



Hello, Mayflower Friends!

Happy 2023! With the holidays behind us, we have much to look forward to throughout the remainder of this year's program.

We enjoyed a lovely holiday celebration at our meeting in December, made festive by Janice Oberlander's fresh table arrangements, potluck deliciousness, and a gift exchange of items handmade by members - all of which were delightfully received!

We will be having a Flea Market at our February meeting to raise funds for the Mayflower Chapter. A new, fun format will replace the traditional auction format we've employed in recent years, but the idea is essentially the same. Those of you who have attended the hook-in at Alfred, Maine will be familiar with the process. You can help to make this effort a success by starting now to identify items that you are willing to part with — all craft-related and rug hooking items are desired — wool, fabric, hooking supplies, yarn, books, dyes, magazines, finished items, patterns, embellishments, etc. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to "Declutter for Mayflower." Dust and pop the lids off of those bins, scan your bookshelves and dive deep into your closets. Hopefully, you'll discover something at the Flea Market to make your own heart sing!

Unfortunately, COVID-19 and its latest variant, XBB-1, continues to pose health risks with medium to high infection rates across New England and surges in hospitalization rates. Please take care of yourself at home if you are not feeling well. Attending indoor events poses a particular threat to those at high risk of becoming seriously ill. For everyone's safety, we strongly encourage attendees to mask up for the time being.

Donna Allen & Tina Carrick  
Co-Presidents

**Come Join us Saturday, January 21  
at St. Agnes Church at 10:00**

### **Member Journey – Susan Russo**



For our program this month we will be enjoying a journey by our own member Susan Russo. Susan's interests in fiber arts cover a variety of media -- rug hooking, of course, but she also enjoys weaving, knitting, quilting, and wool appliqué. Susan will bring many of her items to show and describe her journey through the world of fiber arts!

### **January Show and Tell**

As usual, we invite people to bring recently completed work to our meeting for show and tell. In addition to the regular show and tell, members are invited to bring any older rugs that are winter-themed. This could include anything like snowmen, winter scenes, winter sports, or anything else that feels like winter!

**Our Hospitality Leaders invite those whose last names begin with N-Z to bring something to munch on in our meeting, either sweet or savory. Thanks in advance.**

## December Meeting Recap

## December's Christmas Show and tell

Donna Allen





## **Holiday Gift Swap**

**Donna Allen hooked a Santa with a bird on a branch. This gift was received by Carol Stern.**



**Bonnie Floyd knitted some lovely socks. This gift was received by Marcy Young.**



**Marcy Young made some mittens from sweaters. Donna Allen models them as the lucky recipient!**



**Tina Carrick needle felted a winter house, which was received by Sandra Porter**





**Diane Hart made a woolen mat of gingerbread men, received by Tina Carrick**



**Carol Sterns embroidered Joy ornaments that were received by Bonnie Floyd**



**Sandra Porter made a holiday decoration with some crochet, felted acorns and greenery. This was received by Diane Hart.**



**And last but not least, Janice Oberlander provided a festive spirit by decorating our tables with holiday cheer!**



## **Our Upcoming Programs for winter/spring 2023:**

### **February 18:**

**Flea Market:** Details were announced in our December meeting. Members should begin to scour their treasure troves to find things that they no longer need that others might find attractive to buy! Details will be recapped in our January meeting.

### **March 18:**

**Lisa Chaloner** of VictorianHandworks will be presenting a program focused on Directed Design.

**Display of Animal Challenge rugs:** See previous newsletters and our website for patterns.

### **April 15:**

**Kathy Spellacy** - Using your stash wools

### **May 20:**

**Hook-in**

### **June 17:**

**Strawberry Festival**



## Upcoming Events of Interest

A short list of upcoming events is provided below. If you know of anything else coming up that should be added, please email Ildi at [itary@comcast.net](mailto:itary@comcast.net) for publication in our next newsletter:

### **Westford Hook-in – April 1, 2023**

An email was sent to all ATHA members on January 11 with the registration form. You should open that email to print and submit your registration. Please remember that your ATHA membership must be up to date in order to register.

### **ATHA School South in Sturbridge, MA April 25-28**

All ATHA members should have received an email with details of the teachers and workshops. Openings are still available for teachers Sibyl Osicka, Jeanne Benjamin, and Bev Conway.

### **Spring has Sprung Hook-in & Workshops in Bangor, ME -- April 22-23**

Please see the information at the following link:

<https://hookedforevermaine.com/events/>

### **ATHA Quiet Corner Hook-In – June 10, 2023**

Mark your calendars for this hook-in. Sign-ups are open now. The registration form is on the following page.

### **ATHA School North in Plymouth, NH October 23-25**

Save the date! All ATHA members will receive an email with registration information later this spring.

### **Down East Hook-in in Bangor, ME November 4-5**

This event is sponsored by Jancy Jewett and Judith Hotchkiss and is not an ATHA sponsored event, so it is open to all. Registration information can be found at <https://yhst-99382736136612.stores.yahoo.net/hkins.html>.

### **Other Items of Interest**

Did you know Buttermilk Basin offers a free block of the month each year? The new year just started! It is wool applique which many of our members enjoy. To get them, sign up at the Buttermilk Basin website, <https://www.buttermilkbasin.com/> They are available free for only one month, so you need to download them as soon as you get their email!

ATHA Quiet Corner Hook-In



*Woodstock, Connecticut*

June 10, 2023

Woodstock Fairground - Rte. 169 & 171

Woodstock, CT 06281

9:00am – 3:00pm

Cost \$25.00 - Includes facility fee, raffle ticket for rug hooking basket,  
door prizes, snacks and beverages all day.

\$10.00 Fee for walk in visitors for vendor shopping only

Please join us for fun and good times.

Bring a rug or two to display, as there will be space to showcase your work.

\*\*\*\*\*Bring your own lunch\*\*\*\*\*

Complete the form below and mail to:

ATHA c/o Gretchen Gray

35 West Main Street, Hopkinton, MA 01748

[gretchg@verizon.net](mailto:gretchg@verizon.net)

Please return the bottom of this form with your non-refundable check

Make checks payable to: ATHA Quiet Corner. Checks must be received by May 1, 2023.

ATHA Quiet Corner Hook-In

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Check: \_\_\_\_\_

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Where did you hear about our hook in? \_\_\_\_\_

Barbara Dexter, Chairman – Any questions, please call 401-678-6050