



# April 2019 Newsletter



Greetings -

It was great to see Ann and Rose Ann at the April meeting! They have made great strides in their recuperations and look great. Just goes to show that you can't keep good women down!



The wool raffle planned for this meeting didn't happen, but we will attempt to have it at the May meeting. We're asking for a donation of a fat quarter of "good" wool from your stash (i.e., a piece that you really like, not something you'd throw away). If we don't receive enough donated pieces to have a successful raffle, we'll return the pieces that have been donated.



We will be celebrating Happy DiFranza's 'retirement' at the June Strawberry Festival, which is being held at Ildi Tary's house (same as last year).

Happy has been a hooker for over 50 years and continues to create beautiful work. Her latest piece is a reproduction of a Hutchinson pictorial rug owned by Beauport, the Sleeper-McCann House in Gloucester.

Beauport is having a hooked rug event on June 13. Happy's reproduction rug will be on display, and she will be there to answer questions about the

history of the rug and how she reproduced it. Tickets are required. See the attached flyer for additional information, and click on this link if you're interested in attending:

<https://my.historicnewengland.org/2746/3388>



As you know, we held the March Mayflower meeting at the House of Seven Gables. It came to our attention that some members thought this was an attempt to move our meetings there. This is absolutely not the case, and we apologize for not communicating it better.

Our meetings will continue to be held at St. Agnes' in Reading. We thought it would be nice/interesting to meet in Salem for a change of pace. A field trip, if you will. The history of the site and the chance to show off our work to others seemed like a good opportunity. We always try to make every meeting interesting for our members, whether it's with a guest speaker, wool sales, member vendors – or field trips! Rest assured, St. Agnes is our regular meeting space, and this has not changed.

However, there are opportunities to promote rug hooking at the House of Seven Gables, and we will continue to let our members know of upcoming events they may like to participate in. You'll see

mention of these from time to time, like the events noted below! ☺



Eileen Koch spoke about things going on at the House of Seven Gables.

➤ On June 1<sup>st</sup>, they will be having a rug show, which will be an opportunity for Mayflower members to show off their handiwork. You can bring your rug(s) to the show that day. However, if you're not available on June 1<sup>st</sup> but would like to show your work, please bring your rugs to the May meeting, and Eileen will get them there. If you attend the rug hooking group at the Peabody Council on Aging, you can also bring your rug(s) there and give them to Carol Stearn or Eileen.

**Note:** You need to include a tag on each piece you wish to display that includes the designer name (if known) and the hooker's name.

➤ They are still looking for people to help out and volunteer at the rug hooking demonstrations at least *once a year*. This is a good opportunity to show people what traditional rug hooking is, how it's done, and maybe even let them try hooking a few loops. In addition, it's an opportunity to get potential new members interested in joining Mayflower. If you're interested in volunteering, please reach out to Eileen for additional information.

➤ There is also an opportunity to do demonstrations at the Salem Witch House. Eileen is getting more information on this, but it will probably be held on Wednesdays or Saturdays, 11:00AM to 3:00PM. Again, if you're interested, contact Eileen.



The Mayflower Board elections will be held at the May meeting. We still need candidates for the following positions:

- President / Co-President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- 1 Hostess

If you're interested in participating as a Board member, please let Ann and Lin know as soon as possible.

We know that all of our lives are busy with other activities and commitments. It's important, however, for members to participate in the 'business' side of the Mayflower Guild, especially those members who have not yet served on the Board. If you don't feel that you can commit to a position as a full-time member, we're open to the option of having 'co-positions,' where two members can share a function, i.e., Co-President, Co-Vice President, Co-Secretary. Again, let Ann and Lin know if this would be of interest to you.

As an ATHA Chapter, we are required to have a standing, functioning board. If we are not able to fill our open spots, there is a potential for Mayflower to lose its ATHA accreditation. It only works if we all participate.

