



Greetings Mayflower friends!

Hope you're all enjoying the first stirrings of spring. The birdsong, longer days and budding flowers signal renewal and growth and fill us with joy.

In this season of resurgence, we can also celebrate the new growth and new energy that has infused our Mayflower group over the past year. In 2022 and 2023 we welcomed nine brand new members and had three former members rejoin the group. Fantastic! Some are new hookers, some are experienced, but all bring new faces, fresh ideas, and interesting perspectives to keep our group vibrant.

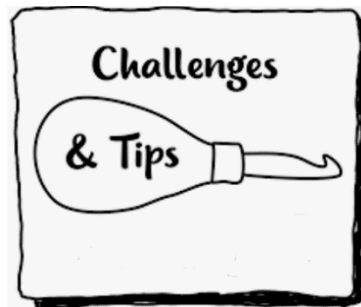
I feel a buzz in the air! So much going on with Mayflower! It's been exciting to be a board member and to watch members get excited about the speakers and monthly programs. It was fun to see the bunnies, squirrels and frogs members hooked for our annual challenge in March. Many of us enjoyed participating with other members at the ATHA region 1 hook-in that took place in Westford on April 1. The more we participate, the better and more exciting our group becomes.

We hope to see you at our next meeting this coming Saturday, April 15. We don't have a formal program planned. Please see the details on the next page and consider sharing your tricks, tips and ideas with all of us then.

Happy Spring!

Tina Carrick and Donna Allen  
Co-presidents

**Come Join us Saturday, April 15 at  
St. Agnes Church at 10:00**



We are changing the April program due to unforeseen issues. So, we thought we'd try something new and ask our own members to come and share something special they've learned, developed, or anything they think members would enjoy hearing about. So...we are asking that you pause and consider if there is something you might be able to share with our members. We are thinking these are short and informal presentations (5-10 minutes). Think things like...

- A wool dying trick you've learned
- A rug binding technique
- Innovative ways/places you've found for sourcing rug hooking materials
- Some examples of proddy and how it is executed
- Some technique(s) you've used to make backgrounds more interesting
- Ways to use embellishments in rugs
- Examples of different affects to add to rugs, e.g., quillies, felting, shirring, couching, etc.
- What you've learned about combining different kinds of textiles
- What you've learned from punching with yarn

Well, you get the idea...the above are just a few examples of where we could go. We are not asking that you spend a lot of time preparing but rather gather a few things that might help illustrate your topic. Sound like fun? We think so.

## **April 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 depict this wonderful season of Spring!

**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.**

## March's Show and Tell

### New Rugs

**Diana DeRoche** designed and made this rug to depict the home and family of one of her sons



**Mea Culpa...There was a rug brought for show and tell last month that I failed to get a picture of or even the member that brought it. It was a rug with two cats, as I recall. If this was your rug, please send me a picture so I can include it in next month's newsletter. My apologies for this miss,  
Ildi**





**Donna Allen** hooked and framed this beautiful bunny

**Grace Collette**, a featured artist at this year's Green Mountain Rug Hooking Guild, made this magnificent rug. A picture does not do it justice!





**Marcy Young made two mats using both wool and yarn**



Patty Connors wool felted the head of Yoda for her son.



## Animal Challenge Mats

Weren't this year's challenge mats fun?? Many thanks to Marcy Young for the idea and drawing the animals! 12 people participated and we hope to see even more next year. The challenge for the upcoming year will be announced soon.



Back Row: Patty Connors, Debbie Power, Ildi Tary, Tina Carrick, Lin Fields

Front Row: Alicia Mills, Catherine Flowers, Jean Blanchard (also holding Jane Sittnick's mat), Jane Darrah, Jeanie Crockett, Donna Allen



Lin Fields' froggie



Jane Sittnick's mat.  
Love the dragonfly!

Jean Blanchard's mat







Donna Allen did all 3 animals and did each one using a different triptych color scheme



Three mats:

Squirrel by Debbie Power



Frog by Jeanie Crockett



Rabbit by Alicia Mills





Mats, clockwise starting from the top left:

Rabbit by Catherine Flowers

Frog by Tina Carrick

Rabbit by Jane Darrah

Frog by Ildi Tary

Rabbit by Patty Connors

## **Our remaining Programs for 2023:**

**May 20:**

**Hook-in**

**June 17:**

**Strawberry Festival** will be held at Ildi Tary's house in Topsfield. If you've never come, please join us. It has always been a great time.



## **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:

### **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.

### **Mayflower Retreat at the Franciscan House, Kennebunk, ME - October 26-29**

Details and registration will be forthcoming. If questions, please see Donna Allen.

### **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>.

Did you know there is a website that is available that shows upcoming rug hook-ins, events, and groups? It is a site developed by a Vermont ATHA member and is available to all. You can use it to discover events, but you can also post your own events at the site for others to see. Take a peek at:

<https://rughookingroadtrip.com/>

ATHA Quiet Corner Hook-In



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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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