



Happy New Year friends!

On a cold dreary day in early January, I'm grateful to have something warm and bright to look forward to! Our next Mayflower meeting is this coming Saturday, January 17th, from 10-2 at St. Athanasius in Reading. This month there is no speaker, it's just our friendly group and a relaxed hook-in.

Don't forget your show and tells! We want to see anything recently completed. This month the special category theme is first rug/last rug, and I'm excited to see some of those too. I love show and tell!

As Donna mentioned at our last meeting, we're reinstating the "Junque Table" this month. January is a great time for a clear out! Bring items you'd like to sell and set a price. Ten percent of the proceeds will go to Mayflower and you'll make room for more wool! We plan to do this mini-sale on an ongoing basis.

If you have items you're willing to donate, you can save them for the Mayflower Flea Market at our February meeting. We've been collecting donations for the last year and I have a spare bedroom full of wool, yarn, frames, hoops, cutters and more. This is one of Mayflower's main sources of funds to pay for speakers, activities, our meeting room and other expenses, so plan to come with donations and some cash or a check! It's gonna be great!

Finally I'd like to thank the members who pitched in during the past year to help keep Mayflower a vibrant concern. Elaine Stefanik and Mary O'Mara have been assisting Hospitality Chair Chris Bucci. Jeannie Crockett has joined the board as Secretary. Diane Hart has taken on the job of Website Manager.

Here are your board members:

Co-Presidents: Donna Allen and Tina Carrick

Vice President and Newsletter: Ildi Tary

Treasurer: Bonnie Floyd assisted by Linda Reid

Secretary: Jeannie Crockett

Membership: Catherine Flowers

Programs: Heidi Gambino and Diane Hart

Website: Diane Hart

Hospitality: Chris Bucci assisted by Elaine Stefanik and Mary O'Mara

Looking forward to seeing you next Saturday! Stay warm!

Tina Carrick
Co-president

**Come Join us this Saturday,
January 17 at 10:00 at
St. Athanasius church,
300 Haverhill Street, Reading**

*Winter Wonderland,
Vintage Postcard Pattern
from Joan Moshimer's Studio*

*Available from Cushing
<https://wcushing.com/>*



Come along with whatever you are working on to join our annual hook-in!

Show and Tell: As always, members are invited to bring newly completed items as well as those fitting our special invitation category. For January, Bonnie Floyd suggested the theme Your First rug and Your Last rug. I'm really looking forward to how people have evolved their styles as they have traveled their rug hooking journey!

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

Last Month's Holiday Mug Rug Exchange

Wasn't last month's mug rug exchange great fun? People were so creative! We have pictures of all, but there is one that we couldn't attribute to the maker. Could someone please remind us who made the lemon mat? I'm so sorry that I missed capturing the maker.



Mary
O'Mara



Carla Keen



Heidi
Gambino



Catherine
Flowers.



Ildi
Tary



Tina
Carrick



Jane Darrah



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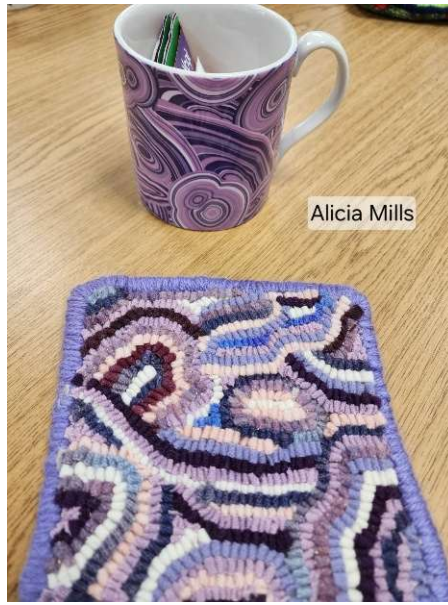
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Debbie
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Jane.
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Alicia Mills



Grace
Collette



Diane Hart



Donna Allen



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Special Invitation Show and Tell

As a reminder, we invite everyone to bring show and tell of recently completed rugs to each meeting, but we also have a special theme each month where people can bring older rugs that fit a theme. This way, new people can see rugs that they missed from the past, and others get second chance to see them!

