



Greetings Mayflower friends!

The days are getting longer and there are lots of fun activities on the horizon!

First and foremost, our next meeting is this coming Saturday, February 17th. It's a Flea Market! Look around your stash for things you know you'll never use...someone else will love it, and its donation to the sale will pay for more awesome Mayflower activities and speakers. Fabric, yarn, patterns, embellishments, tools; we'd love to see donations of anything related to rug hooking or other fiber arts.

As an addendum to this: please bring your cash or checks!

I hope you're all working on your challenge rugs (from chickens or sea life stencils). It's a chance to go a little wild with materials if you're up for that and to be creative with design. The size is approximately 9" x 9" (or really, whatever size you want). Making a small mat goes gratifyingly quickly. We'll have our show and tell at the Mayflower March meeting and bring the mats to show off at the ATHA hook-in in Bedford (April 6).

Speaking of that ATHA hook-in, your registration form is due March 15 if you want to participate. We usually have a good Mayflower contingent and it's lots of fun. There's a challenge for that event too - 12" x 12" mats depicting bugs. I'm working on mine!

Finally, as always, members are invited to bring newly completed items as well as those fitting a special invitation category. For February, our theme is 'Pets and Animals'.

See you at the flea market!

Tina Carrick

**Come Join us this Saturday,  
February 17 at 10:00 at  
St. Agnes Church**



Come join us for our second annual Flea Market! Donna and Tina will explain the details of how this works during the meeting, but in essence, people will take turns to select an item from among those contributed and set their own price. This is a key fundraiser for our chapter, so the goal is to get a bargain (not a steal) and add to our treasury in the process.

So, take a good look at your stash and see if there are things that you know you will never get to, things you have too much of, or even things that no longer suit your tastes. We appreciate your generosity!

### **February Hospitality**

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

### **Show and Tell**

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

March: Flowers in vases

April: Interesting/unusual borders

May: Bright and bold!

#### **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.

## Challenge Mats for This Year

Remember, our Challenge Mats are due next month, so be sure to get yours finished to share with the group!

### Last Month's Meeting

So we tried something new in our meeting last month, member demos. We had four of our members demonstrate a wool technique.



**Tina Carrick** demonstrated needle felting.

Tina has delighted us each holiday with different felted designs that she has been kind enough to contribute to our holiday gift swap.

**Marcy Young** demonstrated rug punching and students were able to punch a bit too





**Donna Allen** demonstrated finishing rugs with the whipping technique. She provided small kits for each person to use to practice and reinforce her instructions





**Ildi Tary** demonstrated different standing wool techniques and other specialty stitches. Some members left with their own little flower to attach to a lapel!





## Show and Tell – New Rugs

Tina Carrick shared this rug she started at Country Inn Rug School last fall. It is inspired by Mola quilt designs made in South America where layers of fabric are cut away to expose colorful fabrics beneath.



Apologies to Diane Detour who made this cute winter home and it went unattributed in last month's newsletter.



Diane Hart made both these rugs.  
Even though they have very  
different design esthetics, don't  
they both evoke Spring? We can  
only hope!



