



Hello, Mayflower Friends!

We hope you have survived this miserably hot summer and stayed cool! As I write this, the temperature has finally fallen to a pleasant level, and it actually feels like Fall may be around the corner. I can't wait!

We are looking forward to starting our new year next month and have a lot of things to share. In this newsletter, you will learn about our programs for the rest of the calendar year, some upcoming local events as well as plans for special events for our membership. Finally, we are announcing our board members who will help drive our upcoming year.

Before we get to those details, we want to express our sincere appreciation to a couple of people that have been enormously helpful over the last few years, specifically Jenna Sleeper and Ann Duggan who have each held President positions, but are both moving on in different directions. Jenna and her husband have decided to relocate permanently to Florida, and they have already made the move. Jenna has played an important role in our guild for several years, and we thank her and wish her the best as she starts a new chapter in her life.

Ann Duggan has also made a move and will be a snow bird, summering in New Hampshire and wintering in Florida. Ann has been President for several recent years and brought an enthusiasm and drive to keep our guild vibrant. We thank her and wish her well. We expect to still see her in the Fall and Spring.

Thank you both for everything you have done so gracefully with enthusiasm and energy. We will miss seeing you both in our regular meetings.

With that said, let's get to the details of our coming year.

2022 Programs

September 10 – Susan Clarke

Please note that due to our speaker's schedule in September, we will be meeting one week earlier than usual. Please mark your calendars...September 10 at the church in Reading.

Susan is passionate about colour and fibre arts. She is an Ontario Hooking Craft Guild certified teacher and working towards her McGown teacher's certification.

She is a member of the Association of Traditional Hooking Artists (ATHA), a member of the National Guild of Pearl K McGown Hookrafters in the USA, a member of the Ontario Hooking Craft Guild (OHCG), Rug Hooking Guild of Nova Scotia (RHGNS) and Rug Hooking Guild of Newfoundland (RHGNL) in Canada.

She has just completed her 7th year judging member displays for the OHCG, and is an avid reviewer of rugs in Rug Hooking Magazine's Celebrations as well as in other magazines, displays at Guild shows, and on Facebook! Judging requires a mind receptive to new concepts and techniques, a willingness to be educated in genres beyond one's own areas of expertise, hence, enabling a fair appreciation of those styles, a keen eye, impartiality and integrity. Susan is also an adjudicator in her professional life.

Susan presented last Fall in a Zoom call, and she was very well received, so we are looking forward to seeing her in person!

Also in September, Marcy and Lin will lead a discussion about potential themes for our annual rug challenge. Please come and join in on the discussion so you can influence the decision. They will come with some samples to stimulate the discussion.

The final selection of the theme will be announced in October.

October 15 Haley Perry – Working a Series

Haley has a studio in Rhode Island and does some very creative work, so we look forward to seeing her in October. She also happens to be the niece of Deanne Fitzpatrick, so rug hooking must be in her genes!

November 12 Hook-in

At this writing, the church cannot assure us availability on our date. We are maintaining contact and will learn soon about whether we can meet at the church on Nov 12. If the date does not work out, we will secure an alternative location. Stay tuned.

December 10 Holiday Party

More details will follow about what we are planning, but as usual we will offer gift swaps for those interested. Both handmade and retail gift swaps will be offered such that those bringing a handmade gift will receive a handmade gift, likewise for purchased gifts. You can start thinking about this now!

2023 Programs

Details about our programs in the winter/spring of 2023 will be announced very soon.

2022-2023 Board Members

The board has been established for the coming year and will be voted on in our September meeting. The following members have volunteered to serve for the year 2022-2023:

Co-Presidents: Tina Carrick/Donna Allen
Vice President: Ildi Tary
Secretary/Newsletter: Ildi Tary/Andrea Gendron
Treasurer: TBD
Membership: Catherine Flowers
Programming: Lin Fields/Marcy Young
Hospitality: Janice Oberlander/TBD
Website: Susan Russo
Board Adjunct/Caring Connection: Jeanie Crockett

Events of Interest

A short list of upcoming events are provided below. If you know of anything else coming up that should be added, please email Ildi at itary@comcast.net for publication in our next newsletter:

Down East Hook-in: November 16-17 in Hermon, ME (near Bangor)

Hosted by Fluff and Peachy Bean Designs (Nancy Jewett).
Registration information can be found on her site.

Hook-in at Salem Cross Inn: October 26 in West Brookfield, MA (near Sturbridge)

Hosted by American Country Rugs (Lucille Festa).
Registration information can be found on her site.

ATHA School North in Plymouth NH October 24-26 ATHA School South in Sturbridge, MA April 25-28

All Mayflower members should have received an email with details of the teachers and workshops.

Let's all look forward to a new, wonderful year!