



Dear Mayflower Friends,

It's hard to believe our program year is nearing an end, with summer on the horizon and so many great opportunities to celebrate and learn throughout the spring and fall. I'm thinking a double-header may be in order for me with ATHA Region I School North from 10/26 through 10/29 followed by the Down East Hook-in from 10/31 to 11/1. Which of the offerings highlighted in the newsletter is calling your name?

We've had some great presenters this program year, for which we have the dedicated efforts of Heidi Gambino and Diane Hart to thank. The dynamic duo have already established next year's line-up and you're going to love it!

Bonnie Floyd, our Treasurer, has been tracking and keeping us apprised of our financial status. The successive rental increases we've experienced over the past two years will make it difficult to continue business as usual beyond the next program year. The Board will facilitate a discussion with members at our May meeting to explore cost-saving and fund-raising opportunities. In the meantime, we look forward to the Flea Market this weekend as a great opportunity to get the ball rolling. THANK YOU for doing whatever you can in support of this event!

All the best,
Donna Allen, Co-President

**Come Join us this Saturday,
April 18 at 10:00 for our Annual Flea Market
at St. Athanasius church,
300 Haverhill Street, Reading**

*The rug shown is Scrapper Hit or Miss
Rug Hooking Pattern from Old Tattered
Flag*



**The time has finally
arrived for 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.

Hospitality

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

Special Invitation Show and Tell Schedule

As always, members are invited to bring newly completed items as well as those fitting our special invitation category. For April, we are asking for any rugs with Tribal or Indigenous themes. Next month will be the final themed month of the year and that will be patriotic rugs. We'll be establishing a new theme schedule for next year, so if you have ideas, please pass them to Ildi.

This Year's Challenge Rugs

With the Bedford hook-in behind us just this past weekend, we ask that anyone that made a moon-themed rug bring it to our meeting this week.

Membership Payments are Due

As a reminder, Mayflower dues for the 2026/2027 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 at our monthly meeting. 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.

Last Month's Program with Lisanne Miller of W. Cushing & Co.

Wasn't Lisanne's program inspiring?
Whether you are a beginner or an advanced
rug hooker, her program covered so much
ground, everyone could learn several new
things!



Lisanne brought many, many rugs in
different styles and colorways. Here are but
a few of them. Clockwise, starting at the
top right, the patterns are:

The Flower Pot from the William
Morris Collection

Reservoir Heron, by P is for Primitive

The Birds of Brother Rabbit from the
William Morris Collection



Last Month's Special Invitation Rug Show was Antique Replicas!

By Jane Sittnick,
a collection of cats done
in an antiqued style.

These patterns are from Sandra
of Woodland Junction. She
occasionally offered free
patterns, so Jane Sittnick made
these over a period of time in
her own unique style.



Show and Tell – New Rugs

Diane Detour made this rug from a Cushing design. Lisanne helped her color plan the pumpkins, which Diane preferred to make in non-traditional colors.



By Ildi Tary, a Mavis Butterfield pattern

*Mary O'Mara's
Kitchen Sink
Rug*



Mary also completed this holiday-themed rug and finished it as a pillow. This pattern is 'Whimsical Winter' from Tangleweed Fiber Arts. Mary changed the tree design to her own style.





Heidi Gambino completed this rug after taking a class with Brenda Anderson.

It shows her two dogs. She presented it to her husband as a gift.

Ildi Tary started this rug at ATHA School North last fall with Lisanne as her teacher.

It is an M Shaw pattern.



Our Programs for the Remainder of this Year

May (5/16): **Member Journey, presented by Donna Allen**

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:

Cranberry Chapter Biennial Rug Show, Harwich, MA Sat, May 2, 2026
See flyer in the pages that follow.

Green Mountain Rug Hooking Guild Hook-in and Party Sat, May 2, 2026
A celebration of the guild's 45th Anniversary will be on May 2! Come for morning snacks, lunch, cake, a special commemorative gift and a Hook-in. We will welcome guest speaker Deanna David from Ribbon Candy Hooking and President of TIGHR. We will be celebrating at the Fireside Inn, West Lebanon, NH from 9-4; Members \$45/Non-Members \$70. Register [here](#).

Quiet Corner Hook-in, Woodstock, CT Sat, June 13, 2026
The registration form is on the following pages with more details.

Windjammer Cruise, Rockland, ME Sept 20-24, 2026
Jane Darrah can share her experiences if you are considering this adventure. For information about the offering, you can look at <https://207creatives.com/>. This year's teacher is Haley Perry of Loop by Loop.

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 Friday, October 30.

ATHA Region 1 School North, Freeport, ME Oct 26-29, 2026
This is a new location for our annual rug hooking school! Teachers are Lianne Miller, Vivily Powers, Maureen Rugar and Janet Connor. The registration form is in this newsletter in the following pages.

Uncommon Rug Hooking Retreat, Plymouth, NH Nov 2-4, 2026
Teachers are Brenda Anderson, Cyndy Duade, Emily Williams and Jyl Blauvelt Robbins. For information, see [here](#).