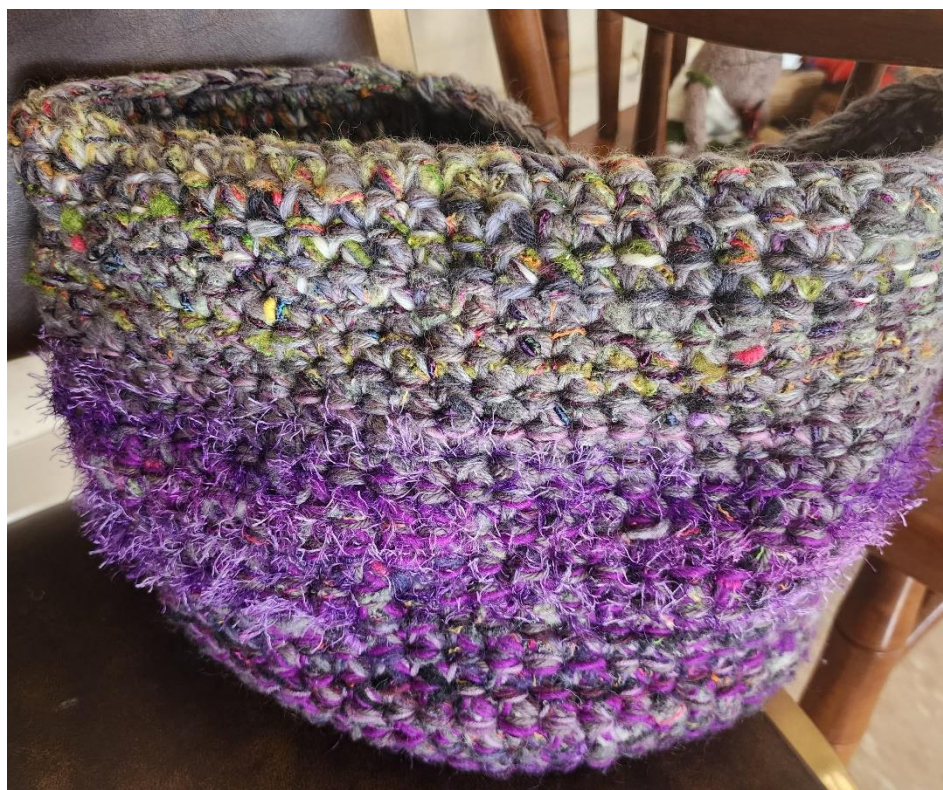


Kathleen  
Dainton  
shared two of  
her yarn  
adventures –

Knitting:  
Frogs sitting  
around the  
campfire –  
don't we see  
that every  
day??



Crochet: a  
basket using  
scrap yarns





## Show and Tell – Invitation Themed Rugs – Fond Family Memories

There were only two rugs shown in this category last month, and they both happened to depict weddings!

JoAnn Millen shared a rug that was done to meet a challenge, an “over the door” challenge. She chose to depict the buggy ride after her wedding through New York City with her new husband.



Donna Allen shared a rug she made to celebrate her son's wedding by depicting all of the couple's favorite things.



## Lost and Found

Someone left this lovely water bottle in our meeting last month. Please see Donna Allen if you wish to claim it.



## Our Remaining Programs for 2023-2024 Year

### 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](mailto: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/>

### **2024 White Mountain Woolen Magic Hook-in, April 27**

Join the guild for their 8th annual hook-in Saturday, April 27th. A day of fun, door prizes, vendors, friends!! The sign-up form is in the following pages – don't wait, it fills up fast!

### **Cranberry Rug Hookers Annual Show, May 4**

 <p><b>CRANBERRY RUG HOOKERS</b></p> 	<p><b>Visit Our Rug Show on Cape Cod May 4, 2024 10-3</b></p> <p><b>Harwich Community Center 100 Oak Street Harwich, MA 02645</b></p> <p>Contact: Joanne Levine <a href="mailto:cranberryrughookers@gmail.com">cranberryrughookers@gmail.com</a></p> 	 <p><b>Vendors:</b> <i>Lucille Festa Laura Kenyon Ania Knap</i></p>
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### **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, please refer to earlier newsletters from this year, or visit <http://fluffpeachybeandesigns.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/FluffPeachyBeanDesign/>

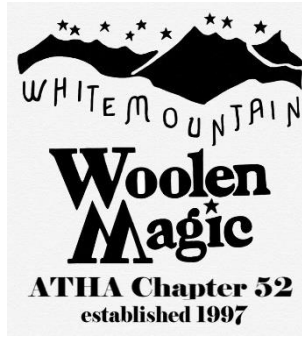
### **Country Inn Rug School – Important Dates:**

Session 1: September 8-13, 2024

Session 2: September 15-20, 2024

Registration Opens March 7, 2024





**It's time for our 8th Annual Hook-In!  
Saturday, April 27, 2024  
Manchester Community College  
1066 Front St, Manchester, NH**

**The fun starts at 9:30am and continues until 3:00pm**

**Vendors!! Lunch!! Coffee!! Prizes!! Welcome gifts!! Raffle Table!!**

Please join us for a fabulous hooking day with plenty of shopping - wool, baskets, trinkets, more wool, patterns, fun and friends. Raffle to benefit our education fund.

Same great, bright spacious venue, with new and returning vendors  
\* share this info with your hooking friends \*

Please fill out the registration form and mail in ASAP to hold your space.

**\$48.00 includes AM coffee service, lunch and prizes  
\$10 for reserved table of 6**

Questions?

Lynda at [lindawithay@aol.com](mailto:lindawithay@aol.com)

or

Lise at [liselemieuxrn@gmail.com](mailto:liselemieuxrn@gmail.com)

**\*\*\*\*\* scroll down for registration form\***

**WMWM 8th Annual Hook-In**  
**Checks payable to:**  
**White Mountain Woolen Magic (WMWM)**

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**\$48 for the hook-in**  
**\$10 additional to reserve a table**

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**Mail to :**  
**Lise Lemieux**  
**26 Balch Farm Road**  
**Bennington, NH 03442**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact (NAME & NUMBER)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Boxed Lunch Choices**  
**Wraps come with chips, fruit salad and a cookie**  
**Water will be available**

**CIRCLE your choice – CIRCLE GF, if needed**

- Chicken Salad Wrap – GF
- Italian Wrap – GF
- Turkey BLT wrap – GF
- Veggie & Hummus Wrap – GF

***(For non-WMWM members – answers optional)***

How did you hear about our hook-in? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to join WMWM? - Please see Lise \_\_\_\_\_

Do you belong to another ATHA chapter? Which one? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an ATHA member? \_\_\_\_\_



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:

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Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you hear about our hook in? \_\_\_\_\_

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