



Mayflower Chapter Newsletter September 2013

Mayflower Chapter Presents its Challenge Rugs for "Shape"

The Mayflower Chapter shared their Shape Challenge rugs at the September meeting. It was obvious that we have a lot of creative minds at work! A few of the pieces are shown below.



^ A 3-dimensional approach by Jeanne Fallier ^



< A cozy cat by Jane Sittnick



2012 - Susan Russo
Call me on Home Depot
The Cozy with the Sun

^ A tea cozy by Susan Russo ^



^ Wonderful mix of colors/shapes by Happy DiFranza ^



^ Diamonds by Betty Travers ^



^ Colorful elephant by Jenna Sleeper ^



< Jeanie Crockett's unique rug of fun rectangles, made while watching the TV show "Dexter"

Member Spotlight: Jean Jones

Last season Jean Jones shared her rug journey with the Mayflower group. She recalls being a young teenager who was fascinated watching her Aunt Ella pull big pieces of wool through backings. Her aunt “hooked high, wide and handsome”, according to Jean. After hooking, her aunt sheared down the loops which resulted in a smoother look. She sometimes sheared the wool at different levels. Interestingly, she never wanted to use a cutter, preferring instead to hand cut all her wool.

After Jean was married, she and her sister took a rug course taught by Goldy St. Jean at a Salem night class. Goldy’s mother was a trained McGown teacher. It turns out Jean was also interested in teaching and at the time, the state was training people how to teach. She took a class with Ethel Bruce, a trained McGown teacher, and Ethel put Jean up for training with Pearl McGown.

Jean also took classes with Annie Spring, who was a well known “teacher’s teacher”. Over the years, Jean taught in Lynn, Lynnfield, North Reading, Essex Aggie and Swampscott, sometimes teaching classes up to 4 nights a week. She feels very lucky to have taken classes with Ethel Bruce and Annie Spring who were both “way above average teachers” regarding color planning and dyeing.

Jean did most of her own dyeing until a few years ago. She hooks using sizes 2 and 3, which enables an incredible amount of detail in her work. Over the years, she has designed many unique pieces, some of which included unicorns, angels, fairies and animals. Jean designed the first picture (animals) as a gift for her daughter. The second picture is a copy of a self portrait of famous Parisian painter named Vigee LeBrun, who was painted portraits for royalty and wealthy clients in the 1770’s. Jean had a cameo with the mother and daughter on it, and adapted that design to a very beautiful hooked rug piece.

Thank you, Jean, for sharing your journey with us.



Shelburne Falls, MA – August 17-18, 2013

Rug Registry and Rug Exhibit

The first ever Rug Registry August 17-18 (Sat-Sun) took place at the Shelburne Buckland Community Center in Shelburne Falls, 01370. The Rug Registry is a fairly new idea where rug hookers are encouraged to register information about their rugs for historical purposes. Diana O'Brien worked with each person to register rugs during the weekend. If you missed this event, there will be other chances to register your rug in the future.

Also at the Community Center was a rug exhibit on August 17-18th. There was a wide variety of rugs and techniques displayed, as you can see below.



The 2014 Mayflower Challenge!

The vote has been tallied and the winning idea for 2014 is **NAME TAG**. We look forward to seeing the creative creations that our members will come up with regarding this new challenge.

Upcoming Events

Topsfield Fair – early October, 2013

We're looking for volunteers to have some fun demonstrating rug hooking at the fair. Please contact Pat Iverson at plfi@hotmail.com or at 617-660-1010.

Fall Hook In – October 26th, 2013

St. Paul's United Methodist Church at 335 Smyth Rd, Manchester, NH

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Cost: \$12.00/\$10.00 with a donation to the Food Pantry; Lunch Available: \$8.00

Door Prizes; Vendors; bring your finished rugs for display

Registration: Lynda Hadlock: 603.785.3799

Email: lindawithay@aol.com

Sponsored by White Mountain Woolen Magic

Craft Exhibit and Sale, Oct 26th, 2013

Saturday, 9 am – 2 pm at the Unitarian Church, 239 Woburn St. Reading, MA

Presented by Reading Society of Craftsmen

Free parking and admission

Region 1 Hook In – Sat, March 22, 2014

This annual event will take place in Westford, so don't forget to mark your calendars.

Mayflower Calendar

Please note changes highlighted in yellow

- **October 19th**
 - Yowza Yellow Hospitality Team (Leader: Jeanie Crockett)
 - Guest Speaker: Pam Bartlett, Copyright Laws

- **November 16th**
 - Gorgeous Green Hospitality Team (Leader: Happy DiFranza)
 - Event: Open Rug Hooking (bring something to work on)
 - Guest Speaker: Rose Anne Hunter with Sheep Project



- **December 14th**
 - Ravishing Red Hospitality Team (Leader: Jane Sittnick)
 - Event: Christmas Celebration
 - This year, instead of the Yankee Swap and Wool Exchange, we will be exchanging a wool piece (hooked, felted, etc), approximately 9 x 9" in size that you make. Please gift wrap your piece, and don't forget to sign your name on the back. This will be a

wonderful chance for everyone to share handmade pieces with each other.

- We will also be engaging in a separate more traditional gift swap (value \$15-\$20).
- Members are welcome to participate in either or both exchanges.

- **January 18th**

- Board Members Hospitality Team
- Event: Home Bee, downstairs at the church

- **February 15th**

- **Gorgeous Green Hospitality** Team (Leader: Happy DiFranza)
- Event: Big Bee

- **March 15th**

- Yowza Yellow Hospitality Team (Leader: Jeanie Crockett)
- Rug Journey – Sandra Porter and Jenna Sleeper

- **April 12th**

- **Bodacious Blue Hospitality** Team (Leader; Maggie Cowell)
- Guest Speaker: Susie Stephenson, Primitives

- **May 17th:**

- Ravishing Red Hospitality Team (Leader; Jane Sittnick)
- Lois Dugal, Embellishments

- **June:** Strawberry Festival, date & location TBD

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Editor's Notes:

Please send your rug pictures to Susan Russo to post on the website.

If you are interested in hosting this year's Strawberry Festival, please contact one of the board members.