



Dear Mayflower Friends,

Ohmygosh summer went by in such a rush! It seems only a few weeks ago that we were enjoying each other's company at the Strawberry Festival. We're so grateful once again, Ildi, for your generous hospitality that makes that event such a high point in the Mayflower calendar.

But now fall is here! Hooking season! Our September meeting is this coming Saturday, September 16th. I can't wait to see what everyone has been working on over the summer. Please bring your creative efforts from the last few months to share with the rest of us. You needn't limit yourself to hooking projects. It's always wonderful to see people's quilts, knitting, appliqués, needlework, etc., in the Show and Tell part of our meeting. It's all grist for the creative mill!

Last year, in addition to bringing new work to Show and Tell, members brought past projects that fit into seasonal themes. It was great to see some old favorites reappear and made our Show and Tell even richer.

This year we are adding new themes for our monthly Show and Tell. The theme for the September meeting is Geometrics. If you have a past or present project of any kind that fits that theme, bring it! We want to see it! Our themes for the remaining months of the year are noted within the newsletter, so take a peak and see if there might be something you need to put finishing touches on to show in an upcoming month!

And most of all, bring yourself! Your Mayflower friends want to see you. Let's sit around the table and catch up!

Tina Carrick  
Co-President

**Come Join our Flock this Saturday,  
September 16, at 10:00 at St. Agnes Church  
for the first meeting of our new year**



Please come join us this Saturday to catch up with old friends and perhaps make new ones! This is always a great meeting to see what everyone has been up to over the summer and start planning events for the coming year.

Our traditional annual challenge will be announced by Tina Carrick at our meeting. I won't be a spoiler, but I can share that our challenge this year was inspired by one of our speaker's programs from this spring. As usual, our challenge rugs are small in size so they are easily completed.

We have one more program in the winter that you might consider. We will be offering "member to member" mini workshops at our January meeting. So, we are looking for 2-3 members that have some talent to share in 30 minute sessions. Think things like...a different rug binding technique, some unique embellishment ideas, yarn punch, proddy, forming 3D pieces...you get the idea. Think of any unique technique you've mastered that others might benefit from. You could make it just a demo, or if appropriate, you could provide kits for members to use (at a cost, as you see fit). Please see Marcy Young or Lin Fields if you are interested in presenting.

This month, refreshments will be provided by Board members, so just come on Saturday with your work, show and tell and stories to share!

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

You can bring cash or check to our 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. Any members not submitting payment by our October meeting will be removed from our list. Please don't let that happen to you!

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)

## **ATHA Membership Dues**

Members are reminded that Mayflower membership requires that you also maintain a membership with national ATHA. Please provide your expiration date to Catherine if you have done so already. If you are unclear on how to go about signing up for ATHA membership, please go to

<https://www.atharugs.com/>

## **Reflection on our Strawberry Festival**

Well, we knew the good weather we have had over the last several years had to break some time, and so it did. But, no matter, hearty souls still traveled to enjoy nice company, good food and fun stories. I'm sorry that I set off to take pictures that day...I got distracted and well, you know how that goes. But trust me, everyone enjoyed the day!

## Show and Tell

Because our last meeting was the Strawberry Festival, we really don't have show and tell pics, but two of our members were invited by Jenna Sleeper to serve as her students for her McGown certification. She asked Jeanie Crockett and Tina Carrick to each pick a rug pattern from Honey Bee Hive Rug Hooking for her to submit as part of her teacher qualification. They are pictured below.



Jeanie  
Crockett

Tina  
Carrick



Please bring any newly completed rugs to our September meeting for show and tell. Also, we will invite anyone with rugs featuring geometric patterns to bring those along as well as our special monthly exhibit. Here's a list of special show and tell themes for the rest of our year, so you can think about what rugs you previously completed might fit one or more of these categories:

October: Monochromatic rugs

November: Our homes (or any home)

December: Fond family memories

January: Pets/animals

February: Flowers in vases

March: Interesting/unusual borders

April: Bright and bold!!

May: Abstract designs

## **TWO MAYFLOWER-SPONSORED EVENTS!**

As Mayflower members, we have the great good fortune to belong to ATHA Region I and the rich variety of resources and activities it provides access to across New England. Some of these include the week-long Region I South and North rug hooking workshops held each year in April and October and the Region I Hook-In that takes place in March.

