



Greetings, Mayflower friends!

Though Spring is dragging her pretty little feet to get here, our next chance to think warm thoughts together is coming up this Saturday. It should be a convivial time with guest presenter Pam Bartlett on hand. Pam will give a brief group presentation, then lead a zinnia mat workshop for those who have signed up.

Mayflower has a small rug show hanging in the Reading Public Library this month! Saturday will be the perfect time to check it out as the library will be open from 9-5. Mayflower members will be on hand to demonstrate and do some proselytizing for rug hooking on April 15 (6-7pm) and April 29 (1-2pm). Stop by to join us or to say hello! The library is located at 64 Middlesex Ave in Reading, MA.

I'd like to thank Donna Allen, Susan Russo, Grace Collette, Mary O'Mara, Ildi Tary, Bonnie Floyd, Jeannie Crockett, and Catherine Flowers for lending their rugs for the exhibit, and Ildi and Jeannie for demonstrating. Finally, thanks to Ildi for making the informational placards on the wall beside each rug.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting this Saturday. Think warm thoughts!

Tina Carrick  
Co-President

**Come Join us this Saturday,  
April 19 at 10:00 at  
St. Agnes Church, Reading**



*Large Zinnia Rug  
By Pam Bartlett*

### **April Program**

We're delighted to have Pam Bartlett join us this month for a hands-on workshop featuring a scaled down version of this 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.

*Please note: We are expecting to be in the first floor room this month.*

### **Last Month's March Program**

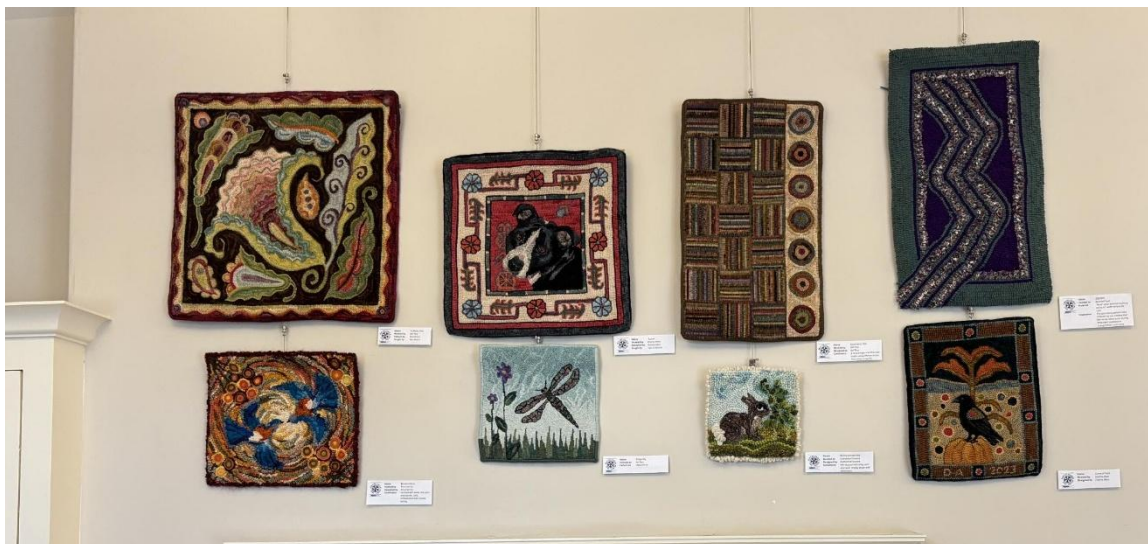
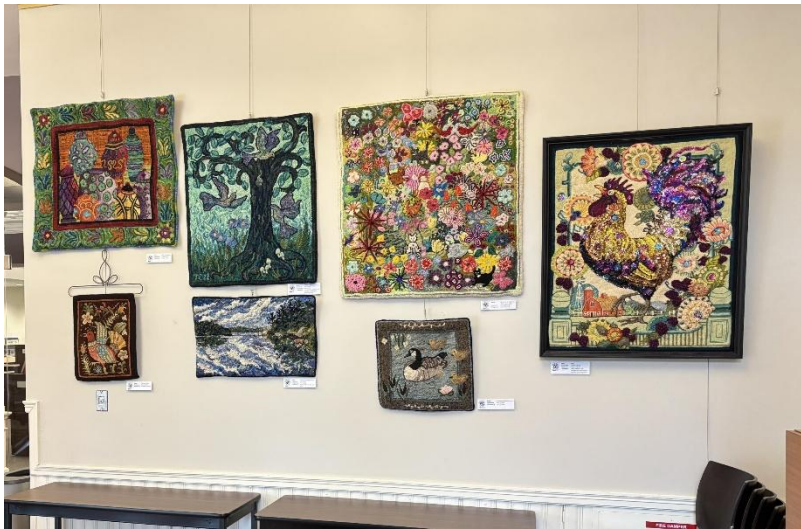
We had 24 members that signed in and many of them got to enjoy a mini workshop to do wide cut hearts with Sue Barry. We expect to see a few at our show and tell this week!

