



Hello, Mayflower Friends!

We had a wonderful start to our new year last month. We had a great speaker, we welcomed three new members and even got to do some shopping from wools brought from Gail Majackas.

Our meeting this month promises to be just as exciting. If you are intrigued by contemporary designs or even putting a modern twist on traditional rugs, this meeting is for you!

Can you believe that we are finally starting to come out of our two+ year hibernation? It is so exciting to see a full roster of workshops, classes and retreats resuming their regular schedules. I hope you have a chance to participate in one or more of the events this season.

We hope to see many of you this Saturday!

**Come Join us this Saturday,  
October 15 for our Program with  
Haley Perry – Working a Series**



Hayley Perry founded the Loop by Loop Studio in 2013. Hayley grew up surrounded by rug hooking, thanks to her mother Sharon and aunt Deanne Fitzpatrick, but did not begin making her own rugs and designs until many years later. Hayley holds her education in Fine Arts, and after getting her graduate degree in painting in 2011, she started dyeing and selling fabric kits online, hooking rugs, and making kits, which has blossomed into her full time career.

One of Hayley's goals is to help rug hooking reach a broader audience because she understands the benefits of slowing down in this whirlwind world. She believes that valuable lessons lay within this kind of handiwork and encourages anyone who needs a moment of reflection to try out this easy and relaxing craft.

Hayley's Loop by Loop Studio can be found online at <https://www.loopbyloopstudio.com/> as well as her Etsy store: <https://www.etsy.com/shop/loopbyloopstudio>.

**Our Hospitality Leaders invite those whose last names begin with N-Z to bring something to munch on in our meeting, either sweet or savory. Thanks in advance!**

## September Meeting Recap

We had a lovely meeting with Susan Clarke and were delighted that she brought some inspiring work, particularly a few wonderfully creative bags. It was unfortunate that the projector did not show her slides but she was kind enough to share her slides with us, something she normally does not do. She did ask, and it is important we respect her request, that we not share these slides with anyone outside our chapter. The slides will be sent to all Mayflower members as a pdf. Again, these slides should not be shared to anyone outside Mayflower nor should they be posted online anywhere.



Other events from our September meeting included:

### Annual Rug Mat Challenge

Lin and Marcy announced the annual challenge for this year. Members wanting to participate can choose from among three animal patterns: Rabbit, Squirrel or Frog. The goal is to have the mats finished for the March hook-in, traditionally held in Westford. Unlike last year, these mats should have their edges finished. Marcy had paper copies available in September, but if you missed one, you could download it [here](#). The design should finish to 8" square.

Speaking of last year, did you see the article in the most recent ATHA magazine that showed our chapter's polar mat challenge along with a picture of our participating members? Thank you Jenna for doing this!

### New Members

We had three new members join in September. Please welcome them to our chapter!

Linda Reid, Tewksbury

Roseann Ricketson, North Andover

Patty Connors, Tewksbury



**September's Show and tell**

**Tina Carrick**

Mats of the Adirondacks and Vermont, her special places





**Kathleen Dainton**

Knit frog (in process)



**Catherine Flowers** presented a hooked basket of fruit by Happy DiFranza. Alicia volunteered to finish the background.



**Ildi Tary**

Bee rug designed by Kris Miller which was submitted to the Topsfield Fair in the Bee House.



A small hydrangea mat designed by Marijo Taylor:





Ildi also brought along some pieces of wool that were dyed using silk ties. Here are just a few of the pictures of the wool alongside the tie that was used to create it. Complete instructions for this technique can be found on YouTube by Ribbon Candy Hooking at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJXE8tFn4FM&t=5s>



# Our Upcoming Programs for the Year

## November 19

### Hook-in

The church is unavailable for our use on this date, so we have secured the Reading Library at 64 Middlesex Avenue for our meeting and hook-in. A kitchen will be available for our use, so we will serve our standard fare.

## 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 following board members were voted and approved for this year. Please note that the Treasurer position remains open. Please consider volunteering for this position if you have interest in helping support our guild.

Co-Presidents: Tina Carrick/Donna Allen

Vice President: Ildi Tary

Newsletter/Secretary: Ildi Tary/Andrea Gendron

Treasurer: TBD

Membership: Catherine Flowers

Programming: Lin Fields/Marcy Young

Hospitality Leaders: Janice Oberlander/Carol Stearn

Website: Susan Russo

Board Adjunct/Caring Connection: Jeanie Crockett

**Please note that Jeanie Crockett has volunteered to reach out to a member that needs a pick-me-up if they are struggling with any of life's challenges. If you let Jeanie know that someone needs a lift, she will contact the member to offer some caring and support on behalf of our guild.**



## Upcoming Events of Interest

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

### **Hook-in at Salem Cross Inn: Oct 26 in West Brookfield, MA**

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

### **ATHA School North in Plymouth NH Oct 24-26**

### **ATHA School South in Sturbridge, MA April 25-28**

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

### **Mayflower Franciscan Guest House Retreat, Kennebunk, ME Oct 27th through Oct 30th**

Contact Donna Allen if you are interested!

### **Olde Cape Cod Rug School, Hyannis, MA Nov 11-13**

I hear there are still a few openings available if you are interested.

### **Down East Hook-in: Nov 16-17 in Hermon, ME**

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

### **Green Mountain Rug Hooking Guild Show, Nov 3-6 in**

**Montpelier, VT** Our very own Grace Collette is one of the featured artists:

**Hooked in the Mountains XX**  
An Exhibition by the Green Mountain Rug Hooking Guild

Over 200 Hooked Rugs!  
2 Featured Artists  
4 Days of Hook-ins  
6 Workshops  
8 Vendors

Come see fabulous pieces  
by our featured artists: Sandra Grant and Grace Collette

Did you know there is a Facebook page where people post about upcoming Shows, Workshops, Camps and Classes? It can be found here:

[Workshops, Classes, Shows and Camps](#)

# **Addendum**

## **Mayflower Meeting Minutes September 10, 2022**

This month's meeting began with the nominations of officers for this year; the membership accepted the slate of officers for the 2022-2023 year. The office of Treasurer is currently open, and we hope to have that filled soon.

As discussed previously by the Board, it was announced that one-half of the alphabet would be responsible for contributing food items, snacks and such every other month. This will include the same members helping to set up before the meeting and clean up after the meeting.

Marcy and Lin presented ideas for this year's challenge. Members were invited to take one of three cute sketches of animals found in local yards, those being a squirrel, a rabbit and a frog. These can be put on small squares by the members. Hook as you wish and finish the edge as you wish. The goal is to have them ready for the March regional meeting typically held in Westford, MA. The images will also be available on our Mayflower Chapter website.

Information on the Fall regional retreat (a Mayflower event) at the Franciscan House will be forthcoming. The dates are October 27-30.

Cards were signed by all for Ann Duggan and Jenna Sleeper. We owe them so much! Being present, Ann was very moved!

We were happy to see three new members today – Patty Connors, Linda Reid, and Roseanne Ricketson.

Show and tell items were exhibited by Ildi Tary, Tina Carrick, Kathleen Dainton, and Catherine Flowers.

Speaker: Our speaker this month was Susan Clarke from Toronto, Canada. Her presentation consisted of a discussion of what makes a rug a winner! Various criteria were discussed regarding this along with how rugs are judged in competition.

In addition, Susan showed many lovely three-dimensional bags she has done. Beautiful colors, expert workmanship and overall stunning examples. I bet we all would love one!

Submitted by Andrea Gendron