



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

Contact School South Director Sarah Guiliani 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.

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 _____

School South 2026 Schedule

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

11:00-12:00 Registration/ set up (Classrooms are closed until registration).
12:00-1:00 Lunch
1:00-4:00 Class
3:00 Hotel check In

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

9:00-12:00 Class
12:00 Lunch
1:00-4:00 Class
4:30 Auction

Thursday, April 9, 2026

9:00-4:00 Rug Show
9:00-12:00 Class
12:00 Lunch
1:00-4:00 Class

Friday, April 10, 2026

9:00-12:00 Class
9:00-10:00 Pay bill at Boutique
Goodbye until next year!

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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