



Hello Mayflower Friends,

Rug hooking season is upon us! These short days and colder temperatures are providing me with all of the justification I need to pursue my woolly pleasures and I hope the same is true for you.

Having missed the Zentangle program in October, I was very happy to see the photos of your work. I just **love** those beautiful, intricate designs! Every one of them inspires and delights. Thank you, Marcy for providing this fresh source of stimulation and for the great photos, Ildi.

We are reminded in this newsletter that we're aiming to have our Mayflower Challenge mats completed by our March meeting toward the goal of displaying them at the Region I Hook-In on April 6th. Our chapter's challenge theme this year is to use templates that Tina provided – there are two types to choose from – farm animals and sea creatures. In addition to our own challenge mats, at last year's Region I Hook-In, a challenge was decided upon by popular vote and the winner was Bugs. No pattern is being provided. I think they suggested a 12 x 12 (or less) mat. I'll attempt to clarify and communicate details further, but in the meantime, you might like to think about participating!

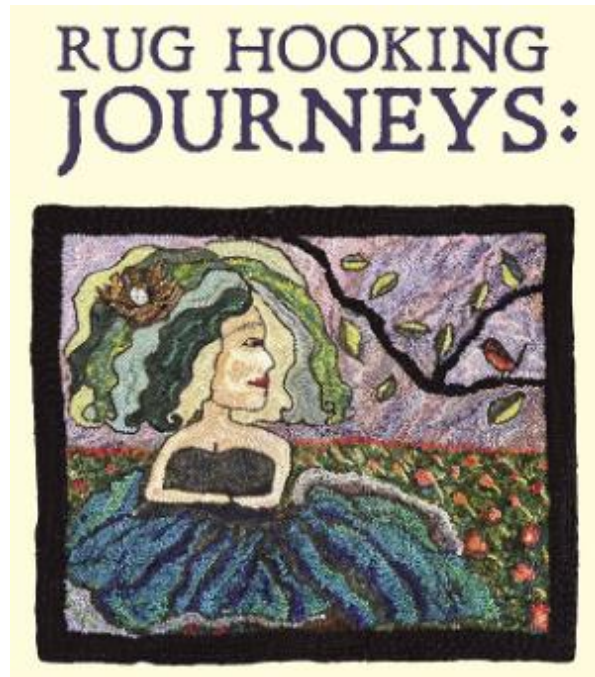
A small group of us reveled in sunny, mid-70's weather throughout the Mayflower Rug Hooking Retreat weekend last month, and were happy to be joined by new friends there. The Golden Age of Fairy Tales rug hooking exhibit at UNH this weekend was remarkable, with over 100 jaw-dropping rugs on display. I hope many of you were able to attend this event, co-sponsored by the McGown Guild and the Maine Tin Pedlar, White Mountain Woolen Magic and Mayflower ATHA chapters.

I am always drawn to the work of our own, Ildi Tary, who will be sharing her fiber arts journey with us on Saturday. The patterns she chooses, her color compositions, and her beautiful technique result in rugs that are immensely pleasing to me. I'm looking forward to seeing them together with her other fiber art creations on Saturday!

Warmly,

Donna Allen
Co-President

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



Note: The image above is on the cover of the book, "Rug Hooking Journeys: Finding the Maker in the Rug" by Tamara Pavich

Please come join us to view Ildi Tary present her journey through her various textile endeavors. Ildi will share her early start in crewel embroidery and then to needlepoint, cross-stitch, quilting and rug hooking, with a few other detours along the way.

Last Month's Program

Did you love last month's Zentangle mini workshop? Here were the results from those that participated. It is hard to believe we were all given the same instructions, yet our results differ based on our own quirky artistic bents.

I can easily imagine how one could take these ideas and use them in a rug design. Any takers??



October Hospitality

We 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.

Challenge Mats for This Year

If you didn't pick up hard copies of the templates for our challenge mats this year, we will have copies available. Remember, our deadline for the mats is our March meeting since we always target to get them completed by ATHA spring hook-in, being held this year at Middlesex Community College in Bedford on April 6.

