Greetings Mayflower Friends,

What a spectacular fall we're having! I'm so inspired by the abundance of earthy goodness and color emanating from the foliage, the autumn harvest of pumpkins, gourds and apples, and the variety of mushrooms on my woodland walks. I just may have to pull out that pumpkin pattern that's been in my stash for the past 8 or so years.

Our program year was off to a great start at our new location and Deana David didn't miss a beat when it came to getting our heads back in the game. She showcased an impressive collection of her original designs hooked by a myriad of different artists and shared information about the triennial TIGHR (The International Guild of Handhooking Rugmakers) Conference scheduled for October 31st – November 4th 2027 in Newport, Rhode Island. This conference takes place in various countries around the world, so to have it held in New England presents us all with an amazing opportunity to participate. To join TIGHR and for more information on the conference, visit: www.Tighr.net.

We have Haley Perry joining us in November for a program on "working small," which brings us to the topic of this year's Christmas gift exchange. Remember artist trading cards? They were all the rage a few years back and are defined as a 2.5" x 3.5" piece of original art - in this case a hooked piece or mixed media piece. We invite interested members to make one of these cards using a holiday theme. We hope you'll make one and join in the fun!

We look forward to seeing you all!



*My Mushroom Adventures*

Donna Allen
Co-President

## Come Join us this Saturday, October 24 at 10:00 for a hook-in!

OK, so I know our hook-in isn't as large as this picture from June's Quiet Corner hook-in, but we have just as much fun. Look at the lady's face closest to you, doesn't she look like she just found some secret treasure??

Come join us this Saturday for the fun!



## Hospitality

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

## Fragrance-free Environment

To support those with allergies and chemical sensitivities, we ask that each member refrain from wearing perfume or strongly scented lotions at our meetings.

## In Memoriam

We regret not announcing this last month, but we wanted to be sure that all members are aware that Ann Garrity passed away in June. Ann was a long-time member of our guild and produced countless rugs that inspired others. She is deeply missed by the many friends she had.

## Annual Challenge Rug Theme

As we did last year, our challenge theme this year will follow that of the Bedford hook-in. This year, they chose sheep. So, if you are interested in joining in on the fun, please make a sheep rug/mat of your liking. There are tons of patterns out there, or you can design your own. Our deadline for showing the rugs at Mayflower will be around our April meeting when the Bedford hook-in is held.

## Cutters for Sale

Two cutters in very nice condition that have been recently reconditioned are available for sale. They have recently been cleaned/oiled/blades tested for sharpness.

Bliss: $175 Comes with a #6 cutter head - includes new rubber feet
Frasier: 500-1 $250 Comes with a #6 cutter head
*Note: 15% of all proceeds will go to Mayflower*

Bliss and Frasier cutter heads are interchangeable. Additional cutter heads in good, sharpened condition in the following sizes for $30/each:

#2, #4 (2) and #9

For those of you who may not be aware, Frasier cutters are no longer available directly from Frasier. They can now be purchased new through Honey Bee Hive and The Woolery as follows:

| Item | Honey Bee Hive | The Woolery |
|---|---|---|
| Bliss w/1 cutter | $475 | $745 |
| Frasier 500-1 w/1 cutter | $575 | $700 |
| Cutter Heads (each) | $50 | $97 |

Text or email Donna Allen if interested, (978) 302-8661 maxima234@gmail.com

# Monthly Show and Tell

*Tina Carrick* started this rug in a class with Janet Conner



*Mary O'Mara* hooked a lovely bunny using a pattern from Cherylyn Brubaker



*Diane Hart* hooked this fish because her daughter saw a hooked fish at the MFA so Diane wanted her daughter to have her own fish! It will be a pillow for her daughter for Christmas



*Ildi Tary* hooked this whimsical bunny sitting atop a rooster



*Diane Detour's* lively garden rug



## Special Invitation Show and Tell

Each month, members are invited to bring newly completed rugs. In addition, we invite people to bring older rugs that fit a specific theme. This way, new members get a chance to see some rugs that have previously been shown. Our themes for this year are as shown below.

**October**: Rugs featuring angels

**November**: Fraktur inspired rugs

**December**: Geometrics

**January**: Hooked Wearables

**February**: Proddy

**March**: Farm Animals

**April**: Sports Themes

**May**: Travel Rugs

## Last Month's Special Invitation Show and Tell

Yikes! We asked people to bring non-rug hooking related crafts for a special show and tell and boy, did people deliver!!

*Catherine Flowers*

Catherine eco-dyed several pieces. These first two are on silk for use as scarves.





Then Catherine dyed more pieces on wool. Scrumptious!









*Donna Pas* brought so many things, we have selected just a few to feature here. First and foremost is the magic bag that was not only lovely, but it was like a magician's bag from which she kept pulling one item after another, seeming like there was no bottom to the bag!

