



Hello Mayflower friends!

It's hard to believe our program year is already nearing its close. We've enjoyed the benefit of some great programs, a fun challenge project, and monthly show and tell themes. New members have invigorated and inspired us, and Janice Oberlander and Carol Sterns have provided gaiety with their seasonal hospitality.

At our May hook-in we will be playing the Left Center Right game with wool strips. Each player starts with three wool strips (roughly 3 x 12 each) that they bring to the table. Play unfolds until winner takes all! Please **bring your strips** to join in the fun.

Mayflower Chapter dues are payable this month. Catherine Flowers will be on hand at our meeting to collect your payments. Our Treasurer, Bonnie Floyd, is in London through mid-June visiting with her brand new, identical twin girl grandbabies. Congratulations, Bonnie!

We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday.

Donna Allen & Tina Carrick
Co-Presidents

**Come Join us Saturday, May 20 at
St. Agnes Church at 10:00**



Come join us for our hook-in. Bring your rug, noodles and tools to just sit and hook with friends. This is always a fun day to work on your own project and wander around to see what other people are in the process of creating. I always leave inspired to start a new project!

Note: The image above is the “Curly Rug Hooking Pattern” available from the Woolery at <https://woolery.com/curly-rug-hooking-pattern.html>

Annual Membership Renewals are due this month

You can bring cash or check to the meeting, or you can mail your check to Catherine Flowers at 7 Pillsbury Ave, Tewksbury, MA 01876

Checks should be made out to ATHA Mayflower. Dues are \$26.

You may also choose to pay online with PayPal.

If you prefer to pay through PayPal, simply click on this link and it will get you to the right page:

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=U9KHF2RWVPURQ

May 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 glorious summer!

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.

Note: The image above is the pattern "Summer Bloom" available from the Deanne Fitzpatrick Studio at <https://hookingrugs.com/en-us/products/summer-bloom-rug-kit?variant=36972205572>

April's Program of Members Sharing Special Techniques



Tina Carrick demonstrated how to hook through a metal mesh wastebasket. I hope we get to see it completed at our hook-in this month!



Tina also demonstrated how to use a Sizzix machine to cut wool strips (regrettably, I failed to get a picture of Tina doing her demo, so this is a stock picture)



Jane Sittnick, aka Queen of using alternate fibers, showed several rugs that used different textiles innovative ways.

See her mackerel below? She used that apparel item found at Goodwill to create a gorgeous texture in the fish



Another beautiful rug by Jane



Donna Allen shared dyeing books and dyes produced by different companies, many of them accompanied by dye samples. A lot to learn!



Ildi showed her quillie trees as well as an in-progress owl rug that incorporated quillies

April's Show and Tell

New Rugs



Tina Carrick completed this rug as her student rug for Jenna Sleeper's McGown certification. Tina being Tina, though, meant she had to customize it by adding a 3D felted butterfly that really enhanced the rug!

Tina Carrick hooked this scene that depicts her Vermont summer home



Heidi Gambino hooked this adorable elephant!

Donna Allen
made this
Waldoboro style
rug (and found
an antique
frame to fit)



Debbie Power hooked this cute chair pad



Bonnie Floyd made this beautiful rug for her daughter using a Kaffe Fassett colorway. She got color planning help from Ingrid Hieronimus at Country Inn Rug School. Ingrid also did much of the dying for the rug.



Spring-Themed Show and Tell Rugs

Birds and quillies
by Tina Carrick



Polar Bear by Tina Carrick





Rug
designed
and
hooked by
Tina
Carrick.

A closeup
of the
squirrel is
above as
well.

Our Upcoming Programs for spring 2023:

May 20:

Hook-in

June 17:

Strawberry Festival at Ildi Tary's house. Please sign the attendee list at our May meeting (or send Ildi an email at itary@comcast.net)

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:

ATHA School North in Plymouth, NH October 23-25

All ATHA members received an email with registration information. 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.

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>.