



Dear Mayflower Friends,

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year and our chapter is thriving thanks to your generous contributions, participation and enthusiasm. It's particularly nice to see new faces in our midst! Since the beginning of the year, we have been joined by:

Diane Burgess, Hinesburg Vermont
Laura Hoyt, Reading Mass
Carla Keen, Canton, Mass
Lynn Tenney, Westford, Mass,
Denise Williams-White, Hinesburg, Vermont
Rose Wuoti, Fitchburg, Mass

A warm welcome to you all!

We have a great line-up of programs for the remainder of the year beginning with Deana David from Ribbon Candy in January and followed by Sue Barry doing torn strips in March and Pam Bartlett doing the zinnia in April. The 2025/2026 program year is being firmed up with a great a roster of presenters including Nancy Jewett, Lisanne Miller, and Cindi Duade, so stay tuned!

We'll be doing our Flea Market in February, which has been an important source of funding for our chapter. Please start thinking now about which of your treasures you're willing to put up for adoption – books, wool, yarn, fabric, patterns, hooking equipment – all crafty stuff is welcome!

I hope you can all join us for our holiday celebration this Saturday. Refer to the information provided by Ildi in this newsletter to participate in the fun.

Happy Holidays!

Donna Allen, Co-President

**Come Join us this Saturday,
December 14 at 10:00 at
St. Agnes Church, Reading**



Pattern: Christmas Cardinals, available from Honey Bee Hive

Please come and enjoy our annual holiday party!! Our plans include:

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!

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

Also, please accompany your dish with a short written blurb about it so anyone with allergies or other limitations can make informed choices.

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 our special invitation category. For December, our special theme is Fruit.

Funky Tree Exhibit: Please bring any of the Funky Christmas Trees you finished from the workshop in October. We will take a group picture and may even submit it for publication.

2024-2025 Challenge

This year, we are challenging you to make one or more mini-mats. The size is up to you, but we're thinking mats 4-6" square. The goal of this challenge is to encourage you to design a pattern of your own and quickly execute it. If you do several, your design skills will improve with each one. So, with that said, here are our themes to choose from:

1. Snowy scene
2. Abstract, using two colors
3. Circles
4. Critters in the Garden
5. Leaves
6. Things in the sea
7. Birds
8. Paisley
9. Things that Fly
10. Quilt block
11. Architecture
12. Landscape

The rules:

Well, there really aren't any. But here are some suggestions:

- Make your mat any size you wish, but remember, these are designed to be easy, quick projects.
- Use materials you already own. Given the small mat size, if you have a wealth of 8-cut noodles, you will probably want to cut them in half to allow you to work in a smaller scale than you normally do.
- You may make your mat any shape you wish...if you want to use some of them as ornaments, that might take you in some fun directions.
- Make as many of the themes as you wish. If there is one theme that excites you and you want to make several of that theme, please go ahead.
- You may make them in any order from the list you wish.
- You may hook, punch, embellish, or use any technique that you want to try. This challenge is designed to stretch your creative skills, so go for it!
- If you plan on making a few of these, you might want to use one piece of backing and hook your designs fairly close to each other (say 2" apart) to save on backing material. We will share techniques to finish them that don't require whipping and thus, you will save on backing material needed.

As you finish your mats, bring them for show and tell to inspire others. In the spring, we will invite everyone to bring theirs for a large show and tell!

November General Show and Tell

Carla Keene (3)



Special Invitation Show and Tell

Our special invitation calendar for the rest of the year is:

December: Fruit

January: Rugs using non-traditional materials

February: Vehicles (cars, bikes, RV's, etc.)

March: 3D items (purse, pillow, etc.)

April: Bugs, insects

May: Trees

November Show and Tell Landscape Projects Shared

Jane Sittnick (4 landscapes)





Susan Russo (home with sheep)



Mary O'Mara (lighthouse)

Jeanie Crockett



**Recap of Last Month's Program:
Tina Carrick's Journey** (selected pictures below)

Tina's interests cover a broad range of subjects. First and foremost, her pets.

