



Hello Mayflower Friends,

It's hard to believe we're halfway through our program year! We enjoyed a fantastic presentation by Deana David of Ribbon Candy in January, an incredible Member Journey by Tina Carrick in November, and a fun, engaging tree workshop with Ildi Tary in October. Those trees ignited a flurry of creativity and they're still coming! I'm looking forward to the torn strips project with Sue Barry in March and the Zinnia class with Pam Bartlett in April. There's still time to sign up for this program if you haven't already. Contact Heidi Gambino.

We in ATHA Region I are incredibly fortunate to have access to so many opportunities to engage with the rug hooking community. The North and South Rug Hooking Schools and Bedford Hook-in sponsored by Region I, sponsored hook-ins or rug exhibits by the different Region I chapters, and events organized beyond ATHA provide us with a constant supply of rug hooking goodness. Thank you, Ildi, for making it so easy for us to access these resources by keeping us apprised of them and providing links and registration forms in the newsletters!

Please refer to the (time-sensitive) communication in this newsletter provided by Cynthia Dabroski regarding an opportunity to enter your work in a juried exhibit **sponsored by** The Arts Ministry at Christ the Redeemer Church in Danvers, MA. The theme for the show is Light Shines in the Darkness and it will run from May 18th through June 22nd with a call for submissions in April. You can choose to enter your work for sale or for exhibit only. This is a great opportunity to establish or add to your street cred!

I hope you can all join us for our annual Flea Market on Saturday and thank you in advance for the generous contributions that make it profitable!

All the best,
Donna Allen
Co-President

**Come Join us this Saturday,
February 15 at 10:00 at
St. Agnes Church, Reading**

*Deco Galaxy Yarn Sampler Rug Hooking Kit from
Ribbon Candy Hooking*



Well, it is finally time!! Our annual Flea Market!!

Please come with any contributions you wish to make...of course most things will be rug hooking related, but we also invite anything crafty. Yarns, threads, ribbons, cross-stitch, etc. Donna and Tina will describe the process. They will also pick out any high value items more suitable for auction.

This is always a lot of fun and is a major fund-raising event for our chapter. Please come with any items for donation as well as cash or your checkbook. See you there!

Winter Storm Conditions

With this season being much more stormy than recent years, this is a reminder that if we decide to cancel a meeting, an email will be sent advising members of that. If you are not able to get an email, you can text (or call) any of the following people to get information: Donna Allen (978) 302-8661, Tina Carrick (617) 240-0447 or Ildi Tary (978) 257-2228.

Hospitality

This month, we invite people with last names beginning with C-G to bring a snack to the meeting, either sweet or savory.

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.

Please note that it has been suggested that you could do the 12 designs in a single mat, as Diane Hart has done here on the right.

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. Paisley
7. Things that Fly
8. Things in the Sea
9. Quilt Block
10. Architecture
11. Birds
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

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

December General Show and Tell

Catherine Flowers
(mushroom and sunflower)



Nancy Tobey
(a new member in January!)



Donna Allen





Did anyone get a chance to see the book **Theresa Wells** brought to our meeting? I believe it was her grandson that made this book and presented it to her at Christmas. It is a book of all her rugs!!

Here are pictures of just a few of the pages!





Cumberlain Crewel designed for dining room by Joan Moshimer
Cushing Co.

I put a tree of life in my rug.

Joan Moshimer came to take a picture of the completed rug.



