

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2017



OUR MEETINGS

Weekday meetings are held at Raritan Township Police Station multi purpose room. Our meetings this month will be on Fridays, Dec. 15th and 22nd, 2017, from 10am until 2pm, and on Saturday, Dec. 16th from 11am-1pm at the Stangl Farmers' Market in Flemington. As you will recall, business meetings occur at the beginning of the meeting on third Fridays.

Please remember to join us for our new Third Saturday meeting Dec. 16th from 11am-1pm at Stangl Farmers' Market, so we can attract new members that cannot attend our weekday meetings! We had such a wonderful turnout by many Guild members for our initial Third Saturday meeting. Thank you for making time on Saturday! We fielded questions from several potential new members last month, and hope to continue to grow our membership.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Please don't forget we are also having our annual Holiday Luncheon on Friday, **Dec. 15th at noon** at The Longhorn Steakhouse on Rt. 31 North in Flemington, following our usual business meeting. Please sign up by emailing our organizers Susan or Joan at susanr1942@gmail.com or finejoan349@yahoo.com. Please let them know by December 11th so they can make sure to have a place for you. For your convenience, there will be separate checks. Making a donation of a knitting or crocheting-related door prize would be greatly appreciated! We look forward to a festive lunch! Thank you Susan and Joan for all your efforts to make this a great event.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Our membership stands at 53 members.

We'd like to remind everyone that dues for 2018 will be collected in January, 2018, to complete our conversion to the January-December fiscal year. If you cannot attend a meeting, please mail your \$15 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 early in 2018, after the membership list has been completed for the year.

DECEMBER MESSAGE FROM CO-PRESIDENT GEORGIA

Dear Ladies,

This is my final newsletter message. It has been my great pleasure and privilege to serve as your president and co-president for the past four and a half years.

Each month in the newsletter, I have tried to convey my thanks for all your help and kindnesses to me and to one another.

I have also often regaled you with news from the sheeple and my life on the farm. I will miss sharing this part of my life with you, that brings me so much peace and joy.

I have been blessed with so many good things; your friendship, our shared pleasures knitting and crocheting, our losses and our celebrations. I am particularly happy that the Guild will be led by new officers who will bring new

talents, ideas, goals and a great future for our Guild. We are so fortunate to have them.

Thank you for all your support. I wish you a very happy and peaceful holiday season.

Georgia

DECEMBER 2017 AND JANUARY 2018 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Our Guild programs for Fridays, December 15th and December 22nd will be informal, open-knit mornings. Please bring whatever projects you are working on, and spend the time working on them while sitting with us. If you have any past or present project you would like to “show and tell”, please bring it with you for us to admire. We are always appreciative of seeing helpful gadgets, notions, magazines and patterns during “show and tell”, too. Join us for our open knit time on Saturday, December 16th, 11am-1pm, at Stangl Farmers’ Market, too!

Looking ahead, in January, our meetings are on the 19th and 26th. Our program for these meetings will be working on knitting the Baa-ble Mug Cozy. Each cozy kit will be made up for participants and will cost \$10. These will be waiting for everyone who has signed up for the project. The signup sheet will be available again at the December 15th meeting, so if you are interested and have not signed up yet, this would be your opportunity to do so. If you cannot sign the signup sheet and pay at the December meeting but would like to participate, please contact Sue P. via email at pinecrest60@icloud.com, to have her add your name to the list. We hope to see you in December.

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.

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/>

Please visit our website at www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com

Thank you to all who contribute to this newsletter and thank you to all who bring their friendship as well as their handiwork.

Special thanks to Emy M. for the monthly knitting illustration, and to Dorry A. for website management.

“To all dispersed sorts of ARTS AND TRADES, I writ the needles prayse (that never fades). So long as children shall be got or borne, so long as garments shall be made or worn, so long as hemp or flax or sheep shall bear their linnen woollen fleeces yeare by yeare: So long as silk wormes, with exhausted spoile, of their own entrails for mans' gain shall toil: Yea, till the worlde be quite dissolv'd and past; So long, at least, the Needles' use shall last.”

John Taylor, The Praise of The Needle

London, 1640.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY
CHANUKAH AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

This month, attached to this email are the following documents:

November 2017 Meeting Draft Minutes, for your review.