



Hi Friends,

Welcome to a Happy New Year of hooking, creating and fellowship!

We're trying something new at our meeting this month, with members sharing skills and techniques with other members in four simultaneous small group sessions. Each session will run 30 minutes or so. You can feel free to visit any or all our four offerings. Or you can relax, hook, snack and chat as usual!

If it works well and members enjoy these mini sessions, we'll repeat the model in future years. Please think about a topic you could offer, or perhaps a topic you'd like to learn about. We're looking forward to your feedback!

See you this Saturday!

Tina Carrick
Co-President

Weather Advisory

Note: If weather causes us to cancel a meeting, you will be notified via email on Friday evening. If you do not receive (or are unable to receive) an email and are unsure of whether the meeting is on or not, you may call or text any of the following people on their cells.

Donna Allen, Co-President 978-302-8661

Tina Carrick, Co-President 617-240-0447

Ildi Tary, Vice President 978-257-2228

Regardless of the status of our meeting, we trust you will always make the best decision for your own safety.

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



Come join us for our first meeting of the new year. *Please note that the church has planned another event in the room we normally meet in, so we shall be meeting in a room on the first floor.*

For our program this month, we will be presenting 4 different demonstrations by members of our own guild.

Our four demonstrations will include:

Marcy Young – Punching with yarn

Donna Allen – Finishing rugs

Donna will share her technique of whipping edges.

Tina Carrick – Needle felting

Tina will demonstrate how a variety of little animals and Christmas tree ornaments can be made using simple felted shapes. Members will have a chance to try felting to get a sense of how it works. She'll also show examples of how felting can be used in hooked mats.



Ildi Tary – Special Stitches

She will share different ways of manipulating standing wool, including how to make and shape quillies, how to gather wool to make flowers and how to prepare shirring. All materials will be provided in the demo at no cost.

January Hospitality

We invite those whose last names begin with A-D to bring something to munch on in our meeting, either sweet or savory. Thanks in advance

Show and Tell

As always, members are invited to bring newly completed items as well as those fitting a special invitation category. For January, our theme is 'fond family memories'. This can be interpreted pretty widely, so have fun with it!

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

February: Pets/animals

March: Flowers in vases

April: Interesting/unusual borders

May: Bright and bold!

Membership

An updated membership list is attached to this email for your records. As we start a new calendar year, we're reminded that we've been fortunate to welcome a few new members this year. If you haven't met them, please introduce yourselves to the following people:

Audrey Hanna from Ashby, MA

JoAnn Millen from Rockport, MA

Lillian Sandberg from Allston, MA

Jada Sullivan-Brito from Cambridge, MA

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>

Last Month's Meeting

Last month's meeting was one of the best times ever! We had food galore, a wonderful show and tell and a gift swap that was to die for!

The handmade gifts covered a very broad range of talents, including knitting, bobbin lace, wool felted soaps, homemade marmalade, needle felting, embroidery, stained glass and, of course, rug hooking. The creative talents of our members is really inspiring! These are just some of the pictures of the awesome gifts that were exchanged!









Show and Tell – New Rugs

Andrea Gendron was finishing a rug to be presented as a gift this holiday season



Diane Detour finished this cute rug with a spring-like feel

Susan Russo showed this rug, feeling like spring too!



Jane Sittnick showed her multi-faceted talents in this owl



Ildi Tary showed some funky tree ornaments she was to present to friends this holiday





Tina Carrick shared
this rug made to
replicate a drawing her
son had done at an
earlier age

I must apologize to the maker of
this adorable mat. I failed to
capture the maker's name.
Please identify yourself and I will
republish it next month!



Jeanie Crockett made both these rugs depicting homes. What talent!





Ildi Tary showed this wonky house rug, pattern by Sharon Smith

Our Remaining Programs for 2023-2024 Year

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.

2024 Rug Hooking Event in Bangor, Maine, April 20-21

Spring Has Sprung Hook-In & 1-Day Workshops. 5 Workshops will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at the Elk's Lodge, 108 Odlin Road, Bangor, Maine, followed by a Hook-In on Sunday, April 21, 2024. For more information, visit <https://hookedforevermaine.com/events/>

Cranberry Rug Hookers Annual Show, May 4

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|  <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> |

Quiet Corner Hook-in, June 8, 2024

A registration form is included at the end of this newsletter

Downeast Hook-in, Hermon (near Bangor), Maine Nov 3-4, 2024

For more information and registration form, see the end of this newsletter or visit <http://fluffpeachybeandesigns.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/FluffPeachyBeanDesign/>

Country Inn Rug School – Important Dates:

Session 1: September 8-13, 2024

Session 2: September 15-20, 2024

Registration Opens March 7, 2024

Re: Elliott Hook-in

An excerpt from Lauri Troutman's FB page posted on Jan 4:

I am receiving inquiries regarding the rug hooking event called the Eliot Hook in that was formerly held on the last Saturday in January. Sadly, there are NO plans for that event to be held this year. Although a tentative room reservation was made last summer for a location in Kittery, it was cancelled as I wanted a partner to work with. If you have questions please message me.

