



Hello Mayflower Friends,

It's nice to be greeting you all as our days have become longer and spring approaches. A considerable amount of snow still covers the ground where I live, but traveling just a short distance east provides encouraging evidence that it is, in fact, happening!

Thank you to all who took the trouble to gather treasures for our annual flea market last month and contributed to its success with your purchases. I came home with some fun new books and a beautiful partially finished rug that I hope to complete. I hope each of you went home happy too.

Tina Carrick has been busy preparing for a Mayflower Rug exhibit to be hung at the Reading Library during the month of April. You should have received her invitation to submit photos of your rugs for consideration by March 10th. The goal is to entice new potential rug hookers into the art by showcasing our work and providing an opportunity for an interactive orientation.

I'm happy to say that the church has stepped up their response to our needs by arranging for direct communication with the person responsible for setting up for us. He has been proactive about reaching out in advance of our meetings and is invested in making sure that we have what we need. At this point, I'm feeling optimistic that we can make it work at St. Agnes.

The Show and Tell theme for this month is 3D creations, which happens to coincide nicely with Sue Barry's program. She'll be leading a workshop using torn strips to create a double-sided heart pillow. Sue is a delight and I'm looking forward to it!

Until then,

Donna Allen
Co-President

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

*Garden Lions
by Susan Barry*



We are looking forward to our program this month by Susan Barry. She will be sharing some of her own torn-strip work and providing a workshop to those that signed up. In addition, she will be talking about working with templates, preparing raw-edge foundation fabrics for hooking, establishing designs on backing, and various finishing techniques including mounting your piece if you choose to hook it flat.

Sue's love of rug hooking began when she happened upon a rug pattern and made a visit to a rug hooking shop. All other crafts were packed up and put away and Sue followed her bliss to become a Certified McGown Teacher and Oxford Punch Needle Instructor.

Sue is President of the Charles River Rug Guild, a Boston area ATHA chapter, Vice President of Northern McGown Teachers Workshop and current Treasurer of Oxford Punch Needle Instructors Guild (OPNIG). She teaches classes and provides individual instruction in both traditional and punch needle hooking at her home and enjoys combining both techniques in the same piece.

Looking forward to next month...

In April, Pam Bartlett will join us in for a hands-on workshop featuring a scaled down version of her beautiful hooked Zinnia. Prior to the workshop segment of the program, Pam will provide a short presentation regarding her design and implementation concepts for this piece and how they can be applied to your own work. If you'd like to join in the fun, the cost is \$75 for both the pattern (14 x 14) and one-half yard of hand-dyed wool. Pam will have different colors for students to choose from. If interested, please pay a deposit of \$25 at the March meeting.

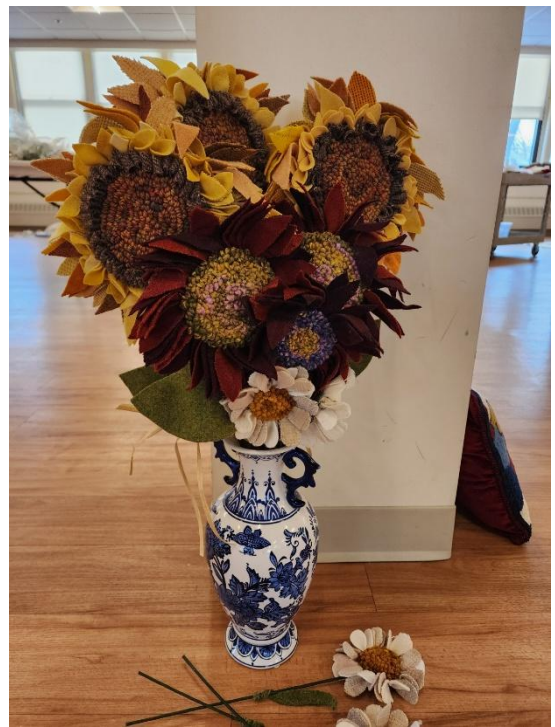
Hospitality

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

February General Show and Tell

Catherine Flowers

(flowers in the vase and on stems)



Tina Carrick

Mary O'Mara (this was the only vehicle-related rug for our special invitation show and tell last month, so we urged Mary to show hers in progress).



Special Invitation Show and Tell

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

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

April: Bugs, insects

May: Trees

ATHA's Showcase of Chapters

As recently described in an email from Ildi, ATHA national is enhancing their website to provide greater exposure to our chapters. Among the things they are doing is providing a gallery of rugs. We will be collecting pictures and sending them to ATHA, but only with each person's express permission. If you haven't already, please let Ildi know if you agree to have your rugs shared.