Jan	Your First Rug/Your Last Rug	March	Still Life
Feb	Antique Replicas	April	Tribal/Indigenous
		May	Patriotic

This Year's Challenge Rugs

It was decided that this year, and potentially future years, our challenge theme will follow that of the Bedford Hook-in (formerly the Westford Hook-in) held in early spring (April 11 this year). Nancy Jewett organizes this hook-in each spring and before the hook-in is adjourned, a theme is selected for the following year. So, this spring, the theme selected was "The Moon". So, if you are interested in participating, please start giving this some thought. If attending the hook-in, the suggested size was around 9" x 9". So, you can make it that size if attending and if not, make it any size you wish!

Strut (Share) Your Stuff!

Last year, we included a program called Member Sharing, in which four different Mayflower members led mini workshops that attendees could participate in. This was a lot of fun and provided people with new inspiration and skills. So, guess what? Right. We're doing it again in May! Please consider whether there's a skill or small project that YOU could share in a 1-hour mini-course as part of this event. We'd love to hear and learn from you!

Show and Tell

Denene Premus

Denene is a relatively new rug hooker, but she has made some lovely things, including the bee as well as the holiday coasters shown on the next page!



Sea Turtle, made by Ildi Tary for the turtle competition at this past fall's Downeast Hook-in (it got viewer's choice second place)



Donna Allen designed and hooked these two AI-influenced pieces (as well as the coasters hooked by Denene) for students in classes she teaches at the Townsend Senior Center.



Denene Premus

Show and Tell – Special Invitation



Grace Collette, our Queen of Embellishments, combined many techniques and fibers in this rug, including hooking, yarn and punch

Donna Allen hooked this piece in a class with Anne Eastwood. It incorporates a variety of stitches including reverse hooking for the sky, and the chain, high and low, sculpted, Aztec beading and turkey work stitches.



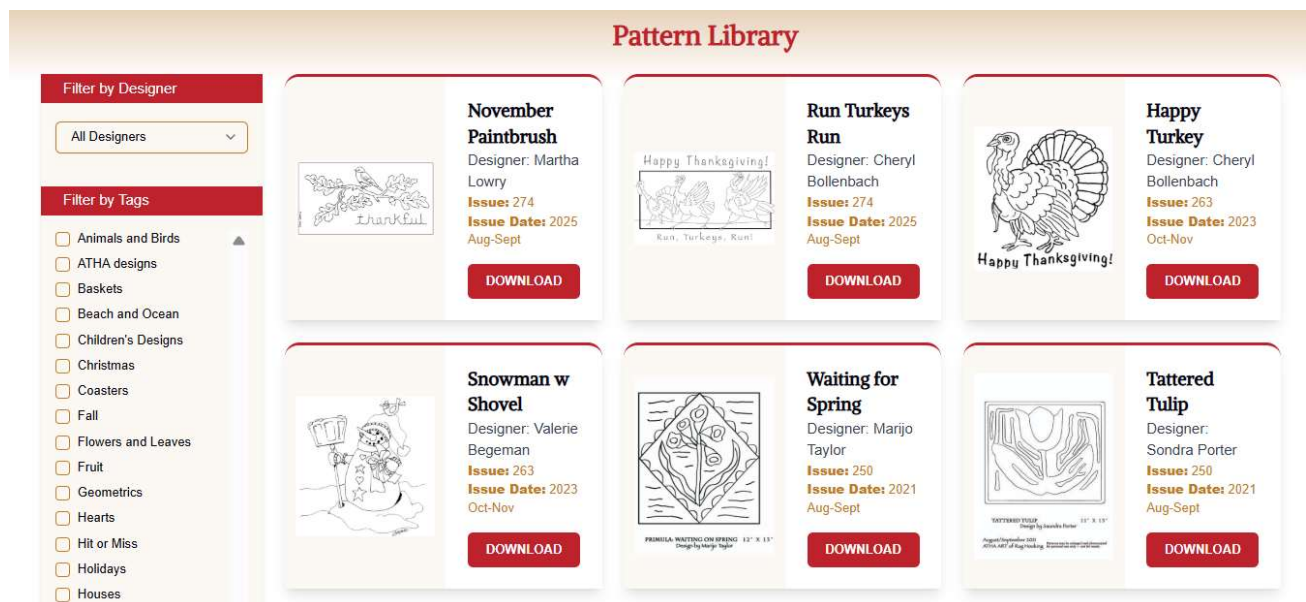
Donna Allen designed this pattern for a Waldoboro class she taught for Mayflower (by Zoom during the pandemic). The motifs are all sculpted/cut and all the loops in the background are cut.



