

## Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild Newsletter



**2016**

### ***OUR MEETINGS***

All of our meetings from September 2016 through June 2017 will be held at the Raritan Township Municipal Bldg. (Police Station). Our meetings this month are **Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> and on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Normal meeting hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### ***MEMBERSHIP AND DUES***

Our dues remain at \$10.00 for the 2016-17 year. We currently have 48 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.

### ***MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT***

Yesterday my daughter Beth and granddaughter, Paige and I had a lovely experience I'd like to share with you all. For the past few years Beth and her girls have taken Maggie's goats to Frenchtown to fund raise for Heifer International.

This year Beth asked if I would like to participate with a couple of our Shetland lambs, Chloé and Moulon. Betty Oldenberg at the Spinnery invited us to camp out on her doorstep and greet passersby.

We met so many generous and delightful people who stopped by to pet the lambs and donate to this worthy cause. The lambs were well behaved and charmed everyone they met. From all the photos taken, I suspect that Chloe and Moulon will be part of quite a few holiday greeting cards. Old and young alike took selfies and got some "lamb love". It was a great beginning to this year's holidays.

I am looking forward to our luncheon on the 16th. See you all then.

## OUR OFFICERS AND STAFF for 2016-2017

**President** – Georgia Muhs

**Vice President** – Meredith Higgins

**Secretary** – Jane Manley

**Treasurer** – Susan Perri

**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 16, 2016

**Flemington-Raritan Diner, Route 31 North in Flemington:** Lisa M has reserved the Flemington-Raritan Diner Meeting Room for our Holiday Luncheon. After our regularly scheduled 10 a.m. business meeting, we will meet at the diner at 11:30 a.m. We may choose whatever we want to order from their menu and checkout using separate checks. As previously, there will be special door prizes given away! Please don't forget to bring along any holiday table decorations you may want to show. Thank You, Lisa, for taking care of us once again!

*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 23 we will be catching up, finishing our Holiday Gifts and "WIPs".

There is no formal project or program scheduled for this month. Bring in any unfinished projects, holiday gifts, Charity Knitting you would like to continue working on.

We will resume our programs in January and begin learning some new techniques.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### January 13-16, 2016 **Vogue Knitting LIVE!** Marketplace registration is now open!

When you Register for Marketplace tickets, Apply the code **MPKN50** at checkout to get 50% off the regular ticket price. To register go to:

[https://www.vogueknittinglive.com/newyork/20380?utm\\_source=VOGUE+KNITTING+ENEWSLETTER&utm\\_campaign=73a51279cc-](https://www.vogueknittinglive.com/newyork/20380?utm_source=VOGUE+KNITTING+ENEWSLETTER&utm_campaign=73a51279cc-)

[EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2016\\_12\\_02&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_5d24f72d93-73a51279cc-220769249](EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2016_12_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5d24f72d93-73a51279cc-220769249)

## 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.*

### ***“Knitters Unite” through Hunterdon County Library:***

This year the Hunterdon County Library is collecting hand knit or crocheted hats, scarves, socks and mittens for the Flemington Food Pantry, Open Cupboard Food Pantry in Clinton, and other local organizations. There is a need for items to fit babies, children, men and women. Sets would be very welcome. Please mark finished projects either 100% wool – hand wash OR machine washable. Finished knit and crocheted donations will be collected at the circulation desks at Headquarters (Rt. 12), North County and South County branches ***until December 17th only***. Any additional questions? Call Cheryl at (908)788-1422

***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 Are Always Busy!***

Many of us are working on items for ourselves, family members, or for donation. Please bring in your finished projects to show the membership after our Business Meeting. You may inspire someone to try a new technique or style.

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

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