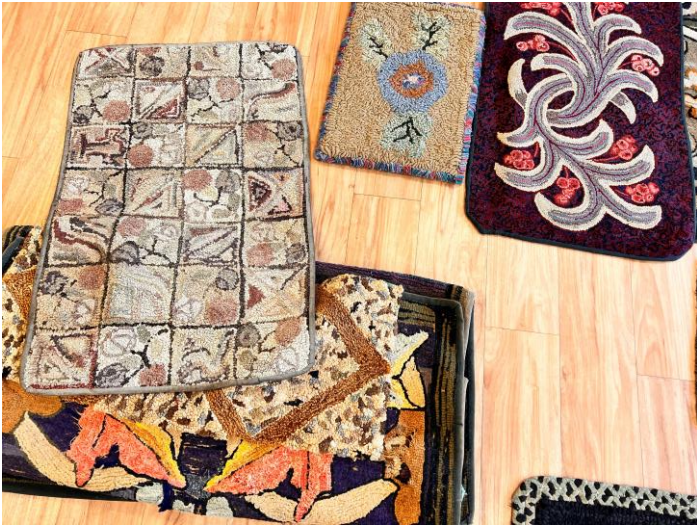
What the roles consist of:

The president opens/closes the facility; runs the meeting; submits 2 form reports a year; is a point of contact within ATHA for Region 1; and coordinates dates/cost for meetings with the church (this last item is once a year).

The program director contacts potential speakers, has them sign a simple contract and brings a lunch for them the day they speak.

As president, I am currently taking pictures and writing the newsletter, but that can be done by anyone, so don't let that task keep you from volunteering for the board.





Front of Knitted Rug:



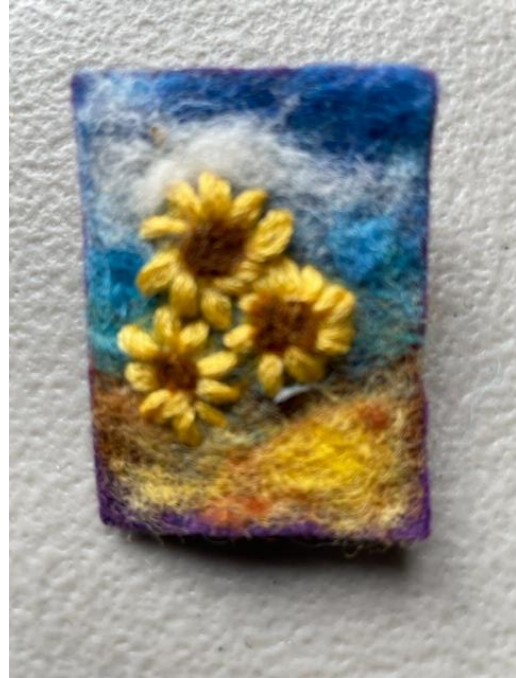
Back of Knitted Rug:



We held a live auction run by Ildi Tary and supported by Donna Allen. Lots of interesting items, including frames, cutters, books, and wool! Thank you Ildi and Donna!



Tina Carrick graciously donated felted sheep pins she made for member purchase. She also sold felted sunflower pins for the Ukraine effort. Thank you Tina!



Upcoming May Meeting

General Hook-in for members. Dues are due, so please bring your checkbook or plan to use Pay Pal.

Polar Bear challenges will be presented, so please bring yours!

Mayflower Meeting Dates for 2021-2022

May 21, 2022 – Hook-in

Dues Due

June 18, 2022 – Strawberry Festival at Ildi's

This year we want a better idea of how many are coming, so there will be a signup sheet at the May meeting.

Ildi Tary

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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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