

# WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN ATHA?

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What do you get out of it?

♥ Well besides the very beautiful, professional and informative jam-packed full-color magazine you get to help inspire and educate you on a bi-monthly basis, you have access on-line to the archive of previous magazines so you can search for articles on a topic that you just know you read, but can't remember which month it was in!

♥ We also have the chance to gather together as textile artists in one location every other year to learn together, share our finished projects, and be inspired to even greater heights while we share laughter and friendship at our ATHA Biennials that rotate at locations across the country.

♥ You have ready access to some of the best quality vendors on our website, along with information about upcoming workshops, classes (both online and in-person), patterns (some free, some at reduced rates for ATHA members), and you frequently find out about things in advance of the rest of the wool world.

♥ There is frequent sharing of ideas and the unparalleled glory of rugs, wool, projects, friends, and ideas.

♥ One of the most important criteria in being taken seriously in any endeavor is being part of an organization of like-minded individuals to share ideas with and challenge each other to grow in our craft.

♥ If you need a virtual hug, a suggestion for what direction to go in, or someone to cheer you on, your family in ATHA is the place to go.

♥ Your local chapter is like your family and having membership with national ATHA is like coming to the family reunion, where you see cousins and aunts and uncles and grandparents and 14th cousins you haven't seen in a while . . . Well, bless my soul!

Come sit a spell with us in ATHA; we welcome you to our family!