



MAYFLOWER NEWSLETTER

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Greetings Mayflower Members!

It's difficult to believe that summer is nearly past! We hope that you've all had an enjoyable past few months and are looking forward, as we are, to another exciting year.

Many generous contributions have been made by member volunteers over the past year, one of which is immediately obvious. Steve DiFranza has designed a new logo for us and we are loving it! The Strawberry Festival generously hosted by Jenna Sleeper in June was a lovely conclusion to our last program year, with all in attendance enjoying the hospitality and strawberry shortcake. The newly established Hospitality Teams functioned remarkably well last year. Huge thanks to the team leaders and group members for your commitment to making it work.

As the new program year approaches, Robyn Hodges is busily creating membership booklets that will provide important chapter guidelines as well as contact information for all of our members. Robyn has also coordinated a series of events in the fall with the Wenham Museum that will allow us to educate the public about rug hooking and show our Massachusetts mats and other work. The museum is also making the facility available to Mayflower for a hook-in. Details of these events are included in this newsletter.

We look forward to hooking and learning with you all!

Donna Allen & Marcia Kent
Co-Presidents

All meetings will continue to be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church from 10:00 - 2:00, except the meeting scheduled for November 17th, which will take place from 10:00 - 4:00. The Treasure Table will continue to provide an opportunity for members to sell or donate items. Please indicate the price (if any) and your name if you would like to be paid for the item. If you are compensated for an item, it is expected that you will donate 10% of the proceeds to the Mayflower Chapter. New name tags displaying our new logo will be provided for members at the first meeting. Please help us all in being better acquainted by wearing them at each meeting.

DIRECTIONS FROM I93: Take Exit 37A onto Route 95/128N to Exit 38B/Route 28N. At the second set of lights (gas station on left), turn left onto Summer Avenue. Follow Summer Avenue through one set of lights. At the second set of lights, you will see the church on the corner of Summer Avenue and Woburn Street. Park in the church lot or on Summer Ave. **DIRECTIONS FROM I95/ROUTE 128:** Take Exit 38B/Route 28N and follow above directions.

2012/2013 PROGRAMS



September 15, 2012

Welcome In Potluck Social & Fundraising Auction

As is our custom, we'll welcome each other back with our favorite potluck dish. As an added enticement, we'll be having a rug hooking supply auction from the collection of rug hooker turned quilter (I know, can you believe it?!?), Eileen Malay. For sale will be 2 Puritan frames with stands, 1 Rigby cutter (2 cutter heads mounted side-by-side), 2 Bliss cutters, hooks, offset scissors and lots of wool -- as is and hand-dyed. Don't miss it! We will also be voting in two new members to the board to fill the positions vacated by Alice Remare as Treasurer and Joan Stocker as Vice President. Member-elects are Jenna Sleeper for Vice President and Caren Cowie for Treasurer. Nominations will be taken from the floor. Sign up for a pattern or kit for the Santa door decoration in October! Contact Sandra Porter if you can't make the meeting and want to order one.



October 11, 2012 - 10:00 - 3:00

Hook-In

Wenham Museum, Wenham, MA

See enclosed flyer for details.



October 13, 2012

Santa Door Decoration

Gail Majauckus



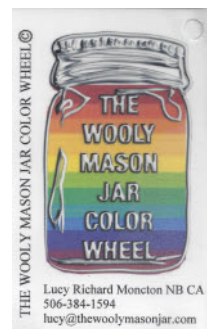
Who didn't fall in love with the whimsical and beautifully done Santa that Gail generously entered into last year's Yankee Swap? If you lamented the fact that you didn't go home with it, you'll be delighted to learn that she's going to teach us how to make one of our own! Be sure to sign up for a pattern or kit at the September meeting if you want to be assured of having one for this meeting.



November 17, 2012 - 10:00 - 4:00

Wooly Mason Jar Color Wheel

Lucy Richard



We could not be more excited to welcome Lucy Richard, who has agreed to travel 1500 miles at our invitation to share her revolutionary wool dyeing system with us! I was blown away when I was introduced to her materials and technique at the McGown Teacher Workshop in July and couldn't get my order in fast enough. If you've avoided dyeing to this point because of the expense and complexity of it all, Lucy's comprehensive technique, featuring a compact laminated recipe "playing" card system using only four Pro-Chem dyes, will take you anywhere you want to go with minimal fuss and maximum results! Lucy asked that we extend the time for this program so that we could take full advantage of her visit and (surprise) we agreed! You do not want to miss this program and may want to hold off finalizing your Christmas wish list until November 18th!



December 15, 2012
Holiday Luncheon and Wool Swap



Our Pot Luck Christmas Luncheon will be complemented by a Wool Swap. In lieu of the \$15.00 gift exchange, members will be invited to give a monetary gift to benefit the Mayflower library. Everybody wins! Help us to ring in the holidays by bringing your favorite dish, ¼ yard of wool for the swap and your contribution should you choose to make one.

January 19, 2013
Home Bee
Hosted by Ania Knap
Reading, MA

February 16, 2013
Big Bee

March 16, 2013
**Coordinating Colors in
Your Rugs**
Angela Foote

April 13, 2013
**Traditional Rug Hooking with
Wool Yarns**
Margaret Arraj, Mill River Rugs

May 18, 2013
**Hooking Journeys/Shape
Challenge Projects**
Mayflower Members

June 15, 2013
Strawberry Festival

COLOR TEAMS

Our effort to manage meeting logistics received a wonderful boost last year with the support of the Color Teams. We will continue to rely on your support this year. If you haven't signed up to participate on a team yet, please see Dot Woodle and she will get you connected. Teams have been assigned to programs as follows:

Blue -- September/March
Green -- November/April

Yellow -- October/February
Red -- December/May

THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME 2012/2013 Mayflower Challenge!

The challenge for this year is Shapes -- any shape, any size, any way you choose to do it! The possibilities are endless with this theme and we hope you have fun with it. Completed projects will be displayed at our May meeting.



Thursday
October 11, 2012
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Wenham Museum, 132 Main Street, Wenham, MA

Rug Hooking & The Wenham Museum The Perfect Pairing!

ATHA's Mayflower Chapter is partnering with the Wenham Museum (wenhammuseum.org) in a variety of exciting ways this fall. From **September 10th through October 26th**, the Massachusetts challenge mats completed by members in 2012 and featured in the June/July 2012 issue of the ATHA Newsletter, will be on display. On **Friday, September 21st, from 10:00 - 12:00** we will be on site to participate in the National Heritage Commission's Trails and Sails program. (See web posting at www.essexheritage.org/ts/events.php.) A lecture about rug hooking and the Massachusetts Mats will be provided by Mayflower Chapter members as well as demonstration and additional rugs for show.

We would like to invite all of you to stop by the museum to view the challenge mats while they are on display and to tour the museum, whose mission is to "protect, preserve and interpret the artifacts of childhood, domestic life, and the history and culture of Boston's North Shore." For those inclined toward warmth and elegance (and who isn't?) the Wenham Teahouse (wenhamteahouse.com) is located directly across the street and would round out a visit in the most delightful way!

Hook-in!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

The museum has graciously offered to let us host a hook-in at the facility. We would love the pleasure of your company! Door prizes, cookies, cider doughnuts, coffee and tea will be provided. Please bring a bag lunch. There is no charge to attend.

Chapter Presidents are requested to notify Robyn Hodges by phone (617-962-3211) or email (marylucydesigns@aol.com) if you know that six or more members from your chapter are planning to attend.