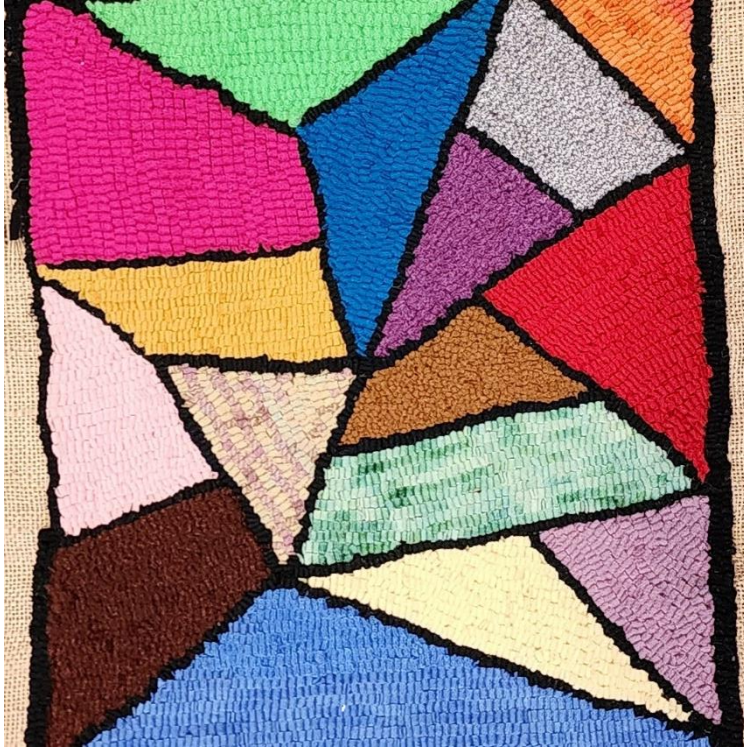


And special congratulations to our own Catherine Flowers who received the quilting Best of Show Honors at this year's Topsfield Fair for her wool applique quilt!



Show and Tell – New Rugs

We had a lovely variety of show and tells last month:



Stained glass by Anne Shadrake...
to be further embellished

Diane Hart



Diane Hart – a Happy DiFranza design!