Several people asked for the name of the pattern and it is provided below. It can be found on many websites.






Among Donna's other creative interests are…wool appliqué, rug braiding and quilting.  She is a one-stop shop!



Beautiful!





*Mary O'Mara* brought some sweet cross-stitch



*Diane Hart* brought a very lovable cross-stitched pillow



Prescilla Frappier brought two beautiful quilts featuring reproduction fabrics.





Grace Collette brought a quilt she made long ago with extra fabric she saved from trimmings when she hemmed her own pants.



Donna Allen took up knitting a few years ago and brought several pieces to share…









## Our Programs for this Year

**November** - Haley Perry – *How working small allows for experimentation with materials and simplifies making a landscape (or anything, really)*
**December** – Holiday Luncheon
**January** – Member Journey – Catherine Flowers
**February** – Flea Market
**March** - Janet Conner
**April** - Brenda Anderson
**May** – TBD (Member Sharing or Field Trip)
**June** – Annual Strawberry Festival

## Requested Recipe

Michele Maurice was a guest at our last meeting and brought some Oatmeal Cranberry Chocolate Chip Cookies. She was asked to provide the recipe, so she offered this… https://peasandcrayons.com/oatmeal-cranberry-chocolate-chip-cookies/

## 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.

**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.

**Plymouth Colony Rug School, Plymouth, MA** **Feb 25-27, 2027**
Teachers are Lucille Festa, Sarah Guiliani, Maureen Rugar, Kathy Spellacy and Diane Stoffel. This is the second year of this school. Information and registration information can be found on the following pages.

**ATHA Region 1 School South, MA** **Mar 30-Apr 2, 2027**
Teachers are Loretta Scena, Kathleen Herbert, Maureen Rugar, and Dawn Hebert. Information and registration information can be found on the following pages. ***Please note that Dawn Hebert is offering a beginner's session, which is not commonly offered at schools.***

# Plymouth Colony Rug School 2027

## February 25 – 27, 2027

Location: Join us for Plymouth Colony Rug School (PCRS) at the Hotel 1620 on 180 Water Street Plymouth, MA. The hotel is located in the heart of the Plymouth waterfront right off the Southeast Expressway with historic site seeing, beautiful ocean views, numerous restaurants and endless shopping. All levels of rug hooking experience are welcome.

Arrival: ***Check In*** is Thursday, February 25 from 8 am – 9 am at the Mayflower Room in the Hotel 1620.

Class Schedule - Classes begin: Thursday, February 25, 2027 @ 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Friday, February 26, 2027 @ 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Saturday, February 27, 2027 @ 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Lunch Served on Thursday & Friday, 12 pm – 1:30 pm

Depart: Saturday, February 27, 2027 @ 2:00 pm

- Light Breakfast will be served Thursday to Saturday mornings.
- We have added a fifth teacher this year!
- Paula, our Massage Therapist is returning!!
- The Boutique will be open – details to follow for consignment.

For more information contact:

Joanne Levine
58 Franklin Terrace
Duxbury, MA 02332

774-454-6508; joannelevine58@gmail.com

## Teaching Staff

Lucille Festa: 4743 State Route 315 Pawlet, VT 05761 (802) 325-2543

Sarah Guiliani: P.O. Box 2316 South Portland, Maine 04116 (207) 233-1953

Maureen Rugar: 8 Beaver Road LaGrangeville, NY 12540 (845) 891-8881

Kathy Spellacy: 303 Beach Rd., Eliot, Maine 03903 (207) 363-8045

Diane Stoffel: P.O. Box 640 Brewster, MA 02631 (508) 896-5225

# Registration Information

Registration Fee: **$375 for All Attendees**. This includes classes for 3 days and lunch on Thursday & Friday. A light & healthy breakfast is offered Thursday through Saturday mornings as well as a coffee, tea & water station throughout the class days.

- **$160 Deposit is due no later than November 30, 2026.**
- **Balance of $215 is due no later than January 15, 2027.**

Teacher choices are on a first come basis.

Confirmation email will be sent to you upon receipt of your Registration Form and deposit. (Paper confirmation – please enclose a self- addressed stamped envelope)

- There is an $80 cancellation fee before January 15, 2027.
- No refunds after January 15, 2027.

Accommodations:
Hotel 1620 rooms are available. ***Cutoff date for discount room reservation is January 25, 2027.***

To reserve a room, contact the Hotel 1620 directly at 508-747-4900. If you desire to extend your stay a day before or a day after the rug school, please mention and the Hotel 1620 will include the same rate. Please note that if you must cancel your stay, it must be 7 days prior to arrival date for refund. Check In time: 4 PM & Check Out time: 11AM.

Mention that you are with the **Plymouth Colony Rug Hookers 2027** group.

