

Greetings, Mayflower Friends,

The cold weather has arrived and it's time to kindle some warm vibes at our November Mayflower meeting!

It should be a great session with Haley Perry coming as our speaker. She spoke to us several years ago and Mayflower members seemed to really enjoy her fresh take on designing and hooking. You may also know Haley from her beautiful patterns, wool and sari silk yarns, as she's a frequent vendor at schools and hook-ins around New England.

The program she has planned for us will be about designing and hooking small landscapes. If you're interested in starting a little landscape Haley will have backing for sale and can help with design.

Come join us this Saturday in Tewksbury!

Tina Carrick
Co-president

Come Join us this Saturday, November 21 at 10:00 for a very special day with Haley Perry at Tewksbury Congregational Church, 10 East Street, Tewksbury



Loop by Loop Studio was founded by Hayley Perry in 2013. Hayley grew up surrounded by rug hooking, thanks to her mother Sharon and aunt Deanne, but did not begin making her own rugs and designs until many years later. Hayley holds her education in Fine Arts and after getting her graduate degree in painting in 2011, she started dyeing and selling fabric online, hooking rugs, and making kits, which has blossomed into her full-time career.

One of Hayley's goals is to help rug hooking reach a broader audience because she understands the benefits of slowing down in this whirly world. She believes that valuable lessons lay within this kind of handiwork and encourages anyone who needs a moment of reflection to try out this easy and relaxing craft.

Hayley is a certified art teacher and works full time at her fiber art business called Loop by Loop Studio, where she focuses on her contemporary rug hooking designs and projects. Hayley paints and operates her craft business from her art studio at the Cutler Mill Building in Warren, RI. Hayley has exhibited both her painting and fiber art throughout the United States.

Haley will do a talk and will follow with a workshop to work individually with people who want to design a landscape. She will bring markers and rulers for anyone to draw. She will also bring half yards of linen which will be priced at $23 if anyone would like to purchase. You may bring their own linen if you wish, as well as any wool you might want to use.

Hayley's shop can be found at Cutler Mills in Warren, Rhode Island or online at www.loopbyloopstudio.com.

Hospitality

This month, we invite people with last names beginning with A-F 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.

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.

This month's theme is Fraktur-inspired rugs. For those unfamiliar with this style, it is often defined as decorative documents made by German-speaking immigrants (often called Pennsylvania Dutch) from the mid-1700's to the mid-1800s. It often features bold lettering and birds (either singular or in pairs) and artwork frequently is used in wedding or birth announcements.

Other upcoming themes are:

December:	Geometrics	**March**:	Farm Animals
January:	Hooked Wearables	**April**:	Sports Themes
February:	Proddy	**May**:	Travel Rugs

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 at our March meeting since the Bedford meeting has been announced and will be held on April 10 (registration form is provided later in this newsletter).

Holiday Party

Next month, our meeting will be a week earlier than usual (December 12) so it will not crowd our family time during the holidays. We will be having our annual holiday party that will feature great food and a new gift exchange idea! First, for the food, we invite everyone to bring something they would enjoy sharing. It could be an appetizer, main dish, salad, side, or dessert. No one has ever left our holiday party hungry! We do have access to the kitchen, so if your dish needs warming, we can accommodate you.

The gift exchange idea was presented in last month's meeting. For those that wish to participate, it was decided we would exchange Artist's Trading Cards in the form of tiny, hooked mats. Actual Trading Cards are 2 ½" by 3 ½". In our discussion, there was some concern that this size was too small to depict a hooked image, so we agreed people can make them larger, but no larger than 5" square. While this writer herself was skeptical about the small size, there happened to be a display of them at the Downeast Hook-in (in Bangor) earlier this month (pictured) and clearly people were successful depicting an image in this size. So, we would encourage people to make them the small size, but if you need more room, you can go up to the 5" square. Please use a holiday theme in your design!



Monthly Show and Tell

Diane Hart finished her fish which will be a gift for her daughter this Christmas



Ildi Tary makes a bee-themed rug each year for the Topsfield Fair to be displayed in the Bee House. This is this year's entry which won a perfect score ribbon and the Turner Award for best entry across all the needlework categories



Special Invitation Show and Tell -- Angels

Our special invitation theme of Angels didn't draw any rugs, but *Tina Carrick* did adorn her felted dog with a halo for the occasion. I'm confident her dog qualifies as an angel.



A Unique Show and Tell

The GBH Community Canvas is a public art initiative by GBH News. They invite local artists to showcase their work on a massive 30 x 45 ft. digital mural overlooking the Mass Turnpike in Brighton. Jeanie Crockett submitted an entry and was selected to be shown. Here is her image.



I think Jeanie tops any other show and tell we've ever had, hands down!

Our Programs for this Year

December 12 -- Holiday Luncheon
(note the change to the regular date)
January 16 – Member Journey – Catherine Flowers
February 19 – Flea Market
March 20 - Janet Conner
April 17 - Brenda Anderson
May 15 – TBD (Member Sharing or Field Trip)
June – Annual Strawberry Festival (specific date TBD)

Requested Recipe

Ildi (me…your newsletter editor) brought some cranberry squares last month and several members requested the recipe, so it is provided here. I am afraid that my reputation of being a good baker will be diminished once you see how easy this recipe is…

Cranberry Nut Squares

1 ½ cup sugar
2 sticks butter, softened
2 eggs beaten
1 tsp vanilla
1 tsp baking powder
1 ½ cups flour
Pinch of salt
2 cups whole cranberries
1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans

Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs and vanilla and mix.
Add dry ingredients. Add cranberries and nuts.

Bake in 9X13 pan at 325^{o} for 50 min or until done.

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.

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.***

ATHA Region 1 Hook-in, Bedford, MA **April 10, 2027**
See registration information on the following pages.

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.

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: _____

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Enclosed: _____ Deposit $80.00 (Balance $276 due no later than March 1, 2027)

_____ Payment in full $ 356.00

17th Annual ATHA Region 1 in Bedford

Saturday, April 10, 2027 - 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 - 2027 Theme is Sheep (no size restrictions!)

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

Complete the form below;
detach and mail by April 3rd, 2027 to:

Rachael Noyes

26 Buttonwood Drive - Hollis, NH 03049

603-465-4022 - rachaelnoyes@charter.net

RSVP by April 3rd, 2027

NO entrance without preregistration.

Make $38 check payable to :

ATHA REGION 1 HOOK IN

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

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

Last Name:_____ First Name:_____

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 allergies? _____

Emergency Contact:_____ Contact Number:_____

Shopping Pass

If you can't attend for the whole day but would like to come shop with the Venders, Sign up for a Shopping Pass, just $10.00. Check here_____