Jane Sittnick



**Show and Tell
by Special Invitation: Geometric Rugs**



Jean Blanchard

Susan Russo



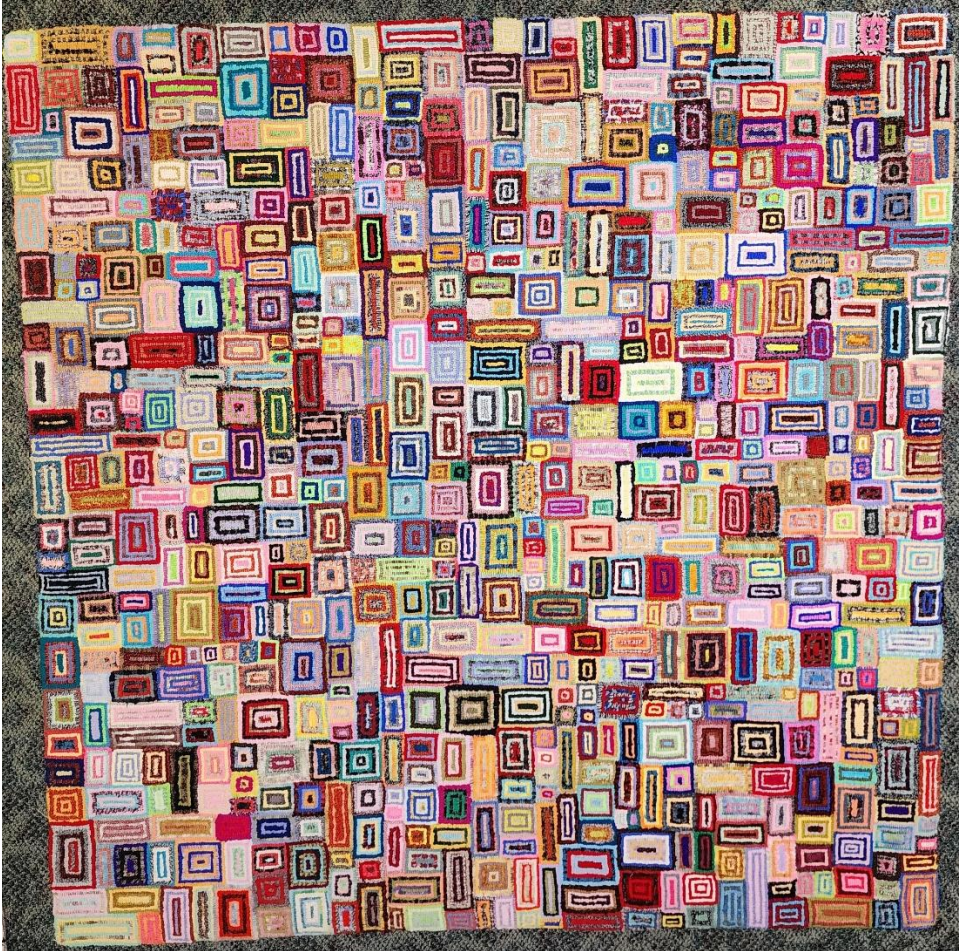
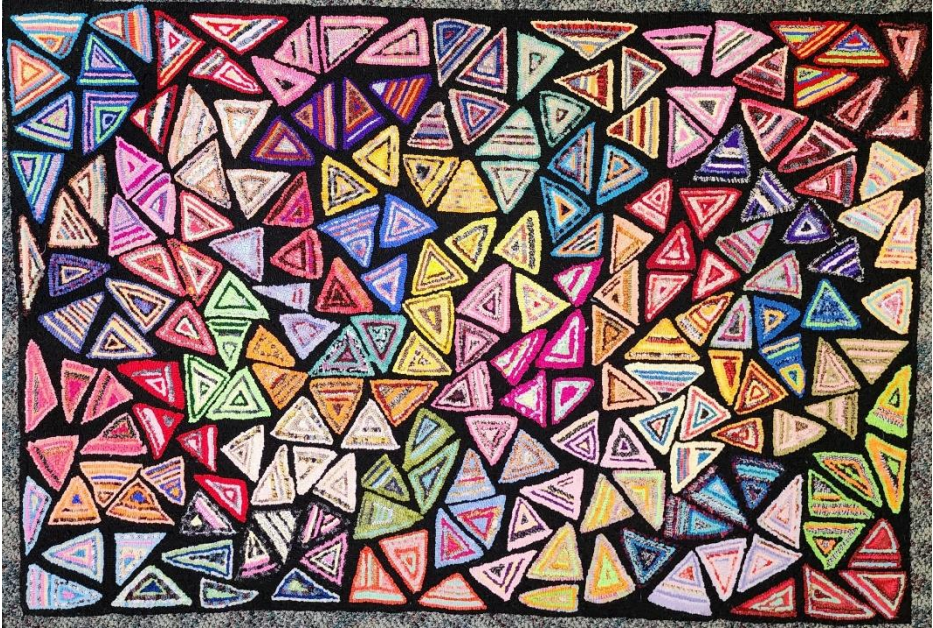


Tina Carrick

Jeanie Crockett



More Jeanie Crockett rugs. She must really like geometrics!!!



Our themes for Special Invitation show and tell for the rest of this year are:

- November:** Monochromatic rugs
- December:** Our homes (or any home)
- January:** Fond family memories
- February:** Pets/animals
- March:** Flowers in vases
- April:** Interesting/unusual borders
- May:** Bright and bold!!

Our Remaining Programs for 2023-2024 Year

December 9:

Holiday Party

January 20:

Member to Member Demos/Mini Workshops

Please remember to let Marcy know if you have something you wish to present

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 for publication in our next newsletter:

ATHA Hook-in at Middlesex Community College, Bedford, MA, April 6

You should have received a notification from our ATHA Region 1 rep and in it, there is a link to a registration form. You must register by March 15 to attend.

ATHA Region 1 Rug School South, Sturbridge, MA, April 8-11

Teachers: Jeanne Benjamin, Bev Conway, Betty McClentic, and Kathy Spellacy. Registration form is contained in the ATHA email sent on November 1 from our Region 1 rep.

Cranberry Rug Hookers Annual Show, May 4

 <p>CRANBERRY RUG HOOKERS</p> 	<p>Visit Our Rug Show on Cape Cod May 4, 2024 10-3</p>
<p>Harwich Community Center 100 Oak Street Harwich, MA 02645</p> <p>Contact: Joanne Levine cranberryrughookers@gmail.com</p> 	 <p>Vendors: Lucille Festa Laura Kenyon Ania Knap</p>