In November, Mayflower is co-sponsoring The Golden Age of Illustrated Fairy Tales exhibit together with the Tin Pedlars of Maine and the White Mountain Woolen Magic chapters (see flyer contained in this newsletter). This is a fantastic exhibit originating from the McGown Guild in cooperation with Honey Bee Hive. The two-day event is being held at the University of New Hampshire in Durham (November 10 and 11) and will feature gallery talks and access to great vendors. We hope that you'll take advantage of this opportunity to support the hard work that has gone into making this event possible and to enrich your woolly world!

In October, the annual Mayflower Rug Hooking Retreat will again be held at the Franciscan Guest House in Kennebunkport, Maine from Thursday October 26<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> (attendees have the option of arriving on Thursday or Friday). These hooking retreats have been held for the past six or so years and provide a great opportunity for members to become better acquainted with each other, make some serious progress on a project, and enjoy beautiful Kennebunkport. Please refer to the email sent from Donna Allen on September 9<sup>th</sup> for more information and registration!

## **Our Programs for 2023-2024 Year**

### **October 21:**

**Zentangle workshop; members choosing to participate will receive a kit at a nominal fee of \$7**

### **November 18:**

**Member Journey**

### **December 9:**

**Holiday Party**

### **January 20:**

**Member to Member Demos/Mini Workshops**

### **February 17:**

**Flea Market**

### **March 16:**

**Finalizing arrangements for a great speaker!**

### **April 20:**

**Bev Mulcahey, speaker**

### **May 18:**

**Hook-in**

### **June 15:**

**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:



Cynthia Dabroski says: For all you knitters (and lovers of all things wool): This is the best and biggest wool festival in New England. The most beautiful yarns galore. Great food and things to buy (Christmas is coming). The absolute best. It's a little far away but staying overnight in western Mass during the peak foliage is a nice mini getaway. There's a small amount of hooking supplies for sale. <https://sheepandwool.com/>

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

Please see Donna's email or the details in one of the following pages for registration.

### **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>.

### **The Golden Age of Illustrated Fairy Tales, Durham, NH November 10-11**

See flyer on the following page.

**WE ARE EXCITED TO PRESENT  
THE GOLDEN AGE OF ILLUSTRATED FAIRY TALES**

*There is something to love, hate, think and laugh about for anyone who is, or was once, a child.*

A Hooked Rug Show

November 10 (3pm-7pm) and 11 (9am-3pm) 2023 Admission Fee \$15 UNH Students/Faculty \$10

University of New Hampshire, 7 Mill Road, Durham, NH 03823 - Holloway Commons



**Shop wool and supply vendors and enjoy interesting Gallery Talks**

**Sponsored by ATHA Chapters:**

**Tin Pedlar of Maine, White Mountain Woolen Magic and Mayflower**

Fiber Art demonstrations by local ATHA members

For more info: [www.mainetinpdlars.wordpress.com](http://www.mainetinpdlars.wordpress.com)

For local contacts: Rachel - [rajohns01@hotmail.com](mailto:rajohns01@hotmail.com) or Linda - [webweaver166@outlook.com](mailto:webweaver166@outlook.com)

**THE GOLDEN AGE OF ILLUSTRATED FAIRY TALES**

Sponsored by the National Guild of Pearl K. McGown Hookrafters



REGISTRATION FORM

MAYFLOWER RUG HOOKING RETREAT  
FRANCISCAN GUEST HOUSE

OCTOBER 26 – OCTOBER 29, 2023

PLEASE CHECK PREFERENCE:

	DEPOSIT DUE BY OCTOBER 6 <sup>TH</sup>	BALANCE DUE AT RETREAT
THREE NIGHTS		
___ Single occupancy - \$408.75	\$100.00	\$308.75
___ Double occupancy - \$294.30	\$100.00	\$194.30
TWO NIGHTS		
___ Single occupancy - \$272.50	\$100.00	\$172.50
___ Double occupancy - \$196.20	\$100.00	\$96.20

NOTE: Check-in time is 3:00, but the conference room is available from Thursday at noon.

Please mail check made out to Donna Allen, 18 Winding Cove Road, Ashburnham, MA. 01430.

OR send an email to Donna Allen at [maxima234@gmail.com](mailto:maxima234@gmail.com) indicating your preference and send payment electronically using one of the following:

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