If you would like to see an example of how these will be shown, please look at the three pages below. Thanks!

<https://staging.atharugs.com/chapter/wachusett-mountain/>

<https://staging.atharugs.com/chapter/natchez-trace-rug-hookers/>

<https://staging.atharugs.com/chapter/heart-of-texas-chapter/>

The 2026 ATHA Convention is scheduled to take place in Salt Lake City, Utah, from Sept 9-12, 2026. The challenge rug is shown below, and the pattern may be purchased in order to raise funds for the convention.



Convention Fundraiser



Pattern purchases help support our 2026 fundraising efforts!
Pattern can be worked as a 14" x 14" square mat – OR – a 13.5" diameter chair pad. Pattern on linen with serged edges, designed and drawn by Sylvia Gauthier.

Pattern price: **\$52** (continental US shipping included) -OR- **\$47** if shipping is **NOT** required

Please provide the following information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

of Patterns: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Payment by check or money order only. Make checks payable to: ATHA Convention

Mail check and this order form to: DeMarco
5389 W. Piaffe St.
Eagle, ID 83616

Questions: sylviaquilt@yahoo.com

For personal use only. You may not copy or resell this pattern.

Did everyone have fun at our annual Flea Market???
I think so!

Many people found valuable treasures! On top of that, we raised \$745 to help support our programs. That's called a Win-Win!



There was batting, pillow forms, silk ties and lots of other fibers!

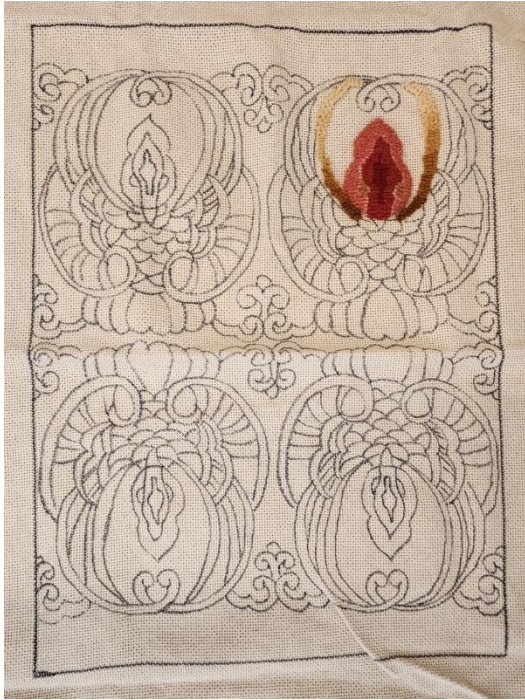


Buckets of braiding wool

Wool, of course, yarn and books of all kinds!



There were lots and lots of patterns, some that even had a good head start!



Well, I will dream until next year's Flea Market...

Our Programs for the Remaining 2024-25 Year

- 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: April meeting scheduled to take place in the first-floor meeting room.***

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:

Duxbury Rug Hookers, On the Wall and Underfoot Rug Exhibit, Helen Bumpus Gallery, Duxbury, MA March 3 – April 3, 2025

You are invited to the Helen Bumpus Gallery in the Duxbury Free Library in Duxbury MA to see the Duxbury Rug Hookers exhibit. If you come on Tuesday mornings, 10-12, stop by and say hello. See more info on the pages that follow.

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

See registration information on 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 this year will be 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.



Helen
Bumpus
Gallery

March 3 - May 3, 2025

Duxbury Rug Hookers *On the Wall and Underfoot*



Silent Auction Rug

Circle of Friends created by Duxbury Rug Hookers
to benefit Helen Bumpus Gallery

March 7, 5:30-7pm

* **OPENING RECEPTION**

March 3 - May 3

* **SILENT AUCTION**

* **SCAVENGER HUNT**

* **ANTIQUA RUG DISPLAY** by DRHS

Tuesdays 10-noon

* **HANDS-ON DEMOS** with DRH

May 3, 10:30-noon

* **HANDS-ON DEMO**

a DCC *Out to See Duxbury* event

Programs related to Helen Bumpus Gallery's exhibition *On the Wall and Underfoot* are supported in part by a grant from Duxbury Cultural Council, a local agency, that is supported by Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.



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: _____

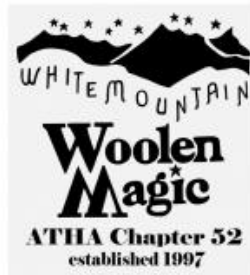
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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. .