



Season's Greetings, Mayflower friends!

Our holiday party has snuck up on us again! We hope you'll join us this coming Saturday, December 9 to ring in the festive season. It's always a fun time to hook, play games, swap homemade gifties, and enjoy tasty food and good company as we gather for the last meeting of this year.

Bring your most recent rugs for show and tell, as well as rugs that meet any definition of "home" as a theme.

Can't wait to see you all: be there with bells on!

Tina Carrick
Co-president

**Come Join us this Saturday,
December 9 at 10:00 at
St. Agnes Church**



Come join us for our annual holiday party this Saturday! Please note we meet a week earlier each December in to avoid being too close to the craziness of the holidays.

Our plans for this year's holiday party are:

Pot Luck Lunch: All are invited to bring a dish of their choice, whether it be an appetizer, main, salad, side or dessert. This is always a great time to try new things and potentially acquire a new recipe or two of your favorite dishes!

Perhaps people making a homemade dish can come with a hard copy of their recipe and if people would like it, they can just snap a picture and go home with the recipe in time for family celebrations!

Special Note: Please remember that we do not have kitchen privileges, so anything you bring will have to be room temp, or you need to bring some electric vessel if your dish needs to be kept warm.

Gift Exchange: Anyone interested in participating in our gift swap is invited to bring a handmade gift (must be made by the Mayflower member). They will receive a handmade gift in turn. This is always a great event and there have been some really fabulous gifts shared in years past!

Wool Game: Bring a quarter yard wool and play along as Donna reads a book. Participants will form a circle and as Donna reads, people will be prompted to pass the wool around until the book ends. Everyone will end up with the ¼ yd piece of wool they're left holding onto at the end of the story.

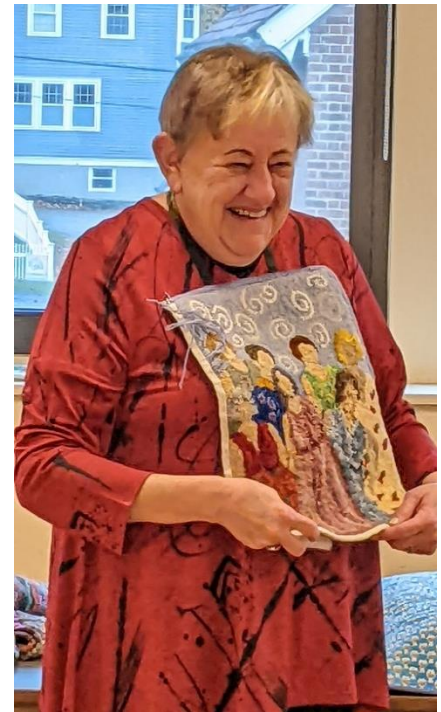
Show and Tell: As always, members are invited to bring newly completed items as well as those fitting a special invitation category. For December, our special theme is homes. Your home, or any home!

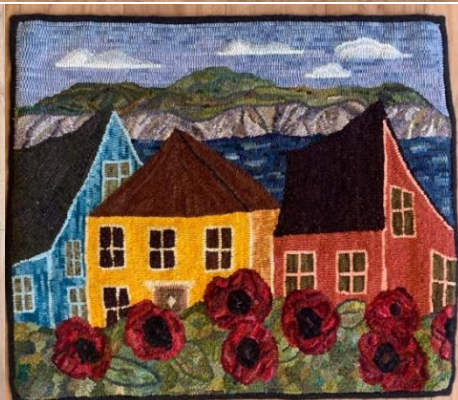
Last Month's Program

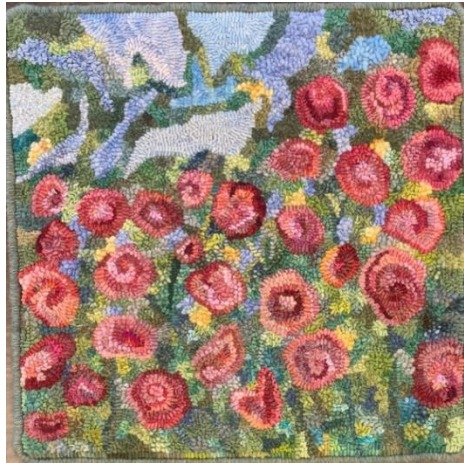
(contributed by Donna Allen)

Those lucky enough to be in attendance at last month's meeting were treated to a vast exhibit of Ildi Tary's wonderful fiber arts journey. She shared work spanning several disciplines including embroidery, cross-stitch, knitting, quilting and rug hooking, keeping us engaged throughout. Ildi enjoys a challenge and has routinely submitted her rugs and quilts at craft exhibits. Not surprisingly, she has come away with first prize on multiple occasions and we were entertained with amusing stories about her competitive determination. It was truly delightful to see all of her beautiful work and we are grateful for the effort she invested in sharing it with us!

Here is one of the many incredible quilts she displayed for us:







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 the ATHA spring hook-in, being held this year at Middlesex Community College in Bedford on April 6.



Virtual Rug Show

The Green Mountain Rug Hooking Guild (GMRHG) has completed the development of their virtual rug hooking show. Most of the rugs were exhibited at the GMRHG show in November, 2022, but there are some additions. Grab a cup of your favorite beverage while still in your jammies and enjoy! <https://rugshow2023.gmrhg.org>

Show and Tell – New Rugs

Diane Hart hooked a lovely rug of birds and flowers



Donna Allen hooked a McGown pattern
in a monochromatic color scheme



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

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

January 20:

Member to Member Demos/Mini Workshops

We will have 3 mini demos next month that will be announced in our December meeting

February 17:

Flea Market: *Start to think about things you no longer want/need and might donate to the chapter. This is a major fund raiser for Mayflower so we can continue to host speakers and have special events.*

March 16:

Kris McDermet, guest speaker. Kris combines rug hooking and braiding to create award winning pieces of art. You can take a sneak peek at her work at <https://www.krismcdermet.com/>.

April 20:

Bev Mulcahy, guest speaker. Bev is a co-director of Country Inn Rug School held each fall in Rindge, New Hampshire. She is also a talented hooker and will share her work with us.

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, 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 McClellent, and Kathy Spellacy. The registration form is contained in the ATHA email sent on November 1 from our Region 1 rep.

Cranberry Rug Hookers Annual Show, May 4

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

Quiet Corner Hook-in, June 8, 2024

People that attended last year's hook-in should have received a registration form from Barbara Dexter via email. Registrations will be opened to others on January 10, and a registration form will be provided in this newsletter at that time.

Country Inn Rug School – Save the Dates!



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WHAT

Two Sessions of Rug Hooking
All Skill Levels: Beginner to Expert



WHEN

Session 1: September 8-13, 2024
Session 2: September 15-20, 2024



WHERE

The Woodbound Inn
247 Woodbound Road
Rindge, New Hampshire 03461