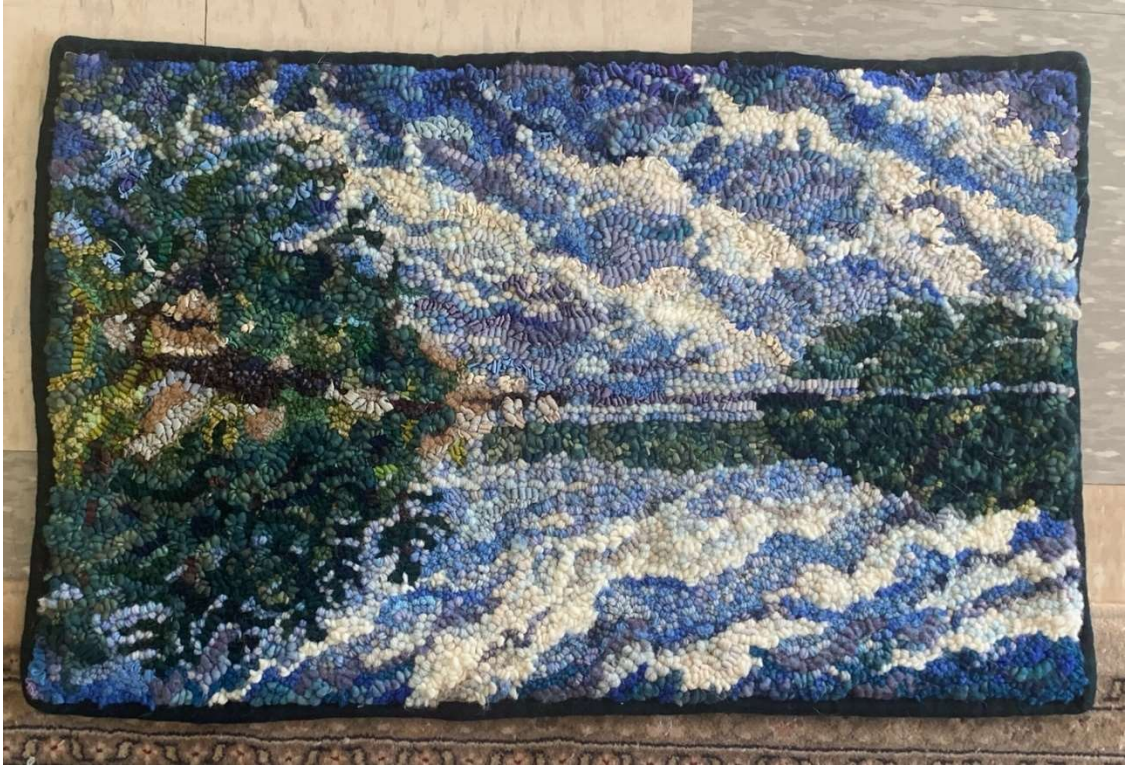


Chair pads depicting all her current pets:



Little
landscapes
featuring
scenes from
her
Vermont
home as
well as from
her travels





And more that demonstrate Tina's creativity:



And then there is felting!!





Our Programs for the Remaining 2024-25 Year

- January (1/18) *:** Deanna David, of Ribbon Candy hooking
February (2/15): Flea Market
March: (3/15): Sue Barry – Torn strips heart workshop
April (4/19) *: Pam Barlett – Zinnia Workshop
May (5/17): Hook-in
June (6/21): Strawberry Festival at Debbie Power’s home in Carlisle

****NOTE: As of this writing, we have been advised that we will be meeting in the first-floor room of the St Agnes hall in these months.***

General Items of Note

Tips and Tricks: Click through to see a short video on how Press’NSeal can be used to help solve some issues that can pester hookers! [Press n Seal Hack](#)

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 Region 1 Rug School South, Sturbridge, MA April 1-4, 2025

Teachers: Laura Kenyon, Betty McClentic, Kathy Spellacy and Caroline Twigg. The registration form is contained in the ATHA email sent on 6/27 from ATHA Region 1.

ATHA Region 1 Hook-in, Bedford, MA April 5, 2025

See registration information in the following pages.

Spring has Sprung Hook-in and Workshops, Bangor, ME April 25-27, 2025

One-day workshops are scheduled for Friday April 25 and hook-in on Saturday and Sunday. Check out website www.hookedforevermaine.com for details and registration information.