Ildi hooked this Spruce Ridge pattern and used the fringe technique (taught by Bev Conway) on the yellow body of the bee to give it a soft fuzzy look

Did you know???

That ATHA national has significantly revamped their website? There are more features available than ever before. One that I recently found was that most of the free patterns published in the magazine are now available to download for free. Here is a sample of the first page. You see that you can search by Designer, or by Subject Matter. I counted over 200 patterns from well-known designers. How cool is that?



While we're on the subject of ATHA... A couple people reached out to me recently asking why the membership list Catherine Flowers (our Membership Chair) prepares sometimes shows an old ATHA expiration date for you. Please note that none of us have access to ATHA's membership records, so as members, we need to let Catherine know when we renew our ATHA membership. If necessary, Catherine can contact our Regional Rep asking that she look up members that look expired (which she just did this month).

As a matter of course, though, Mayflower members should advise Catherine when they renew so she can update her membership list. As we all should know, it is a prerequisite to be an active ATHA member to be a Mayflower member. ATHA supports our guild in many ways, including covering our insurance costs, without which we would need to purchase ourselves and

raise our membership dues. So, please help Catherine out by keeping her advised about your ATHA membership status. And if you don't know your expiration date, you can always log into www.atharugs.com to access your membership information. And while you're there, maybe look at the pattern library as well, which is only available to active member!

Our Programs for the Remainder of this Year

February (2/21): **Flea Market**

March (3/21): **Lisanne Miller** – Interesting borders

April (4/18): **Member Journey** – **Donna Allen**

May (5/15): **Member Sharing**

June (6/13): **Strawberry Festival**

PLEASE NOTE the Strawberry Festival is a week earlier to avoid conflicting with a Carlisle town-wide event on the 20th

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:

White Mountain Woolen Magic Annual Hook-in, Manchester, NH Mar 14, 2026

See registration information on the following pages.

ATHA Region 1 Rug School South, Sturbridge, MA Apr 7-10, 2026

Teachers: Laura Kenyon, Kathleen Herbert, Maureen Rugar and Caroline Twigg. The registration form is contained in the ATHA email sent on June 24 from ATHA/Sarah Guiliani and included in this newsletter as well on the following pages.

ATHA Region 1 Hook-in, Bedford, MA April 11, 2026

See registration information on the following pages.

Downeast Hook-in, Hermon (near Bangor), ME Oct 31-Nov 1, 2026

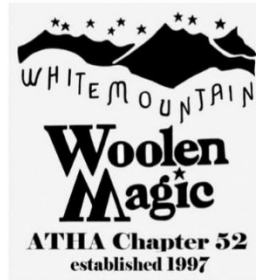
The hook-in this year will be held Sat-Sun on these dates. There are some additional classes offered on October 30. More details will be provided in next month's newsletter.

Save the Date! Cranberry Chapter Biennial Rug Show Sat, May 2, 2026

More details will be provided when available.

Quiet Corner Hook-in Woodstock CT Saturday, June 13, 2026

The registration form is in the following pages and provides more detailed information as well.



**It's time for our 10th Annual Hook-In!
Saturday, MARCH 14, 2026
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 day of hooking with plenty of - wool, baskets, trinkets, more wool, patterns, fun and friends! Raffle to benefit our education fund.

Same great, bright, spacious venue with our fabulous vendors!
* share this info with your hooking friends *

Please fill out the registration form and mail ASAP to hold your space.

**\$49.00 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



ATHA Region 1 School South

Sturbridge, MA 01566 At the Publick House Historic Inn www.publickhouse.com

April 7 - 10, 2026

ATHA Region 1 School South Teachers: Our talented teachers are well experienced in various techniques and are anxious to feed your individual creative needs.

Laura Kenyon

This class is held with a relaxed classroom style of teaching. In this open class you will see that Laura is more of a facilitator than a formal teacher. Your rug is your rug! All skill levels are welcome and encouraged. Her favorite styles are small cut landscapes and wide cut multicolor post-impressionism florals.

