

Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild Newsletter



2015

OUR MEETINGS

All of our meetings from September 2014 through June 2015 will be held at the Raritan Township Municipal Bldg. (Police Station). Our meetings this month are **Friday, February 20th, and Friday, February 27th**. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP

We now have 46 members on our roster. *Welcome* to our two newest members who joined us in January,

Joan Fine AND Susan Rohner!

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Happy Ground Hog's Day to you all! I have missed seeing you at the January meetings, especially Sandy Terp's Lace Knitting lesson, which had rave reviews from what I have heard. Perhaps someone will catch me up at our next meeting.

Special thanks to Fernanda for chairing our meetings and to Trudy and Barb for planning and organizing January's lesson; your help is much appreciated by all of us. It is that spirit of teamwork that is at the heart of this group.

All is well here. Sister Sue is recovering nicely and went back home yesterday, against my better wishes. She missed her family and felt that she could manage, particularly given the doctor's permission to drive; her ticket to freedom. I hope she heeds his warning not to bend or pivot her hip until he sees her again in another couple of weeks. She was a good patient and did all her rehab exercises diligently, which makes her quite mobile at this point. I miss her already; we have never had an opportunity to spend as much time together since our childhood, which was wonderful even given the circumstances.

I hope you are all well and look forward to seeing you on the 20th.

OUR OFFICERS AND STAFF for 2014-2015

President – Georgia Muhs

Vice President - Fernanda Laukaitis

Secretary - Myra Corbett

Treasurer - Barbara Schibilia

Membership - Shirley Covert

Program Co-Chairs – Trudy Grimm /Myra Corbett

Newsletter/Publicity Chairperson – Mary Shanahan

THIS MONTH WE WILL ... Knit, Crochet, Discuss, Trade, and Help!

At our Feb. 20th AND 27th meetings we will be Charity Knitting and Crocheting.

First: please come prepared to discuss your ideas for Charity Knitting and Crocheting recipients. If there is a group about which you are passionate and would like them to receive our donations, please present your ideas to the Guild. If there are more than a few ideas we will vote on where to place our focus. Second: bring any items you would like to work on for the donations. We will have pattern suggestions available, mainly through online links, so that you may choose and print your own if you do not already have a pattern in mind.

Early Spring Cleaning: If you have bits and pieces, scraps, hanks, skeins, whatever shape or form, which you are no longer going to use, bring them in for other members who may be looking for charity work materials. Even if it is not a large quantity perhaps it can be used for a striped hat, scarf or mittens? *Try to bring washable materials due to the donation aspect.*

“Lace Bookmark” Show And Tell: Did you finish your sampler/bookmark? Bring it in to show other members. Are you stuck? *Ask one of us about a “lifeline”...* Bring in your “WIP” and your lace lesson handout to ask for help from fellow members. 1 or 2 cd/DVDs will be available to view for troubleshooting. Sandy Terp has given her OK for us to show her recorded lesson instructions at the meeting.

Some of the projects we can look forward to in Upcoming Months include Crocheted Edgings, and our trip to The Knitters’ Edge.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Guild Trip to the Knitters' Edge, Monday, March 16th. We will be going to the Knitters' Edge, Bethlehem, PA, to a class in which we will work on a Sampler Scarf. Class cost is \$6. You will choose a pattern ahead of time and purchase your yarn onsite. Bring needles sizes 6, 7, and 8 to work with, either double points or circular. Our goal is to work continuously on the project and bring it in for the support of fellow members. For example, if you get stuck during your work you can ask for help and get moving again! At the end we will learn how to block our products. Myra will be teaching us to block in a future Guild meeting.

How about making a "Yarn Crawl" one of your Springtime activities? According to Facebook, the New Jersey Wool Walk is tentatively scheduled for April 16-19, 2015. A quote from their Facebook page says, "The NJ Wool Walk is 4 days of fun and yarny goodness for knitters, crocheters, weavers & spinners. April 16th-19th, 2015 with 14 participating yarn shops!" I have registered to receive email updates so you will know more as soon as I do.

As Spring approaches, I look forward to posting more events in this section ... As always, let me know of anything you would like to see included here, especially to have an activity to look forward to in *warmer* weather!

UPDATED OUTREACH NOTES

If you know of any local non-profit organizations who are struggling during this difficult economy and who would benefit from knitted and crocheted items made by our members, please let us know.

Items Are Needed for "Hope for Veterans": 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 mittens for the upcoming months. 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. Since it is preferred that we do not visit the facility, a contact from the residence has agreed to pick up whatever we can donate by meeting a Guild member at the library. ***PLEASE NOTE: If you have finished items for donation I will collect them from you and I will arrange to meet our representative to give them to her in February or March.***

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. The afghans 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 scrap 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---EVERYONE WANTS TO ADMIRE YOUR CREATIONS!

Please bring your completed projects to "show and tell" our members. We would love for you to share a description of the project, i.e., type of yarn, source of the pattern, special techniques that were used, etc. If you have extra copies of your favorite patterns or links to online resources please share them with us. I would be happy to include them in future group emails, or as part of the Newsletter.

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