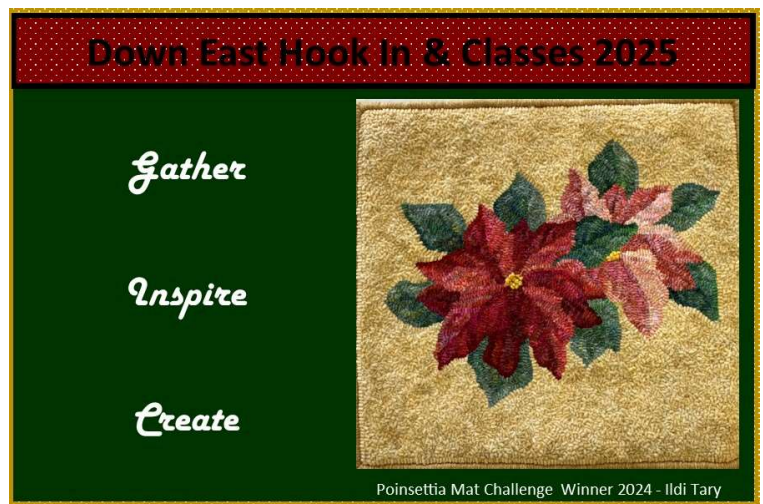
Quiet Corner Hook-in, Woodstock, CT June 7, 2025

Save the date!

If you attended the event last year, you should have received an email invitation recently. If not, the event will be opened to others in January.

Downeast Hook-in, Hermon (near Bangor), ME Nov 2-3, 2025

The hook-in next year is held Sat-Sun on November 2-3. There are some additional classes offered on October 31. Teachers are Ania Knap, Kevin LeMoine, Cherylyn Brubaker and Gail Dufresne. For more information and a registration form, please see the information on the following pages.



16th Annual ATHA Region 1

Now the Bedford Hook In

Saturday, April 5, 2025 - 9 a.m. till 3 p.m.

Middlesex Community College 591 Springs Rd Bedford, MASS 01730

Just \$38 includes:

Facility fee, breakfast goodies, fabulous lunch with desserts, and beverages.

Plus... Great Vendors - Door Prizes - Bird Mat Show!

Bring your rugs to display in the large Hallway. We love to see each others rugs!

Complete the form below;

RSVP by March 24, 2025

detach and mail by March 24th, 2025 to:

NO entrance without preregistration.

Rachael Noyes

Make \$38 check payable to :

26 Buttonwood Drive - Hollis, NH 03049

ATHA REGION 1 HOOK IN

603-465-4022 - rachaelnoyes@charter.net

For info regarding vending, please contact Nancy Jewett at nancydjewett@yahoo.com or 802-247-0089

Registration: ATHA Region 1 Hook In - Bedford, MA 01730

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

ALL attendees must be a member of **National ATHA** with current dues paid.

If you are not a current member, please send \$32 membership dues to:

Patty Andrisani 139 Columbus Circle Clarks Summit, PA 18411

Name on Check: _____ Amount of Check: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ -ATHA Chapter _____

Specify reservation confirmation & fill in to be notified; email: _____ or
phone: _____

Please specify any food **allergies?** _____

Your suggestion for the 2026 Mat Challenge: _____

Down East Hook In Registration

Hook In November 2 - 3 , 2025

Class October 31, 2025

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 Allergies _____

* Cancellation Policy: Cancellations will receive a refund (minus processing fees if paid by credit card), up to 2 weeks before Hook In date. If we have a wait list and can fill your place, we will refund up to 5 days before the Hook In. After this date no refunds.

Down East Classes October 31, 2025

Gather, Inspire, Create

New for 2025 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 2025

Ania Knap — Tartan Plaid - reversible mat

Cherylyn Brubaker— Aurora Borealis/Dramatic Skies

Gail Dufresne—Sunflower Passion -Proddy, Sculpting, Blending Colors

Kevin LeMoine — Punch Hooking a Bear with multiple sizes and multiple fibers

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 _____ Class & 1 Day Hook In \$188.50 _____

Class & 2 Day Hook In \$225.00 _____