

Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild Newsletter

DECEMBER



2015

OUR MEETINGS

All of our meetings from September 2015 through June 2016 will be held at the Raritan Township Municipal Bldg. (Police Station). Our meetings this month are **our Holiday Luncheon on Friday, December 11th** and **our regular meeting on Friday, December 18th**. Normal meeting hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Our dues remain at \$10.00 for the 2015-16 year. We currently have 52 members listed on our roster, including new and renewed members. If you wish to join or renew and you haven't done so already, please contact Shirley about your membership.

A Friendly Welcome to newest members Inger M, Rosemary W, Donna S, and Nancy W!

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The holidays are here and some of us are still frantically working on the last of our handmade gifts. Every year I think I will be better prepared by December 1st, but when we have such great programs that keep us doing bigger and better things, we are tempted to make something wonderful that we just learned. Such it is with the beaded bracelets, pendant bags and broomstick scarves. These opportunities were provided by Meredith, Mary, Sandra and Trudy's efforts. Thank you, Ladies.

Have you all noticed that we have had a lot of visitors and new members in recent months? We even have a Delaware Valley College student, May, who is learning to crochet as part of her training to be a future veterinary surgeon.

I hope that many of you will help celebrate the Holiday season at our luncheon on the 11th at the Flemington Raritan Diner. Lisa M. is our hostess and Carol Ann K. has

graciously made up special door prizes from some lovely gift yarns. Please don't forget to bring along any holiday table decorations you may want to show.

May all of you have a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

OUR OFFICERS AND STAFF for 2015-2016

President – Georgia Muhs

Vice President – Barbara Osmolski

Secretary – Jane Manley

Treasurer - Barbara Schibilia

Membership - Shirley Covert

Program Co-Chairs – Trudy Grimm & Doris Gullion

Newsletter/Publicity Chairperson – Mary Shanahan

THIS MONTH'S PROJECT/TECHNIQUE(S):

Our Guild Holiday Luncheon, December 11, 2015

Flemington-Raritan Diner, Route 31 North in Flemington: Lisa M has reserved the Flemington-Raritan Diner Meeting Room for our Holiday Luncheon. We will meet Friday, December 11 at 11:30 a.m. This will be in place of one of our regularly scheduled Friday meetings. We may choose whatever we want to order from their menu and checkout using separate checks. Thank You, Lisa!

If you are a member who doesn't regularly attend meetings, please let us know whether you are going to the Luncheon so we may pass along a final count to the Diner.

December 18 we will be Charity Knitting and finishing our Holiday Gifts and "WIPs".

There is no formal project or program scheduled for this month. We will resume our programs in January with some exciting demonstrations and lessons.

PLEASE NOTE December 25 would have been a regularly scheduled 4th Friday meeting for the month. Due to the holiday, we will skip our meeting that week.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 15-17, 2016 Vogue Knitting LIVE! The earlybird registration for their classes has passed, but event registration is now open! "The Ultimate Knitting Event" celebrated its 5th year in the Big Apple in January of this year, with an impressive lineup of teachers, classes and vendors. Maybe this is the year I will get to attend?

<https://www.vogueknittinglive.com/ehome/index.php?eventid=45793&>

Please think about trips AND/OR classes for the upcoming months. Kraemer Textiles, Nazareth, PA? The Knitters' Edge, Bethlehem, PA? Lion Brand Yarn Outlet in Carlstadt, NJ? Bring your suggestions to the Guild for Program consideration.

OUTREACH

If you know of any local non-profit organizations who are struggling and who would benefit from knitted and crocheted items made by our members, please let us know and I will happily include them here.

***NEW* "Knitters Unite" through Hunterdon County Library:**

This is an effort organized between Linda Zdepski of the Main Branch of Hunterdon County Library, and Sabrina Baarda, HC Veteran Services Coordinator, asking volunteers to knit and crochet hats and scarves for Veterans. This outreach will benefit Veterans Haven North, which opened in September 2013. This is a 100- bed, temporary home and training center for homeless veterans, located in Lebanon Township. The Vets range from WWII through Afghanistan and Iraq and come from all branches of the armed forces. Volunteers who need more info may gather on Dec. 15 at 7 pm for a Kick-Off meeting in the Bookmark Café (downstairs in the Main Branch of the Library) to discuss patterns, ideas, yarn, and supplies. The Library hopes to have donated items on display by hanging them from a clothes line, in addition to placing them into a large collection box at the library, ending their collection on January 30, 2016. *Please bring any stash yarn you can donate to our Luncheon on Dec. 11 and I will bring it to the library on Dec 15.*

"Hope for Veterans" - Items Always Needed: Men and Women Veterans who live in the residence associated with the Lyons Veterans' Hospital in Liberty Corner, NJ, are in need of hats, scarves and socks. These are veterans who cannot go out to get their own supplies so we would like to help out by using our talents to make the items they need. A reminder that it is preferred that we do not visit the facility, so a contact from the residence has agreed to pick up whatever we can donate by meeting a Guild member at the library.

PLEASE NOTE: Barbara O or Mary S will collect finished items and arrange delivery to organization representatives.

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.

SHOW AND TELL --- *Our Members Have Been Busy!*

In November we saw some warm slippers knitted by Rosemary G, a sweater in progress by new member Rosemary W, men’s scarves and women’s fingerless mitts knitted by Jane M, a family supply of “The Amazing Hat” made by Sue P, as well as a tea cozy with knitted flowers and a hat to accommodate ponytail wearers made by Carol Ann K.

Did I forget anyone?

Lisa M likes to share her technology finds and last month she showed us the “Beam and Read” hands free personal light she found at the Knitters’ Edge. It can also be found online through other distributors. It’s a clever and inexpensive tool for “reading books and e-books, (*seeing your knit and crochet patterns & projects*), travel, camping, power outages, crafts, and much more.” Thanks again, Lisa.

Please visit our website www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com for further updates.



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