



Dear Mayflower Friends,

As our program year draws to a close, we are eagerly anticipating the grand finale – the Strawberry Festival to be held at the home of Ildi Tary. We can't thank her enough for the generosity and warm hospitality she has extended to us in hosting this event for the past several years. It truly is the most delightful note imaginable to end the year on!

Thanks also to Marcy Young and Lin Fields for their hard work in providing us with great programs and their willingness to continue serving in this capacity going forward into next year. If you know of a presenter that you think our group would enjoy, please let one of them know!

We wish you all a safe and happy summer and look forward to seeing you at the Strawberry Festival, or if unable to attend, we'll see you in September.

Tina Carrick and Donna Allen  
Co-presidents

**Come Join us Saturday, June 17 at  
Ildi's in Topsfield at 10:00**



We hope you will join us for what has been a fun day each summer. Strawberries, food, and great company! What could be better? And the weather has never disappointed us!

If this is your first time, just bring some hooking to work on (or any other portable craft...we don't discriminate!) and come with an empty stomach. Breakfast goodies will be provided, then lunch follows with sandwiches and then the day is capped off with strawberry shortcake. So far, we have about 28 people signed up, some are bringing strawberries, or whipped cream or biscuits/cake. If you would like to contribute by bringing one of these items, please feel free to do so, but it is not required. Somehow it always works out!

You are planning on coming but haven't RSVP'd, please email Ildi ([itary@comcast.net](mailto:itary@comcast.net)) so we make sure we have enough luncheon meats on hand!

Ildi's address is 6 Linebrook Road in Topsfield. Just a mile off Route 95. We get creative on parking and Bob will be on hand to help out, so no one gets blocked in. Of course, car pooling always helps!

*The picture above is a trio of strawberries knitted by Donna Allen.*

## Reminder to pay your annual dues if you have not already done so

You can bring cash or check to the Strawberry Festival, 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](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=U9KHF2RWVPURQ)

And even if you renewed, Catherine still needs to log your ATHA renewal date, so please reach out to her to let her know your date. She needs month/year.

## May's Event

Many people brought wool strips to use to play the Left, Right, and Center game. Diane Detour was the lucky winner of all the strips!



## May's Show and Tell

**Andrea Gendron** brought these vintage pieces to show. She said her grandmother made these, probably in the early 1900's.



**Diana DeRoche** made this cute bunny for a grandchild



**Diana** also made this lovely rug of irises





A beautiful intertwined design by our newest member, **Mary O'Mara**

Another rug by **Mary** which she was finishing at our meeting!



## **Sneak Peek at our Programs for Next Year**

Programming for next year 2023-2024 will include both a member journey and outside instructors. We are working on confirming a certified Zentangle instructor to show us how to design Zentangles which could be turned into a fantastic rug design. The sky is the limit!

In addition, we are securing a rug braiding instructor to show us how to put a braided border on a hooked piece. If you would like to try this, you have time to make an 8–9-inch circle mat. We suggest you save some coordinating or contrasting wool from your piece for braiding. More to come on this.

And we will also be doing a member's workshop day to try other wool, fabric, design, or techniques for a fun guild day. The board was tossing around ideas about offering a program where our own members share some technique they have developed or refined. Let's call it Member Short Takes...we are thinking maybe 30-60 minute or so mini workshop/demos where a few members share something. Thoughts are of running 3-4 simultaneously so attendees can join whatever demo interests them the most. If you have something you could offer in this regard, please reach out to Marcy and/or Lin.

We will also announce our annual challenge in September. Many members enjoy making a small project to participate in this event!

And if you know of other regional hooking instructors that may be good to contact for a class, please let Marcy or Lin know so we can reach out for availability.

## **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:

### **Northern McGown's Teachers' Workshop, July 26**

Come see the beautiful Rug Show (open to the public) on Wednesday July 26, 2023 at the Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge, MA.

### **ATHA Region 1 Hook In and Rug Registry, Shelburne, MA September 16**

Hook-in from 10-3 on this date as well as a rug registry. It is being held at the Shelburne/Buckland Community Center, 53 Main Street in Shelburne.

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

All ATHA members should have 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**

Reach out to Donna Allen if you are interested in participating in this event this fall.

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

This event is sponsored by Nancy 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>.