



Mayflower Chapter Newsletter January 2014

“Home Bee”

The Mayflower Chapter enjoyed a busy “home bee” downstairs in the church January 18th.

Next month on February 15th, we will be enjoying the **Big Bee** upstairs in the church. This year’s theme will be Valentine’s Day and it will include a silent auction sponsored by the Board Members. Everyone is welcome to bring an item (if they choose). Auction items can be an item, such as rug materials/tools, a nice antique; a service, such as finishing a rug; dinner for two; or anything you can think of that people would want. Please consider donating something as this will increase the fun for all!

Upcoming Board Vacancies

Dot Woodle, Hospitality and Sandra Porter, Programs have generously contributed their time over the past several years and would like to step down after this year. If you are interested in contributing in one of these positions, please contact one of them or Jenna Sleeper.

The 2014 Mayflower Challenge!

Don’t forget this year’s challenge is **NAME TAG**.

Show and Tell

Jeanie Crockett shows us her finished “Friends” rug:



Dot Bickford showed a partially started rug she bought at last year's auction which she meticulously worked on to complete:



Robyn Hodges is working on this unique rug:



Mayflower Calendar

- **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

Upcoming External Events

Region 1 Hook In – Sat, March 22, 2014

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

Secretary's Report

Mayflower Chapter Meeting Minutes January 18, 2014

Our January 18 meeting was a Hookin held in the lower level of the U.U. Church. Over 30 ladies attended and had a grand time socializing and enjoying the refreshments provided by the Board members. At 11:30 a.m., President Jenna Sleeper held a brief business meeting.

Announcements:

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Jenna reminded everyone that all members are now required to also be a member of National ATHA. Members are asked to honor this requirement by sending \$26.00 with the appropriate form to Joan Cahill at 600 ½ Maple Street, Endicott, N.Y. 13760

HOSPITALITY

New hostesses are needed for the hospitality teams. Members are asked to work "internally", and have someone within their team become the new team leader. A volunteer is needed to replace Dot Woodle as head Hospitality person. Duties to include arriving early to each meeting to oversee the serving team, keep the kitchen supplies inventory and replenish as needed, bring the half and half, etc., pack up the supply tubs and store in the storage room neatly. Happy DiFranza's team is on duty for the February 15, 2014 Big Bee meeting. They are asked to follow the Valentine's Day theme, and red and white, and to bring cookies only for the refreshments. Reminder: bring a mug from home for coffee. **"Bring a Mug; Save a Rug"**

PROGRAMS

Next month will be the BIG BEE, February 15, 2014 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. This is an invitational Hookin, with favors, door prizes, silent raffle, a puritan rug frame raffle, vendor (s), rug display, and Cookies galore for refreshments. The theme will be red and white

(Valentine's) for the event. Members may choose to bring a nice item along to donate for the silent auction. If you plan to vend, please contact Jenna Sleeper at jenna.sleeper@comcast.net for details. Bring your lunch, and a rug or two to display.

One or more volunteers are needed to arrange for next year's programs. Sandra Porter has arranged the programs for a number of years. If you wish to have Mayflower remain an exciting venue with continued membership growth, consider volunteering to work on programs. Sandra can be reached for details. papaporter@comcast.net

NEW BUSINESS

A search for a new meeting place is being considered. Members are asked to look about the Reading area for possible locations. Our needs are ample parking, good lighting, janitorial services for room set up and cleaning, and reasonable rent. Our current rent is \$70.00 per meeting in the upper hall, or \$40.00 in the lower room.

SHOW AND TELL

Jeanne Crockett completed a colorful polka dots and animals rug called "Friends".

Carol LaChance showed a very large "under construction", floral in a fine cut.

Jane Sittnick told about an upcoming March 2014 trip to Guatemala, where she will be seeing the women who are participating in learning to rug hook to better their economic situations. She asked for money donations so that she could take monks cloth and hooks along to support this project. Jane may be reached at janesittnick@aol.com if you would like to donate or get more information.

Respectfully submitted,
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