Sargent

Given to Jimmy
Hanging in his
front hall

Winston and Vivian

Rug for Amy and
Jeremy

Pansies - For Bed

Special Invitation Show and Tell

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

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

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

April: Bugs, insects

May: Trees

January Special Invitation Rugs Using Non-Conventional Materials

Jane Sittnick

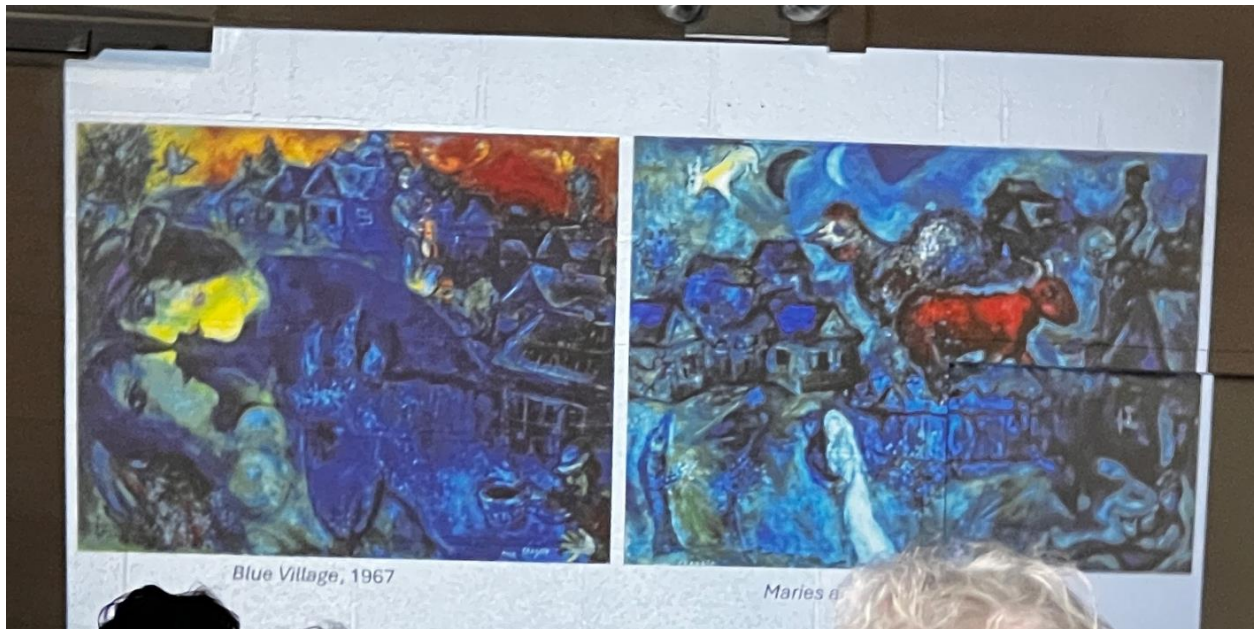
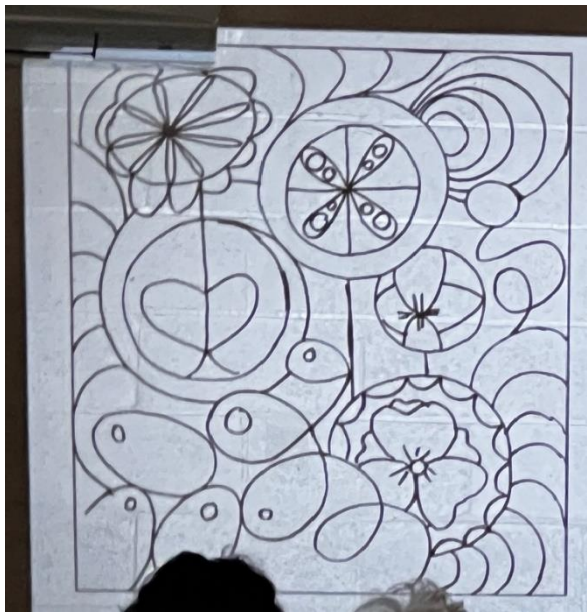


Some Highlights of Last Month's Speaker, Deana David

Deana focused on a small group of well-known artists and how their work can inspire rug hooking designs and colorways.

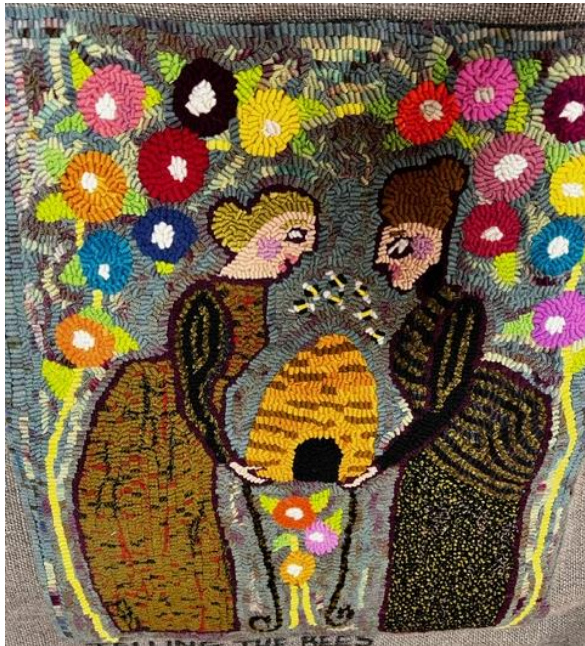
Please note that Deanna has offered 3 'Design Like' classes for the price of 2 to Mayflower members. The code is MAYFLOWER. Her website is <https://www.ribboncandyhooking.com/>





Blue Village, 1967

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Our Programs for the Remaining 2024-25 Year

- March: (3/15):** Sue Barry – Torn strips heart workshop
April (4/19) *: Pam Barlett – Zinnia Workshop
May (5/17): Hook-in
June (6/14): Strawberry Festival at Debbie Power's home in Carlisle **PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE. There is a town-wide celebration on the third Saturday of June in Carlisle, so Debbie suggested we move our date a week earlier.**

**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 April, but please note that we have been surprised in previous months and found ourselves there as well.*

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 1/19/25 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 the website www.hookedforevermaine.com for details and registration information.

