

February 2019 Newsletter



Greetings!

The February meeting was fun. Cynthia Dabroski gave a wonderful presentation describing her rug hooking journey. She had always been interested in fiber arts, but it wasn't until 1997 when she attended a rug show in Wenham that she got interested in hooking. She went on to attend the Alfred Retreat without having done any hooking, and it was there that she really learned. The rest, as the saying goes, is history. Below are pictures of her beautiful rugs in geometrics, original designs, inspirational themes, shading, and 'tweak and design.'

























Reminder, the March meeting will be held at the House of Seven Gables in Salem, MA.
Refreshments will be provided by last names D-I.

Rose Anne Hunter was to be the guest speaker at the March meeting. Unfortunately, as most of you know, she was taken ill a couple of weeks ago. As this is being typed, she is still in the hospital, making progress slowly but surely. If you'd like to send her a card, you can mail it to her home, and her daughter will make sure she receives it. Her address is 209 High Street, Newburyport, MA 01950. She is in our thoughts, and we look forward to seeing her before too long!

Gail Majauckas will be vending at the March meeting, but there will not be a guest speaker. It will just be a member hook-in

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we thought it would be nice to have a 'mini' rug presentation of our members' finished rugs and any other projects done this year (including class projects; Heidi's applique, Donna's tartan pillow, Tina's felt animals). It was decided that going forward the

Mayflower Auction will be held every other year instead of annually. The 2018 auction wasn't very successful, and the thought is that by not having it this year the next one will be bigger and more successful.

At the April meeting we will also be having a wool raffle. Members are asked to donate a fat quarter of their good wool (no throwaways!) which will be raffled off during the meeting. We'll be collecting the donated wool at the February and March meetings. All proceeds will go to the Mayflower treasury.

Business Items:

- Eileen Koch said that the December clothing donations to the women's shelter were greatly appreciated. It is estimated that approximately \$500 worth of goods were donated. We will most likely do this again next year.
- ATHA Region 1 Board positions are still open. Information is available online if you're interested.
- The Mayflower Board positions are coming up for election soon, and we are starting to take nominee suggestions. All positions are open, so if you're interested in participating as a Board member, please let Ann and Lin know!

February Show & Tell

Happy DiFranza

Reproduction:



Ellen Zaniewski



Original:



Happy has done a reproduction of an old Hutchinson rug that is part of the Beauport House collection. It's not too clear in the photo, but the original is coming apart and in fragile condition. Happy's reproduction rug will be given to the Beauport House in a special presentation in June.



Jane Sittnick



2019 Project Challenge

The next Project Challenge will be Movies and Movie Themes. The finished pieces must include the color orange.

Pieces will be displayed at the October 2019 meeting.

Mayflower Meetings 2018-2019

April 20, 2019

- Member Rug Presentation & Wool Raffle
- Refreshments: Last Names J-R

May 18, 2019

- Hook-In
- Refreshments: Last Names S-Z

June 15, 2019

- Strawberry Festival
- Location: Ildi Tary's House
- Refreshments: Everyone

External Events:

Wool 'N' Ewe Annual Winter Rug Hooking Retreat

March 16-17, 2019

Ramada Inn

Bangor, ME

For additional information contact Al Jenkins on his Facebook page, Wool 'N' Ewe, by email at woolnewe2017@gmail.com, or by phone at 207-664-9689

Spring Mayflower Hook-In at the Franciscan House

March 22-24, 2019

Kennebunkport, ME

See Donna's email from 1/16/19 for additional information or contact her directly at Maxima234@gmail.com

Westford Hook-In

April 6, 2019, 9:00AM – 3:00PM First Parish Church 48 Main Street Westford, MA 01886

Playing in the Dye Pot with Ania Creative Designs

April 27, 2019, 10:00AM – 4:00PM Reading, MA See Ania's email from 1/10/19 for additional information or contact her directly at akknap@gmail.com

ATHA Region 1 School South

Sturbridge Host on Cedar Lake Hotel & Conference Center May 9-12, 2019 366 Main Street Sturbridge, MA 01566 508-347-7393 or 800-582-3232

Torn Strip Poppies Workshop

June 8-9, 2019
Ania's Creative Designs
Reading, MA
See Ania's email sent February 21st for information
on the workshop. Space is limited so be sure to
register early if you're interested.

Pleasant Mountain Fiber Workshops

June 23-25, 2019
Denmark, ME
Click on this link for information regarding the workshops available over this e-day event: http://www.pleasantmtfiber.com

7th Annual ATHA Region 1 Shelburne Hook-In & Rug Registry

September 21, 2019, 10:00AM – 4:00PM Shelburne/Buckland Community Center 53 Main Street Shelburne Falls, MA 01370 October 21-24, 2019 Inn at Church Landing Meridith, NH

If there are any events that you'd like to have included in the Mayflower Newsletter, please let Sue Sweetser know (contact info below).

Meeting Location:

St. Agnes Church at 186 Woburn Street, Reading, MA in the upper Parish Hall behind the church.

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