Should the event be scheduled for next year, you will have months of notice! And registrations will be taken in advance. Thank you for listening!

ATHA Quiet Corner Hook-In



Woodstock, Connecticut

June 8, 2024

Woodstock Fairground - Rte. 169 & 171

Woodstock, CT 06281

9:00am – 3:00pm

Cost \$25.00 - Includes facility fee, raffle ticket for rug hooking basket,
door prizes, snacks and beverages all day.

\$5.00 Fee for walk in visitors for vendor shopping only

Please join us for fun and good times.

Bring a rug or two to display, as there will be space to showcase your work.

*****Bring your own lunch*****

Complete the form below and mail to:

ATHA c/o Barbara Dexter

PO Box 756, Chepachet, RI 02814

cranberryglass1126@yahoo.com

Please return the bottom of this form with your non-refundable check

Make checks payable to: ATHA Quiet Corner. Checks must be received by May 1, 2024.

ATHA Quiet Corner Hook-In

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Name on Check: _____

Amount of check: _____

Address:

Chapter: _____

Email address: _____

Where did you hear about our hook in? _____

Barbara Dexter, Chairman – Any questions, please call 401-678-6050

Down East Hook In Registration

November 2 - 3 , 2024

Times: Saturday 9:00 - 4:00, Sunday: 9:00 - 3:00

Morgan Hill Event Center 82 Morgan Hill Lane

Hermon, ME

Make Check Payable to: Down East Hook In & Mail To:

Nancy Jewett 1736 Wheeler RD Brandon, VT 05733

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

2 Days - Saturday & Sunday \$75.00 _____

1 Day \$40.00 Saturday _____ or Sunday _____

*** Registration Fee includes your lunch, beverages and morning snacks.

Dietary Restrictions _____

Down East Hook-In November 2 - 3 2024 - Classes November 1, 2024
Gather, Inspire, Create

New for 2024 we are offering an extra day for classes, on Friday, followed by our regular Hook In. on Saturday & Sunday.

The cost for the classes is \$155.00 for the day which includes class and catered lunch. Depending on the class, there may be an extra materials fee payable to the Teacher.

Teachers for 2024

Ania Knap—Stained Glass Hooking

Kevin LeMoine—Punch with alternative materials and multiple size punches

Stacey Van Dyne—Dip Dyed Flower

Toni Philbrook—Standing Wool Mat

Name _____

Address _____

Email: _____

Phone _____

Payment _____

Pick your choices in class and we will notify you which one you get in ASAP.

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

3rd Choice _____

Class \$155.00 _____

Package Deal for 2 Day Hook In and Class \$225.00 _____

Down East Hook In November 2 - 3, 2024

Times: Saturday 9:00 - 4:00, Sunday 9:00 - 3:00

Morgan Hill Event Center - 82 Morgan Hill Ln. Hermon, ME 04401

Poinsettia Mat Challenge:

This is a Peoples Choice for favorite. You vote for your favorite!.

Prizes are: 1st Place \$100., 2nd Place \$75, 3rd Place \$25. shopping spree with vendors

Use the attached tag and place on the bottom right hand corner of your rug.

You will receive a voting form as you check in at the event.

To allow for shopping time, the Winners will be announced Saturday after lunch.

Use any pattern that has a size no smaller 12" and no larger than 14" (which means your pattern can be a square or rectangle with in these measurements. (no exceptions please!) Judith and I will both have a Poinsette rug pattern on my web site fluffpeachybeandesigns.com for purchase if you like. It can be hooked with any fiber.

The winning rugs will be used for the Postcard and any advertising for the following year.

Name:

_____ Nickname _____

Title:

Designer:

Size:

_____ Cuts Used: _____ Fibers _____

Silent Auction/ 50/50 Raffle

Sunday after lunch

We will be holding a silent auction on Sunday. Bring a hooking or fiber related item to donate. Each item in the auction will have a form to put your bid in. Keep checking if you really want the item! We'll announce the cut off time for bidding.

For the 50/50 Raffle, purchase tickets and 1 person wins 1/2 the money collected! The other 1/2 is donated to the Museum.

The proceeds from the auction go to the **Hooked Rug Museum of North America**.

Last year we sent **\$1,252.50** to the Museum!

Demos

To be announced

These demo's are free. You can choose to watch or participate. If you participate you will need to purchase a kit from the teacher. More info will be posted on my web site at a later date.

Hotel

Country Inn at The Mall

936 Stillwater Avenue Bangor, ME 04401

207-941-0200

Discount Code: Down East Hook In - Special Rate \$102.00

If you have any questions, please call or email

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