**White Mountain Woolen Magic ATHA Chapter Annual Hook-in,
Manchester, NH April 26, 2025**

See the registration form in the following pages.

Hooked in the Mountains Show, Warren, VT May 14-18, 2025

Rug show and classes presented by the Green Mountain Rug Hooking Guild.
For more information, please visit <https://gmrhg.org/hitm-2025/>

**Juried Art Exhibit, The Arts Ministry at Christ the Redeemer
Church in Danvers, MA May 18-June 22, 2025**

Please see the information in the pages that follow that describe how you can
enter a rug for this artist exhibit.

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

See the registration form in the following pages.

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. The 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.

**ATHA Region 1 Rug School North, Plymouth, NH October 20-
23, 2025**

Teachers: Lisanne Miller, Vivily Powers, Maureen Rugar, and Janet Conner.
The registration form is contained in the ATHA Region 1 email sent on 1/19/25
from ATHA Region 1.

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: _____

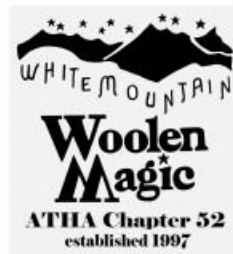
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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: _____



**It's time for our 9th Annual Hook-In!
Saturday, April 26, 2025
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!! 50/50 Raffle!

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.

**\$47.00 includes AM coffee service, lunch and prizes
\$10 additional for reserved table of 6**

Questions?

Lynda at lindawithay@aol.com

or

Lise at liselemieuxrn@gmail.com

WMWM 9th Annual Hook-In 4/26/25
Checks payable to:
White Mountain Woolen Magic (WMWM)

\$47 for the hook-in
\$10 additional to reserve a table

Mail to :
Lise Lemieux
84 Branch Tpk #106
Concord, NH 03301

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 – *** IMPORTANT *** **CIRCLE GF** – if needed

Chicken Salad Wrap – GF – *if needed*

Italian Wrap – GF – *if needed*

Turkey BLT wrap – GF – *if needed*

Veggie & Hummus Wrap – GF – *if needed*

(For NON-WMWM members – answers optional)

How did you hear about our hook-in? _____

Do you belong to another ATHA chapter? Which one? _____

Are you an ATHA member? _____

*** **WE ARE UNABLE TO GRANT REFUNDS - AFTER MARCH 1, 2025 - SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE** ***

JURIED ART EXHIBIT

The Arts Ministry at Christ the Redeemer Church in Danvers, MA

The theme for the show is Light Shines in the Darkness and it will run from May 18th through June 22nd
The theme is ***Light Shines in the Darkness***.

What does this mean?

Your hooked piece can be publicly shown in an art show. You also have the opportunity to sell it.

What should I do?

Hook a piece with the theme Light Shines in the Darkness. You interpret this any way you want; you're the artist!

What's the procedure?

There will be a call for submissions in April, 2025. You can submit more than one piece. You will take a photo of your work and through a link, submit it for the jury to consider. They will send information and submission forms on Facebook:

Light in the World Ministry

The jury will let you know if they accept your hooking for the show, or not. If it's accepted make sure the piece is ready for hanging(Framed, sleeved etc.). You will bring it in for the show and pick it up afterwards. It will be hung in the church hall. There's a reception on opening night with food and wine. Artists are encouraged to attend so that you might want to discuss your work with other attendees.

I am always amazed at the art people submit. There are established artists and first pieces chosen. The interpretation of the theme can be so unique. Past shows included oil, watercolor and acrylic paintings, quilt wall hangings (there's a size limit) cross stitch, calligraphy, pottery, furniture and rug hooking. But it's not just limited to these mediums. As long as your creation interprets the theme, they will consider it.

This is a great opportunity to show your works of art and place rug hooking on the wall of an art show!

We are artists,
Cynthia Dabroski



Woodstock, Connecticut

June 7, 2025

Woodstock Fairground - Rte. 169 & 171

Woodstock, CT 06281

9:00am – 3:00pm

Cost \$25.00 - Includes facility fee, 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, 2025.

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

November 1 - 2 , 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 _____

Down East Hook In November 1 - 2, 2025

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

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

Turtle Mat Challenge:

Consider using proddy, sculping/waldoboro, funky yarn, creative stitches, velvet, felting, beads, beading sari ribbon, and non traditional color.

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!) . It can be hooked with any fiber.

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

Name:

_____ Nckname _____

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.**

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

Nancy (802) 247-0089, nancydjewett@yahoo.com

Judith (207) 348-5671, judithhotchkiss50@gmail.com

Down East Hook In Aprons

If you are interested in a Down East Apron please let Judith know at

judithhotchkiss50@gmail.com and if you have a color preference. We are trying to get a sense of how many to order. 2025 will a turtle to coincide with out theme. .