# April Show & Tell

*Janice Oberlander*

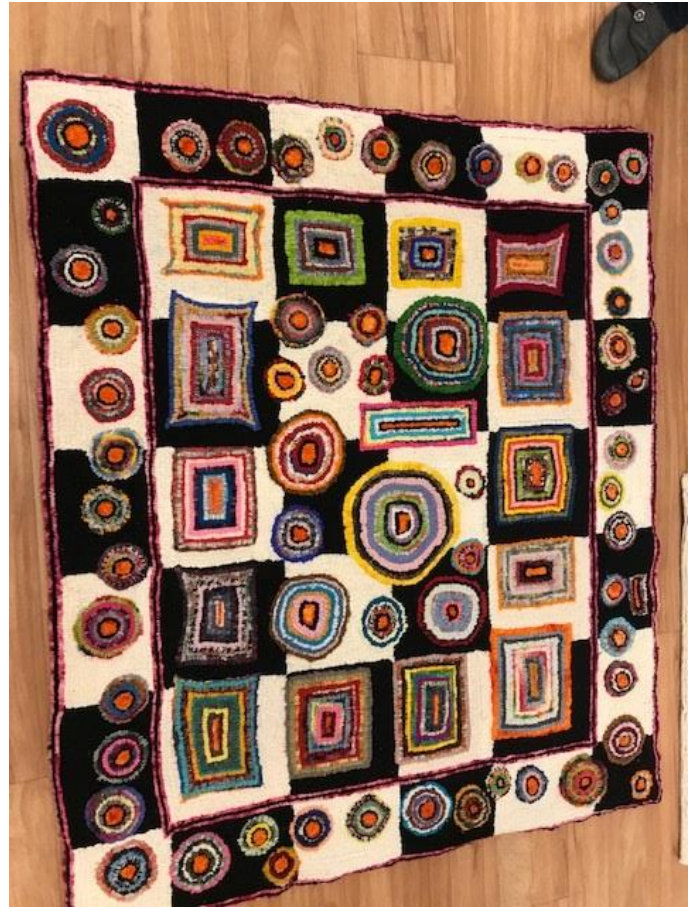


*Tina Carrick*





Jeanie Crockett



Caren Cowie



Jenna Sleeper



Rug started by Jenna's Mom, which Jenna is finishing



Another pattern started by Jenna's Mom



Grace Collette's friend, Julie Becker, who came to the April meeting



## **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**

May 18, 2019

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

June 15, 2019

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

## **External Events:**

### Torn Strip Poppies Workshop

June 8-9, 2019

Ania's Creative Designs

Reading, MA

See Ania's email sent February 21<sup>st</sup> for information on the workshop. Space is limited so be sure to register early if you're interested.

### Beauport Hooked on Rugs

June 13, 2019

Beauport, the Sleeper-McCann House

75 Eastern Point Boulevard

Gloucester, MA

978-283-0800

### ATHA Quiet Corner Hook-In

June 15, 2019, 9:00AM – 3:00PM

Woodstock Fairground

Rte 169 & 171

Woodstock, CT 06281

See attached flyer for additional information

### 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>

### Pearl K. McGown Annual Rug Show 2019

July 24, 2019, 12 noon to 7:00PM

Publick House

227 Main Street

Sturbridge, MA 01566

See attached flyer for additional information

Country Inn Rug School at Woodbound Inn

September 8-20, 2019

Rindge, NH

Two week-long sessions will be held. Additional information can be found on their website:

<https://countryinnrugschool.wixsite.com/countryinnrugschool>

7<sup>th</sup> 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

ATHA Region 1 School North

October 21-24, 2019

Inn at Church Landing

Meridith, NH

Franciscan Guest House Fall 2019 Hook-In

October 25-27, 2019 (previously scheduled for October 11-13)

Additional information, including a registration form will be arriving in August.

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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**Note: All chapter members must also belong to ATHA.**

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