



Dear Mayflower Friends,

We are certainly getting our share of “spring showers,” but the sun is shining brightly on us today and I am happy for it!

The Mayflower exhibit at the Reading Library has concluded and provided a great opportunity for visitors to enjoy our work and acquaint themselves with the art of rug hooking. Heartfelt thanks to Tina Carrick for the considerable effort she invested in making this happen, and to Jeanie Crockett and Ildi Tary who demonstrated together with Tina.

It was fun joining together with other ATHA Chapter members at the ATHA Region I Hook-in and the White Mountain Woolen Magic Hook-in during April. Both of these events were very well organized and very much enjoyed by those in attendance!

As this program year draws to a close, we are busy arranging for next year's programs and have some great presenters in the pipeline. If you have an idea for a program, please make your suggestions to our Program Chairpersons, Heidi Gambino and Diane Hart!

For now though, we look forward to the long-anticipated program with Pam Bartlett on Saturday. My apologies once again for last month's confusion, especially to those of you who were signed up for the class and are unable to make this month's meeting. And thanks to those who responded to my email with understanding. This really is the most wonderful group!

All the best,
Donna Allen, Co-President

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

*Large Zinnia Rug
By Pam Bartlett*



May Program

As the expression goes, we hope that third time is the charm!!

After two reschedules, we are delighted to host Pam Bartlett this month for her 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.

If you registered for this program, please remember to bring a cutter (or plan to share with a friend) for the wool, a hook, scissors and a frame or hoop. Your cutter should be prepared to cut between #3 and #6 width strips.

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.

Membership Payments are Due

As a reminder, Mayflower dues for the 2025/2026 program year are due in May. Dues are \$30 for the year September-June. Payment may be made in any of the following ways:

PayPal (click on this link): [MayflowerDues](#)

To pay by check: make out a check to “**ATHA Mayflower**” and give it to Catherine Flowers in May. Alternately, you can mail your check to Catherine at 7 Pillsbury Ave Tewksbury, MA 01876

Cash is also always acceptable at the meeting. If you wish to pay by cash, please provide it to Catherine this month.

Also, please note that if any of your information has changed, i.e., address, phone or email, you are asked to convey this information to Catherine so the membership roster can be updated.

Finally, this is a reminder that all Mayflower chapter members must also belong to ATHA (see [About ATHA](#)). The ATHA Region 1 Board has asked us to provide the expiration date of each member's ATHA membership.

Please [email](#) Catherine with your expiration date so she can record it. Your expiration date is on the plastic cover when you receive the ATHA magazine. You can also look it up on the [ATHA website](#). If you have not already done so, you can register there. You can also pay your ATHA dues using PayPal on their site. If you are unsure of whether you have updated your ATHA expiration date with Catherine, please take a look at the membership list accompanying this newsletter to see what is on record for you.

Special Invitation Show and Tell

Our final special invitation theme for this year is Bugs and Insects (postponed from last month). We will postpone what would have been our May theme of Trees to September.

If you have an idea that you would like added to be a monthly theme for next year, just email Ildi (itary@comcast.net). The table below shows all our previous themes.

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

March Program with Sue Barry

Several people participated in Sue Barry's wide cut heart program in March. If you finished, or partially finished, a heart please bring it for show and tell this month.

Challenge Rugs

We challenged our members to make mini rugs with different themes this year. If you made one or more, please bring them to our May meeting.

Our chosen themes were:

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

Our Programs for the Remaining 2024-25 Year

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 for publication in our next newsletter:

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.

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.

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:

_____ 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 be a turtle to coincide with our theme. .