Kathleen Herbert

Kathleen has been hooking for almost 30 years. She is a member of ATHA and a Certified McGown Teacher. She enjoys hooking in many different styles and cuts of wool and enjoys experimenting mixing in different materials in her rugs. Lately she has focused on wide-cut primitive rugs reproducing the look of an antique rug. She is noted for her reproductions of Tavern Signs and other antique patterns. Her classroom is an open classroom which is open to all levels of expertise and all designs are welcome. She is as comfortable with fine shading as she is with wide-cut primitives. Her wool ranges from gradated swatches to as-is textures. Kathleen's passion is color planning rugs. She has attended many workshops and has studied under many notable teachers, learning from some of the best! Along with her lectures, Kathleen has taught at McGown Workshops and ATHA Workshop North and other ATHA guilds and is happy to pass on her knowledge. Kathleen collects antique rugs and lectures on the history of rug hooking in America using her collection of antique rugs as illustrations and inspiration for her rugs.

Maureen Rugar

Maureen Rugar began her rug-hooking journey in 1977, when she first met her future husband. It was love at first sight. Her husband or rug hooking you might be thinking. Both! His grandmother and mother were both "hookers". She was just mesmerized by the wonderful designs, with the amazing colors, that they had created by pulling up loops of tiny strips of wool using a hook.

Since that time, Maureen immersed herself in everything 'rug hooking', taking as many classes and workshops as possible from some of the finest teachers around.

In 1983 she began teaching rug hooking to enthusiastic students in her La Grangeville, NY studio. At that time, along with her mother-in-law Jeanette, purchased New Earth Designs and proceeded to put the designs to silk screen for a much improved way of printing patterns. In 1992 they sold the business to Jeanne Benjamin of Massachusetts.

Maureen teaches for beginning students as well as experienced and in every conceivable form of hooking. Maureen is not afraid of a challenge. Although her personal preference for hooking is wide cuts, she is also skilled at the art of fine shading to 3-D hooking, and Waldoboro hooking. Maureen has served as the president of the Dutchess County Rug Hookers Guild for over three terms. Rug Hooking Magazine has published two articles on Oriental rugs, written by her (in 1990 & 1992) and has done a commission rug for Eleanor Roosevelt's Val Kill Manor, in Hyde Park, NY. She has taught numerous classes & workshops at local Guilds in New York and Connecticut and taught at the NYS Sheep & Wool Festival since 2017. She also teaches and vends at Rug Hooking Workshops from Maine to North Carolina.

Caroline Twigg

Caroline started rug hooking in late 2005 when a local library offered a free rug hooking class. She quickly found she loved primitive colors, patterns, and textures. As her passion grew for rug hooking, she began to study under teachers such as Barb Carroll, Cynthia Norwood, and Jayne Hester.

In 2011 she opened her studio, Eagles Nest Woolens. She now has over 100 patterns on her website, www.eaglesnestwoolens.com. She has been traveling and teaching the art of rug hooking since 2016.

Her class focus will be primitive patterns, colors, and cuts utilizing wider cut texture wools to achieve the feel of old rugs. Keep in mind primitive colors do not mean a colorless pallet. If you look at the back of an antique rug, most start life with brighter colors and have worn to the old dusty

colors we all love. We will focus on the dusty and worn color pallet in class with splashes of bolder colors when necessary.

During class, she will discuss ways to enhance the look and texture of your rug. She will also try to eliminate some of your fears and doubts about your color planning skills.

Caroline and her husband, Ron, live in Western Maryland. She's filled her home with new and old hooked rugs. She's fascinated by the warmth and character of antique rugs.

ATHA Region 1 School South 2026 Registration Information

- Please send the completed registration form along with your \$80.00 deposit payable to **ATHA Region 1 School South** to:

Sarah Guillani, P.O. Box 2316, South Portland, ME 04116

Contact School South Director Sarah Guillani at: uhookrugs@yahoo.com Phone: 207-233-1953

- **The registration fee of \$356.00 (including the \$80.00 deposit) includes lunch** on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (April 7,8,9) and is independent of all other costs.
- Confirmation email will be sent to you upon receipt of your Registration Form and deposit.
(For a paper confirmation please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope)
- There is a \$50.00 cancellation fee.
- No refunds within 30 days of the first day of school unless school is cancelled by the Administration.
- **If you send the \$80 deposit, the balance of \$276 is due no later than March 1, 2026.**
- To reserve a room, please contact the Publik House Inn directly at 508-347-3313. Please mention you are with the ATHA Rug School Group.

