



Greetings friends!

Strawberry Festival is this coming Saturday, June 13! Again this year, member Debbie Power will open her beautiful home to us for the last meeting of our Mayflower year. Debbie lives at 959 Concord Street in Carlisle. The Strawberry Festival is always a fun, relaxed and enjoyable gathering. Mayflower provides lunch and members bring the traditional strawberry shortcake dessert. If you haven't already RSVP'd it's not too late - you can let me know by texting to 617-240-0447.

Members who missed the May meeting should know that we had a serious discussion about the challenges for Mayflower that center around meeting space and budgetary issues. Mayflower is facing decisions about the future, including strategies for reducing costs, increasing revenues and finding a new meeting space. Those attending the May meeting completed a survey to help guide the board through this process and we greatly appreciate your input. The survey was also emailed to all members on June 2 and is again included in this newsletter. If you haven't already, please fill out the survey and let us hear your thoughts and ideas. You can bring the survey to the Strawberry Festival or email it to me at mydogroxy617@gmail.com.

I hope to see many of you at the party on Saturday. For those who can't make it - I wish you a wonderful summer and lots of time to hook!

Best wishes,

Tina Carrick
Co-president

**Come Join us this Saturday,
June 13 at 10:00 for our annual Strawberry
Festival at Debbie Power's Home in Carlisle**

*This pattern is available from
the Wool Genie on Etsy
as a digital download*



As Tina has already said, we are very appreciative of Debbie Power offering to host the Strawberry Festival for the second time. Here are the details:

Debbie Power
959 Concord Street
Carlisle, MA 01741
781-820-5546

Debbie will put a balloon on the mailbox so it's easier to find!

Looking forward to seeing you all! **You can call Tina at the number she provided above or you can [click here](#) to RSVP to Debbie via email** (if you haven't already), so we have a rough headcount. There will be coffee/tea and some pastries for the morning. Ildi will make her homemade breads, and Tina will bring cold cuts and salad. **If convenient**, please bring one of the following for strawberry shortcake – strawberries (cut up), biscuits, OR whipped cream. I think we had 3-4 for each category at the sign up at our last meeting. We usually have extra so no pressure to bring anything but your lovely self!

Parking may be a bit tricky. Here are the options:

- 1) Driveway - You can park in the narrow driveway but will be blocked in.
- 2) Concord Street along stockade fence/stone wall
- 3) Indian Hill is a quiet side street just North of #959 and on the same side of the street

My husband Bill Cooney can assist with parking and would be happy to valet upon request.

Directions: GPS will work just fine, but here are written directions if you prefer:

From the North:

Take 95 South to Exit 49B

Follow Rte 225 West for 3.5 miles

At VW dealership, take a left to continue on Rte 225 West

Go another 4 miles into Carlisle Center

Go straight through the rotary in Carlisle Center

Take immediate left onto Concord Street, following the signs to Concord (leaving the town green on your left)

Go 1.8 miles to #959 on the left.

Yellow house with stockade fence along the road.

From the South:

Take 95 North to Exit 125 for Rte 2 West

Follow Rte 2 West for 5.5 miles

Bear right onto Cambridge Turnpike towards Concord center

At Stop sign, go left into Concord Center.

Go straight leaving rotary and town green to your left.

Take left in front of Colonial Inn, then immediate right onto Lowell Road

Follow Lowell Rd for 3.8 miles to #959 on Right.

(Note that Lowell Road in Concord turns into Concord Street in Carlisle and you will pass street numbers on mailboxes on Lowell Road that go past 1000. When you pass into Carlisle the street numbers will decline.)

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 (or Tina Carrick at the Strawberry Festival), or you can mail your check to Catherine at 7 Pillsbury Ave Tewksbury, MA 01876

Cash is also always acceptable. If you wish to pay by cash, please provide it to Tina 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 that was sent with last month’s newsletter to see what is on record for you.

Special Invitation Show and Tell

We will be preparing a new list of “special invitation” show and tell themes for next year very soon. Please reach out to Ildi for any suggestions you have. The complete list of themes for next year will be published in our upcoming September newsletter.

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.

	2025-26 Year	2024-25 Year	2023-24 Year	2022-2023 Year
September	Trees	People/portraits	Geometric patterns	
October	Whimsical	Birds	Monochromatic rugs	
November	Stained Glass	Landscapes	Our homes (or any home)	
December	Special Techniques	Fruit	Fond family memories	Holiday-themed rugs
January	Your First Rug/ Your Last Rug	Rugs using non-traditional materials	Pets/animals	Winter-themed rugs
February	Antique Replicas	Vehicles	Flowers in vases	Valentine-related
March	Still Life	3D Hooked Items	Interesting/unusual borders	Irish-related/predominantly green
April	Tribal/Indigenous	Bugs/Insects	Bright and bold!!	Spring-related
May	Patriotic	Trees	Abstract designs	Summer-related

Last Month's Journey with Donna Allen

We would all like to thank Donna Allen for giving us the most interesting show of her work over the years. Her needlework journey has included cross-stitch, crewel, embroidery, knitting, and of course, rug hooking.

