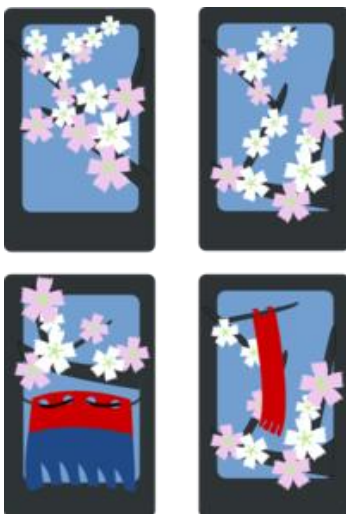


# HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER

## APRIL 2018



### OUR MEETINGS

Weekday meetings are held at Raritan Township Police Station multi purpose room. Our meetings this month will be on Fridays, April 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018, from 10am until 2pm, and on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 11am-1pm at the Stangl Farmers' Market in Flemington. Business meetings occur at the beginning of the meeting on third Fridays.

Please remember to join us for our Third Saturday meeting March 17<sup>th</sup> from 11am-1pm at Stangl Farmers' Market.

### MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Our membership stands at 42 paid members, plus 3 Saturday honorary members. Dues are \$15 for renewal and \$30 new member one-time fee, which includes a Guild Tote Bag. A message will be sent to remind members to pay the annual dues.

If you cannot attend a meeting or have not paid your dues yet, please mail your \$15 or \$30 check for annual dues, made out to The Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild to:

Shirley C. , Membership Chair

PO Box 387

Neshanic Station, NJ 08853

We will provide you with an updated membership contact list sometime soon, after the membership list has been completed for the year.

### **APRIL MESSAGE FROM CO-PRESIDENT SUE P.**

As of this writing (Thursday, March 29), it appears that we have made the transition from snow to rain; still gloomy, but in less than a month's time, Central NJ will look glorious! My Instagram feed is full of photos of lambs being born, and shearing activities all over the Northeast. Soon all of that fiber will be available to us! It's a wonderful cycle. And, of course, our thoughts will be focused on gardening and other outside activities. Just remember, an hour or so of stitching outside in the sun can be a wonderful "spring tonic"!

There are several fiber-related activities in our area during April. The Allentown Fiber Festival is April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, and the NJ Wool Walk is April 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. Info on these events has been shared on our Facebook page.

I would like to chat a little about our Facebook page. There has been a lot of negative news concerning Facebook over the past several weeks. Despite the privacy issues involved with social media, it remains a unique and efficient way of staying in touch with events, each other and our local yarn shops as well as independent yarn dyers and designers. Facebook, Instagram and Twitter should be used to your own advantage. It is essential with each of them to be vigilant about your privacy settings. My rule of thumb is that I don't use my FB logon to access other sites, I don't engage in "chain" letters, I don't play FB games or do surveys, nor do I "click through" ads or news items. Consumer Reports, The NY Times and the website Gizmodo all have posted very helpful security "protocols" for individuals. If you need help with those, please let

someone in our group help you to make sure that you are “sharing” only information that you wish to share. Karen M., Mary Jane and I are all available to help you.

Happy Spring and Happy Stitching!

**Sue P.**

## **APRIL 2018 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES**

During our March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, we laughed about a list of places to store yarn and our reasons for buying it. Our discussion was launched by a list that Trudy found among her program treasures. That list has been included as an attachment to this newsletter.

By our April meetings, we hope Spring will have sprung. On Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, please bring a knitting or crocheting accessory, book, pattern or idea you would like to share. Bring something that interests you, even if you haven't used it or tried it yet.

We have been given a large donation of granny squares. On Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, those members who know how to crochet are asked to teach members who don't usually crochet, how to put together granny squares. The hope is that we can put them together to make small blankets as a charity project. Please bring a size G or H crochet hook to help with this project.

**Doris**

## **OUTREACH**

If you know of any local non-profit organizations who would benefit from knitted and crocheted items made by our members, please let us know so we may include them here.

**Warm Up America:** An ongoing project, the goal of this nation-wide effort is to provide warm crocheted or knitted afghans to anyone in need. They are

distributed by The Red Cross and Salvation Army to victims of natural disasters, area homeless, and to families and individuals who have lost their homes and belongings due to fire, flood or tornadoes. Forty-nine blocks that measure 7" X 9" are joined together to complete an afghan. Use your leftover and stash yarn to make some 7"x 9" knitted and/or crocheted blocks and bring them to a meeting. Myra will continue to collect them throughout the year.

**Knitted Knockers:** You can find out information about donating knitted knockers for mastectomy patients at [www.knittedknockers.org](http://www.knittedknockers.org).

**1898 SEAMENS' WATCH CAP PROJECT** (idea provided by our member Rosemary G.), details for making and sending at: <http://seamenschurch.org/sites/default/files/sci-1898-hat-kristine-byrnes-web-w-schematic.pdf/> The Christmas In July Seamens' Event has been cancelled.

**Please visit our website at [www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com](http://www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com)**

Attached to this newsletter are the following documents:

March 2018 Meeting Draft Minutes, for your review.

10 Reasons To Buy and Store Yarn

**WE HOPE YOUR EASTER AND PASSOVER HOLIDAYS  
WERE WONDERFUL! HAPPY SPRING STITCHING!**