ATHA Region 1 School South 2026 Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Please list three teacher choices.

1st Choice of teacher: _____

2nd Choice of teacher: _____

3rd Choice of teacher: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Allergies /dietary restrictions: _____

_____ None _____ Vegan _____ Non-Dairy _____ Gluten Free _____ Other* (_____)

Specific medical allergy _____

Medical information: _____

Enclosed: _____ Deposit \$80.00 (Balance \$276 due no later than March 1, 2026)

_____ Payment in full \$ 356.00

15th Annual ATHA Region 1

Now the Bedford Hook In

Saturday, April 11, 2026 - 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 - Moon Mat Show!

Bring your rugs to display around the room. We love to see each others rugs!

Complete the form below;

detach and mail by April 1st, 2026 to:

Rachael Noyes

26 Buttonwood Drive - Hollis, NH 03049

603-465-4022 - rachaelnoyes@charter.net

RSVP by April 1st, 2026

NO entrance without preregistration.

Make \$38 check payable to :

ATHA REGION 1 HOOK IN

Kitchen Help Needed! Please contact Rachael if you are interested in helping in the Kitchen. You can do part of the day or all of the day. We can't do this without our kitchen Help!!!

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

Email: _____ Amount of Check: _____

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

Telephone: _____ -ATHA Chapter _____

I would like reservation confirmed via email: _____ or phone: _____

Please specify Any Special food considerations? _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Contact Number: _____

Hook IN (only)

October 31 - Nov.1, 2026

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 \$85.00 _____

1 Day \$45.00 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 30, 2026

Hook In October 31 - Nov. 1, 2026

Gather, Inspire, Create

Classes on Friday, followed by our regular Hook In on Saturday & Sunday.

The cost for the class 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 2026

Gail Dufresne - Proddy Fish

Lisa Chaloner - Design Your Own Project

Stacey Van Dyne - Open Class with troubleshooting, color help

Sandy Ferguson - Geometrics

Toni Philbrook - Hand Torn Pillow

Name _____

Address _____

Email: _____

Phone _____

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 \$195.00 _____

Class & 2 Day Hook In \$240.00 _____

Make Check payable to: Down East Hook In

Mail To: Nancy Jewett- 1736 Wheeler Rd - Brandon, VT 05733

Down East Classes October 30 & Hook In October 31 - Nov. 1, 2026

Gather, Inspire, Create

Classes on Friday, followed by our regular Hook In on Saturday & Sunday.
The cost for the class 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 2026

Gail Dufresne - Proddy with a kit

Lisa Chaloner - Learn to design and leave with own finished pattern on linen.

Sandy Ferguson - Geometrics

Stacey Van Dyne - Open class with help on stuck projects, trouble shooting & color planning

Toni Philbrook - Hand Torn Pillow

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 \$195.00 _____

Class & 2 Day Hook In \$245.00 _____

Halloween Mat Challenge:

This is a Peoples Choice for favorite. You vote for your favorite!.

Prizes are: 1st Place \$100, 2nd Place \$50, 3rd Place \$25. shopping spree with vendors!

Use whatever fibers you like, Use any pattern that has a size no smaller 12" and no larger than 14" (which means your Mat can be 12 x 12, 12 x 13, 12 x 14, 13 x 13, or 14 x 14.

(Your mat will not be counted if it does not meet size requirements.)

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

To allow for shopping time, the Winners will be announced Saturday after lunch.

You may frame your rug, the **mat** itself must be within our size requirements.

The winning mat will be used for the Postcard for the following year and any publicity.

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 on. Keep checking if you really want the item! We'll announce the cut off time for bidding.

For the 50/50 Raffle, purchase tickets @ \$1 each or 6 @\$5. We draw a ticket 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



ATHA Quiet Corner Hook-In

June 13th, 2026

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.
There is a \$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 our treasurer:
Atha C/O Gretchen Gray
35 West Main St.
Hopkinton, MA 01748

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, 2026.

ATHA Quiet Corner Hook-In

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Name on Check: _____

Amount of Check: _____

Where did you hear about our hook-in? _____

Any Questions, please contact Heather Parker,
Quiet Corner President and Hook-In Chairperson
508-498-9339
Or
deanheather619617@gmail.com