On Cape Cod ~ Public Invited



**CRANBERRY
RUG HOOKERS**

Biennial Rug Show

May 2, 2026 10 AM - 3 PM
HARWICH COMMUNITY CENTER
100 OAK STREET
HARWICH, MA 02645

- * View our beautiful, handmade hooked rugs.
- * Watch hooking artists at work.
- * Enjoy light refreshments.
- * Shop a variety of vendors:
 - * *Nancy Jewett*
Fluff & Peachy Bean
 - * *Laura Kenyon*
Seaside Rug Hooking
 - * *Alex Ferranti*
Alex's Scissor Sharpening



Contact: Amy Natiello
508-246-4818

cranberryrughookers@gmail.com

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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

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

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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 Region 1 School North

October 26-29, 2026

Hilton Garden Inn Freeport (ME) Downtown

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

Lisanne Miller

Lisanne has wool in her veins. She first held a hook at the age of fourteen as part of the Bicentennial celebration of America: hooking a simple chair pad from some of her mother's old wool suits. The hook, wool, extra burlap, and chair pad traveled around with Lisa, treasured and stored in her mother's cedar chest. Then one day, a dear friend revealed that she had a new interest she just loved: primitive rug hooking. Lisanne went back to her hooking roots and has never looked back or put her hook down since, spending her time and imagination creating and designing whimsical, wonderful pieces of modern-day folk art.

Previously the founder and designer of P is for Primitive and Peace, Love, and Wool, Lisanne now owns a treasured source of rug hooking supplies and inspiration: W. Cushing & Co. in Wells, Maine. She is the author of *Beautiful Wool: In the Dye Kitchen with Lisanne Miller*, which guides the reader through the process of creating glorious colors and applying dyeing techniques. Lisanne is the director of Caraway Rug School.

Vivily Powers

Vivily Powers is a McGown certified teacher and owner of Colorama Wool. She is a member of McGown and ATHA Guilds and has been a judge for Rug Hooking Magazine's Celebration book.

Vivily is a skilled teacher and offers an open class in a variety of subjects. She encourages the beginner and will challenge the seasoned hooker. She will work with the students' views and color palette in order to create a unique finished product.

Vivily is noted for her beautiful custom dyed wool and color planning expertise. She provides pre-camp and advanced planning communication to the student in order to maximize class time. She can provide wool or use student provided wool for their project.

She shares rug hooking information, demonstrations, and finishing techniques during class.

The ultimate goal of the class is for the student to feel comfortable with a well-planned project and an enthusiasm for finishing the project.

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.

Janet Conner

Janet Conner is an avid rug hooker who has been pulling loops since 1979. Graduating from Moore College of Art in Philadelphia, she spent 30 years teaching Elementary Art in southern Maine, while raising a busy family. After retirement in 2003, Janet was able to work at rug hooking and fiber arts full time, launching her web based business, which offers a line of her own patterns as well as rug hooking supplies and equipment, books, and natural dye recipe cards. She teaches fiber arts in her home state of Maine and throughout the US plus Bermuda, Canada, and England, with a specific focus on art history and the inspiration found in both fine art and folk art. In addition to rug hooking, she also teaches punch needle, proddy, and penny rug techniques.

Twenty-five years of studying and repairing antique rugs has influenced Janet's love of old fashioned methods and timeless motifs. She has contributed chapters on cleaning and repair of antique rugs to *Rug Hooking Magazine's* book *Finishing Hooked Rugs*. She co-authored *Rug Hooking Traditions with James & Mercedes Hutchinson*, released with the Hutchinson Exhibit, in August of 2016.

Janet's rugs have appeared in *Celebration of Hand-Hooked Rugs XXII*, *Rug Hooking Magazine*, *Hooked Rugs Today 2004*, & 2006 and galleries throughout New England. Her greatest joy is to foster the success of her students; many of whom have made rugs in her classes that have been featured in *Rug Hooking Magazine*. After a 30 year career teaching elementary art in public school, Janet continues to find her greatest joy in teaching.

Well known for her Van Gogh style hooking classes, Janet will be broadening her examination of art to include Impressionistic and Post Impressionistic styles of rug hooking. **For this class** students may choose one of Janet's patterns based on specific paintings, or create their own designs in the style of their chosen artist. Students will learn to analyze and discuss Impressionism and Post Impressionism, mimic the styles with the content of their choosing, and begin color planning and hooking rugs that emphasize artistic styles specific to artists like Monet, Van Gogh, Cezanne, Seurat, and Gauguin. Join Janet for an extensive journey through art history and learn to recreate some of the most famous and aesthetically pleasing styles in this thoughtful and analytic class.

ATHA Region 1 School North 2026 Registration Information

School North Director Rachel Johns rachelannjohns1967@gmail.com Phone: 207-523-0666

- Complete the registration form with your first and second teacher choices.
 - Please send the registration form along with your \$80.00 deposit payable to **ATHA Region 1 School North to: Rachel Johns, 12 Village Corner Rd, Ossipee, NH 03864**
 - **The registration fee of \$356.00** includes lunch on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and is independent of all other costs such as lodging.
 - 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 \$276.00 is due no later than September 1, 2026.**
 - We have reserved a block of rooms for school attendees:
<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=PWMFDGI&groupCode=908&arrivaldate=2026-10-26&departuredate=2026-10-29&cid=OM.WW.HILTONLINK.EN.DirectLink&fromid=HILTONLINKDIRECT>
- Or call the hotel at (207) 865-1433 and tell them you are with the Rug School

All Attendees must be a member of National ATHA with current dues paid.

If you are not a current member, please send \$32.00 membership dues to: Patty Andrisani, 139 Columbus Circle, Clarks Summit, PA 18411 Email: membership@atharugs.com or online www.atharugs.com

ATHA Region 1 School North 2026 Registration

Form *Please print clearly.*

Name _____

ATHA Chapter _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Please list TWO choices. Please do not contact the teacher directly until assignments are confirmed.

1st Choice of teacher: _____

2nd 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 September 1, 2026)

_____ Payment in full \$ 356.00