Online Registrations may be made on www.hotel1620.com and entering the GROUP code: **PCRH2620**

## ***Keep This for Your Records***

Mailed Registration Form on _____with Deposit of $160 (no later than November 30, 2026) or Full Payment of $375. Check # _____

Mailed Balance payment of $215 (no later than January 15, 2027) on _____ Check # _____

Teacher choice: #1_____

#2 _____

#3_____

**Plymouth Colony Rug School 2027**
**February 25 – 27, 2027**
**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: Cell: _____ Other: _____

Email: _____

Choice of Teachers:

1# _____

2# _____

3# _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Address _____

Telephone: _____

Allergies/Dietary/Gluten-Free Restrictions: ____ None ____ Yes

List: _____

** ***Please note:*** Many people are sensitive to perfumes – we encourage **Perfume Free Please**

Enclosed: ____ Deposit $160 (due no later than November 30, 2026)

____Payment in full $375

- Please Return completed Registration Form and Deposit Fee (Checks made out to: **Plymouth Colony Rug Hookers**)

  Mail to: Joanne Levine
  58 Franklin Terrace
  Duxbury, MA 02332
  774-454-6508
  joannelevine58@gmail.com

# ATHA Region 1 School South

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

## March 30 - April 2, 2027

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

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### Dawn Hebert

Dawn is a certified McGown teacher who has been hooking for over 20 years. She is a low key, supportive teacher. She teaches rug hooking styles from wide cut primitive to fine shading. She prefers using traditional materials, including textures, over dyed spots, and swatches. All cut sizes are welcome. Dawn has served as Treasurer and Assistant Director of Northern McGown Teachers Workshop. She also teaches at Seaside Rug Hooking Co. in North Kingston, Rhode Island and has published articles in Atha Magazine and the McGown Newsletter. Her goals are to make the student comfortable, to ensure the student succeeds, is happy with their project and has a positive rug hooking experience.

Dawn will be teaching a beginner's rug hooking class. The class will be designed for those who want to learn to hook or are in the beginning of their rug hooking experience. She will be in touch with students prior to the workshop to plan for their individual goals. The class will allow for more attention to beginners.

Bring a project you have been working on or choose a nice beginner level new project.

You can choose from fine, mid or wide cut projects, in any hooking style from fine cut to wide cut primitive. Focus will be on hooking techniques and tips for the beginner. Mini lessons/tips will be provided throughout the workshop.

Dawn can provide wool for your project and will have wool for sale in class. She will also have available hooking tools for those who are really just starting out. Kits can be made to include beginners hoop, hook, pattern and mid cut, pre-cut strips. Wool cutters will be available in different sizes for those who do not yet have cutters.

### 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.

**Loretta Scena**

Loretta Scena lives on Long Island, NY. She is a self-taught Fiber artist and creative who uses beads, fabric manipulation, needle felting, specialty fibers, and hand dyed wool to create unique embellishments that will add dimension and texture to your hooked artwork.

She is a McGown accredited Traditional Rug Hooking teacher who, prior to Covid, traveled all along the east coast teaching the art of traditional rug hooking at several wonderful rug schools. During that time away, she immersed herself in playing with all types of interesting mediums and creative outlets and fell in love again with writing and painting.

She is a current member and past president of The Long Island Guild of Rugcrafting Artists, whose organization has reproduced several of the rugs that are featured in the restored houses in Old Bethpage Village Restoration, Bethpage, New York. Loretta has had her work featured in Rug Hooking Magazine, ATHA Magazine, and in the McGown Newsletter as well as in several books by other Rug hooking Artists. She is the creator and administrator of Facebooks group "Rug Hooking Camps, Shows, Workshops And Classes" which has over 11,000 members.
Find her work on Instagram "Needle Brush and Hook".

## ATHA Region 1 School South 2027 Registration Information

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

**Sarah Guiliani, P.O. Box 2316, South Portland, ME 04116**

*Contact School South Director Sarah Guiliani at whookrugs@yahoo.com Phone: 207-233-1953*

- **The registration fee of $356.00 (including the $80.00 deposit)** includes **lunch** on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (March 30, 31, and April 1) and is independent of all other costs.
- Confirmation email will be sent to you upon receipt of your Registration Form and deposit.
  *(For 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, 2027.**
- 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.

**All Attendees must be a member of National ATHA with current dues paid.**
If you are not a current member, join online at www.atharugs.com or send $32.00 membership dues to:
Patty Andrisani, 1139 Columbus Circle, Clarks Summit, PA 18411-9597 Email: membership@atharugs.com

**For your records:**

1st teacher choice _____

2nd teacher choice _____

3rd teacher choice _____

Mailed registration on _____

with payment of _____

# ATHA Region 1 School South 2027 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, 2027)

_____ Payment in full $ 356.00