



Hello, Mayflower Friends!

Wasn't last month's program wonderfully inspiring? Our own Susan Russo showed not just beautiful hooked rugs, but shared her other interests in fiber arts, including knitting, weaving and quilting. I've always thought that once someone has an interest in the art of textiles, there is often cross over to other forms, no matter what they start with. There is at least one of Susan's projects that I am anxious to start, how about you?

The other thing I am reflecting on is how many new members we have attracted this year. Thus far, we have 9 new members to our chapter and 3 former members have rejoined. It is so exciting to have new faces and see the excitement they have in starting a new journey of their own.

I hope to see many of you this week as we hold our flea market and hope to go home with a few treasures!

Oh, and don't forget to hook one of our challenge rugs. They are due next month for show and tell. Do you feel like a frog, squirrel or rabbit? They are small and quick to do, so be sure to join in!

Ildi Tary
Newsletter Editor

**Come Join us Saturday, February 18
at St. Agnes Church at 10:00**



February Program: Hook-in and Flea Market!

We invite everyone to bring hooking-related items from their collection that they no longer want/need. This could include wools, foundations, patterns, embellishments, books, etc. Items will be placed around the room and members will be given an opportunity to select one item at a time in round-robin fashion. Price to be determined by the buyer. How can you beat that?? On an exception basis, a few items may have a minimum bid amount, particularly if the item is of high value. The donating member may choose to put a minimum on it, meaning if someone doesn't want to pay at least that amount, the donating member would rather keep it.

Come with cash or checks as great bargains are bound to be had! All proceeds will go the Mayflower chapter. Also, please remember that anything you bring that does not sell should be taken home with you.

February Show and Tell



As usual, we encourage 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 previously exhibited rugs that are valentine's related – this could be hearts or anything that reads primarily red.

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

New Members

We had two more new members join our chapter last month:

Dianna Gaudet of Middleton and Heidi Gambino of Newton. Heidi will come for her first meeting in February, so let's all give her a hearty welcome!

January Meeting Recap

We had a truly awesome meeting where Susan Russo shared her many talents. These covered weaving, knitting, quilting and rug hooking! Oh My! Just a few of her beautiful items are shown below.

Thank you Susan for providing us such inspiration!



Woven rug and knitted coverlet. Gorgeous!



Wool applique quilt



**A rug designed
by Sharon Smith**

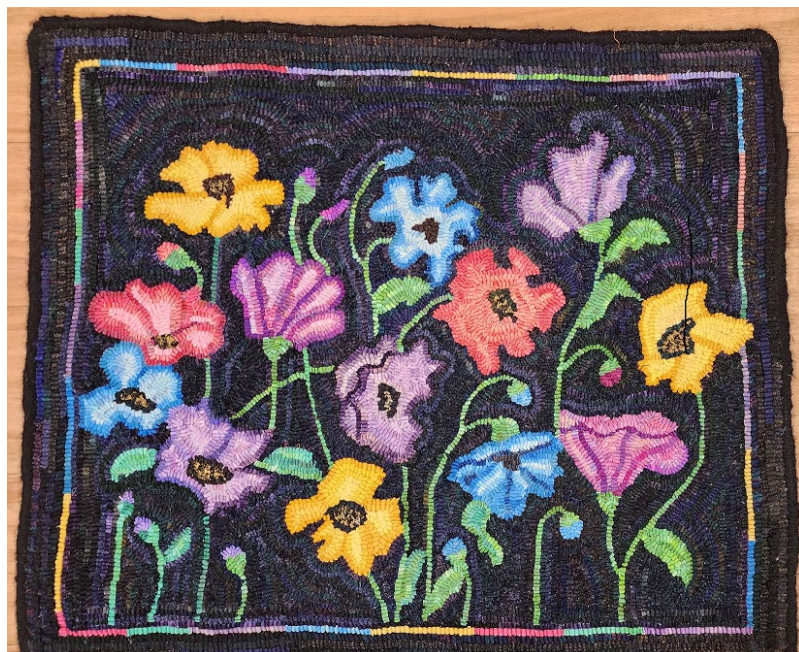
**A rug designed
by Bea Brock**



January's Show and Tell

New Rugs

Susan Russo



Poppies, a Sharon Smith pattern, hooked by Susan Russo

Stocking designed and hooked by Tina Carrick



**Wool Applique mounted
on an antique washboard
by Andrea Gendron**



**Rug
hooked
with
yarns by
Lin Fields**

Winter-Themed Show and Tell Rugs



Snowy owl hooked by Jane Sittnick with a braided border

One of four chair pads featuring Tina Carrick's dogs, this one is Carlos in winter!



Snowman rug mounted on an antique sled by Ildi Tary



Snowman and cardinal, pattern by Michelle Palmer. Hooked by Ildi



**Donna Allen's
rug of a
Maud Lewis
pattern**



Catherine Flowers' yarn-punched mats



Our Upcoming Programs for winter/spring 2023:

March 18:

Lisa Chaloner of Victorian Handworks 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 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 to register. The registration deadline is March 1, so please get your form in before it is closed!

White Mountain Woolen Magic Chapter Hook-in – April 22, 2023 in Manchester, NH

Please see the registration form at the end of this newsletter if you wish to attend.

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 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.

ATHA Quiet Corner Hook-In – June 10, 2023

Mark your calendars for this hook-in. The registration form is in the last few pages of this newsletter.

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. Teachers are Ania Knap, Benita Watford Raleigh, Cindy Irwin, Kathy Spellacy and Michelle Palmer.

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>.



**It's been too long!! We miss you!
It's time for our 7th Annual Hook in
\$45.00**

**Saturday, April 22, 2023
Manchester Community College
1066 Front St, Manchester, NH**

Fun starts @ 9:30am-continues until 3:00pm

**Vendors!! Lunch!! Coffee!! Prizes!! Welcome
gifts!! Raffle Table!! Did we say Vendors??!!**

Please join us for a fabulous hooking day with plenty of shopping -wool, baskets, trinkets, more wool, patterns, fun and friends. Raffle to benefit our education fund.

* Plenty of room for all at this new venue - new and different vendors- share with your hooking friends *
Bring finished items for our
"awesome display of talent"

Please fill out and mail in ASAP to hold your space. Email info@WMWMNH.com for questions or more details

7th Annual WMWM Hook In

**Check for \$45 payable to
White Mountain Woolen Magic**

**Mail to
Lise Lemieux
26 Balch Farm Road
Bennington, NH 03442**

Name: _____

Address: _____

email: _____

Phone: _____

Food allergies or vegetarian meal needed?

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

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: _____

Amount of check: _____

Address: _____

Chapter: _____

Email address: _____

Where did you hear about our hook in? _____

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