### **Hospitality**

This month, we invite people with last names beginning with Q-Z or A-B to bring a snack to the meeting, either sweet or savory.

## Reading Library Exhibit

Tina Carrick has taken the lead to create an exhibit of our own work at the Reading Library for the month of April and she did an awesome job! Take a look at the pictures of the exhibit. Remember that this exhibit ends at the end of April. It would be a great time to visit right after our meeting if you haven't already.





## March General Show and Tell

**Donna Allen:**

**Nautical Coasters, done in Canadian Maritime style**



**Hooked Ornaments:**

**Carole Feldhusen**

She got bitten by the tree bug!!



**Sheep in Monotones: Elaine Stefanik**



**Magdalena-like Rug: Ildi Tary**





## Hook and Mushrooms: Catherine Flowers





## **Special Invitation Show and Tell – 3D Works**

**Pillows: Diane Hart**



**Wastebasket: Tina Carrick**

**Footstool: Ildi Tary**

**Pumpkin: Catherine Flowers**



**Mushrooms:  
Catherine Flowers**



**Purses: Donna  
Allen**





## Special Invitation Show and Tell

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

**April:** Bugs, insects    **May:** Trees

Note: We will have a basket for people to drop ideas into for next year's Special Invitation themes at our April meeting.

If you are unable to make it to the meeting, but have a great idea, just email Ildi ([itary@comcast.net](mailto:itary@comcast.net)). The table below shows all our previous themes.

	2024-25 Year	2023-24 Year	2022-2023 Year
<b>September</b>	People/portraits	Geometric patterns	
<b>October</b>	Birds	Monochromatic rugs	
<b>November</b>	Landscapes	Our homes (or any home)	
<b>December</b>	Fruit	Fond family memories	Holiday-themed rugs
<b>January</b>	Rugs using non-traditional materials	Pets/animals	Winter-themed rugs
<b>February</b>	Vehicles (cars, bikes, motorhomes, etc.)	Flowers in vases	Valentine-related
<b>March</b>	3D Hooked Items, i.e., purse, stuffed item	Interesting/unusual borders	Irish-related or predominantly green
<b>April</b>	Bugs/Insects	Bright and bold!!	Spring-related
<b>May</b>	Trees	Abstract designs	Summer-related

## ATHA's Showcase of Chapters

ATHA national is enhancing their website to provide greater exposure to their chapters. Among the things they are doing is providing a site for each chapter to showcase their activities, including a gallery of rugs. We solicited pictures last month and sent some to ATHA national. They posted those but limited the text that accompanied them. In the very near future, they will allow our members to upload their own pictures and add text as they see fit. To see a preliminary version of this enhancement, you can look here

<https://staging.atharugs.com/chapter/mayflower-chapter/>.

If you are interested in seeing some other chapters and what they have done so far, you can look here <https://staging.atharugs.com/chapters/>. Please note that none of this is live yet, so these are only links to ATHA's staging area as they build this out. We'll be informed when it is live and when our own members can upload their own pictures.

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](mailto:sylviaquilt@yahoo.com)

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



## **Our Programs for the Remaining 2024-25 Year**

**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.**

## **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:

### **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.

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> through June 22<sup>nd</sup>  
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\_\_\_\_\_

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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:

\_\_\_\_\_ 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.**

**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 our theme. .