



Hello, Mayflower Friends!

Does it seem Christmas comes up on us faster and faster each year, or is it just me? I had all kinds of ideas of gifts to make and while a few will make it under the tree this year, many more will be shelved until next year. I think my new year's resolution this year will be to start making my Christmas gifts in July!

Wasn't last month's meeting great? Just a hook-in, I thought. But being in a different venue, welcoming two new members and one guest as well as seeing a couple of members for the first time in quite a while, it was one of the best meetings!

This month should also be a grand time. Food, friends, laughter and being gobsmacked by people's creations holds exciting promise. Hope all of you will enjoy it!

Ildi Tary
Newsletter Editor

Come Join us Saturday, December 10 for our annual Holiday Meeting at St. Agnes Church

We have several events planned for our meeting.

Holiday Gift Swap: This year we will only be exchanging gifts that are handmade by our members. This is always a great deal of fun. In years past, there have been some absolutely gorgeous items made by our skilled members. Please consider participating. We guarantee you will have a grand time and you might go home with a real treasure.

Potluck: We are inviting all members to bring something to share for a lovely luncheon.

Wool Swap: Participating members should bring 1/4 yd. of good quality wool. Donna will read a story — every time the word sheep is mentioned, members pass the wool on to the person to their right (we'll be standing in a circle). When the reading ends, you leave with the wool you are holding.

Enhanced Show and Tell: Each month, members are invited to bring recently completed rugs. Many members say this is one of their favorite parts of our meetings. Now, we are going to extend this a bit. While we will still enjoy show and tell of your newly created rugs, in some months, we will also select a theme for an additional showing. So, if you have a rug(s) that meet the theme, you are invited to bring them to the meeting even if you have shown them before. We have many new members, so people may not have seen your rugs before and even if they have, they will be delighted to see them again! For December, we are inviting you to bring any Holiday-themed rugs. In January, we will invite Winter themed rugs. So, bring them on!! And of course, still bring any new rugs you have recently completed, regardless of the subject.

November Meeting Recap

We had a lovely meeting in November at the Reading Library (we'll be back at St. Agnes this month and future months). The board discussed potentially moving the location permanently to the library, but it was felt the space would be too small when we have a speaker (as well as the fact that we can't reserve it beyond 3 months out which might make it unavailable some months). But it is good to know we have a fall back when the church is unavailable.

New Members that joined in November. Please welcome them!

Chris Bucci, Lynnfield

Diane Detour, Boxford

ECNG Raffle Quilt

Catherine Flowers brought the raffle quilt created by the Essex County Needlecraft Guild (ECNG). If you are interested in buying tickets, please see Catherine at one of our upcoming meetings. Tickets are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5.

The drawing will be held in May, 2023.



Facebook

Did you know our chapter has a Facebook Page? [Friends of Mayflower Guild](#)

This is a great channel to communicate with each other. Tina Carrick is the administrator of this page.

November's Show and tell

Donna Allen

Donna prepared this mat as a teaching tool for her ATHA teacher workshop. Each quadrant is done using a different hooking technique.



Carole Feldhusen

Hooked purse, front and back



Ildi Tary

This mat was prepared for a blueberry-themed rug challenge at the Bangor Hook-in.



Debbie Power

This mat was shown in our October meeting. Unfortunately, it was attributed to an incorrect person in last month's newsletter.



Our Upcoming Programs for the second half of our year

January: Susan Russo's Journey

Susan will share her rugs and experiences as she has progressed in her rug hooking journey. Susan's interests in fiber arts extend beyond rug hooking, so she will also be showing work including weaving, knitting, quilting, and wool appliqué.

February:

Auction: Details to be announced. Members should consider items they wish to bring to have auctioned off.

Display of Animal Challenge rugs: See previous newsletters and our website for patterns.

March: We are currently working on securing a speaker, to be announced

April: Kathy Spellacy - Using your stash wools

May: Hook-in

June: Strawberry Festival

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 for publication in our next newsletter:

ATHA School South in Sturbridge, MA April 25-28

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

ATHA Quiet Corner Hook-In

Mark your calendars for this hook-in. Sign-ups will open to the general public on January 10. As soon as a copy is available, it will be published in this newsletter.



Woodstock, Connecticut

June 10, 2023

Woodstock Fairground - Rte. 169 & 171

Woodstock, CT 06281

9:00am – 3:00pm

Elliott Maine Hook-in

Although not formally announced yet, word on the street is that this will be held the last Saturday of January. Details will be provided as soon as it is publicized. This is a walk-in event with a nominal fee at the door.

Westford Hook-in

No date has been announced, but all ATHA members should receive an email with a registration form when this has been finalized. Typically, this is March or April.