Donna has a terrific sense of color and her workmanship is enviable. Being McGown certified, she uses many specialized techniques in her rug hooking. Here are just a few pictures of her artwork, hooking as well as other forms of needlework.



An early embroidery piece.



This piece has cross stitch as well as hardanger.

This is an early hooked piece with a crewel design



These are all great examples of how Donna's color sense makes her rugs stand out from the crowd!



This is a rug Donna designed and made for the wedding of her son in a monochromatic technique.



And we'll end with Donna's first rug, which only goes to show that this really is a journey. Where you start can be very different from where you end up!



Show and Tell – New Rugs

We had only one new rug last month. This is by Debbie Power, and she started this in a workshop with Janet Connor at ATHA North school.



Our Programs for the upcoming year

While details are still being worked out, our speakers for the upcoming year are:

September - Deana David – Roses theme

October - Haley Perry

March - Janet Conner

April - Brenda Anderson

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:

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 on 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](#).

Member Survey

As some of you may be aware, Christ the King Parish will be closing the St. Athanasius Church where our meetings are currently held. The exact date is unknown, but the closure is set to take place during the current calendar year. It is not clear at this time whether returning to St. Agnes is an option or whether its one that we wish to pursue.

In the meantime, we have some decisions to make regarding our financial stability. Due to high rental increases over the past two years, Mayflower's financial reserve has been steadily dwindling. **We are sufficiently funded through the 2026/2027 program year**, but projections made by our Treasurer, Bonnie Floyd, indicate the need for change going forward from that point.

Current Expenses:

Rent – 9 x \$280	\$2,520
Programs – 4 x \$500	\$2,000
Miscellaneous	\$ 200
TOTAL	\$4,720

Projected Income:

Membership Dues	\$1,800 (based on 50 members)
Flea Market	\$1,000

That leaves a shortfall of \$1,920 if we wish to continue business as usual. Additionally, our goal is to establish and maintain a 1-year reserve, as is recommended for small non-profits.

The Board met recently to brainstorm possible ways to address these disparities and would very much appreciate your input as we decide on how to move forward. Please refer to the attached Feedback Questionnaire and take a moment to provide us with your input.

Thank you so much!

FEEDBACK QUESTIONNAIRE

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following options to reduce cost by circling the option below each statement.

1. Find a more affordable rental space

Disagree Somewhat Agree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

Some ideas floated were: senior centers, community rooms in housing communities, space in buildings owned by organizations like VFW, Knights of Columbus, Elks, Rod and Gun Clubs.

If you're aware of a possibility worth checking out, please indicate:

Would you be receptive to meeting on a different day of the week if necessary?

Yes No

How far would you be willing to travel to attend a meeting:

5 – 10 miles 10 – 25 miles 25 – 40 miles 40 – 60 miles

2. Increasing Membership Dues

Disagree Somewhat Agree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

Dues are currently \$35, which averages just under \$4 per meeting. How much would you be willing to pay for dues?

\$45/\$5 per mtg \$65/about \$7 per mtg \$90/about \$10 per mtg

Would you consider being a "patron" of Mayflower and paying an amount higher than the dues established? This amount would be self-determined.

Yes No

3. Having fewer presenters

Disagree Somewhat Agree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

Generally, we have two guests in the fall and two in the spring. How many guest presenters would you be satisfied with ____

4. Have fewer meetings at a paid-for facility

In the past, the January meeting was always hosted in the home of a Mayflower member. Would you be willing/able to host a January or February meeting in your home or a club house within your housing community?

___Yes ___No

Would you be interested in a field trip in lieu of a regular meeting, i.e., Beauport Museum, Cogswell Grant, art exhibit.

___Yes ___No

5. Do more active fund raising

Disagree Somewhat Agree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

Possibilities discussed included hosting a hook-in, conducting a raffle with baskets or items donated by members, changing the Flea Market format to maximize financial return for Mayflower, i.e., setting minimum prices on things, auctioning more things off, etc.

Please indicate which, if any, of these options is appealing to you and let us know if you can think of any of any others:



6. Do you have any other ideas? We would love to hear them!

THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR FEEDBACK!!!!

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 2005, 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: 207-523-0686

- 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