

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



2017

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, February 17th, and Friday, February 24th**. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 48 members listed on our roster, including new and renewed members. By now you should have received the 2016-2017 membership roster by email. If you hear from a friend that they are not receiving their Newsletter, please remind them to renew their membership to get back on the circulation list.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

It is hard to believe that February is upon us already, but time does fly when you are having fun.

Yesterday [February 1] Sue, Meredith and I spent the morning setting up our guild display in the Headquarters' branch of the library. It is quite lovely thanks to the beautiful handiwork of all of our members who donated items for display during the month of February. You must stop in to see it.

We owe our appreciation to the leadership of the library for giving us the space and for the staff at the circulation desk who put up with our chatter and clutter as we worked on the showcase. We also want to thank all of you who lent us your special items.

Special thanks go to Kathryn Vernam for completing the joining of the afghan squares. The afghan looks great draped over a shelf and onto the floor of the display case. For those of you who crocheted all the squares, thank you for your

lovely work and your donation of time and materials. I am certain that we will find a lucky buyer for it at our silent auction in the fall.

At our next meeting we will be sharing our progress with the 40th Anniversary Guild celebration and will be making a final decision on the date and venue. It is still a work in progress as we must coordinate the activities of four county guilds, but we think we are close to a solution.

See you all soon. Happy Groundhog's Day!



The photos above are of the Beautiful Display cases of our Guild items in the Hunterdon County Library, Main Branch, Route 12, Flemington.

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 PROJECTS WILL BE...

February 17 ... More Gansey!

We will be continuing our work on Gansey Sweater Techniques with guidance from Trudy and Rosemary. At the first meeting in January, we began with the Channel Cast On. If you are having any trouble or are just getting started, bring in any questions and get the help you need.

Please bring your directions and materials with you to continue.

On February 24 ... Blocking!

Jo Ellen Burton from Yarn Bazaar in Ewing is planning to bring blocking materials to demonstrate the blocking process. In addition to Jo Ellen's demonstration, we plan to have a collective discussion with members sharing ideas they have gathered through their own blocking experiences. Our aim is that we all gain some additional "tips" on how to block our knitting and crocheting.

VOGUE KNITTING LIVE (VKL), NYC!

I did get to Vogue Knitting Live NYC, and I was excited by the Fashion Shows this year! It was fun to see the garments made with various yarn companies' fibers. Although I only bought accessories for myself, I also came home with a few cards with websites and ideas for sweaters *for me*. It was a nice break to winter doldrums! Once again an exhausting day, but worth the trip for a break in my weekly routine.

SAVE THESE 2017 DATES ... UPCOMING EVENTS

Wool Walk March 30 thru April 2, 2017 ...

"The 2017 New Jersey Wool Walk is just around the corner!

Join us on March 30th thru April 2nd!

Put your pink sneakers on and get ready to discover what makes each participating yarn store in New Jersey special!

In 2016, a total of 195 Passports were turned in, of which 25 participants visited all 15 stores."

The previous notes were quoted from the 2017 website: <https://njwoolwalk.wordpress.com/>

Saturday June 10, 2017 is the next scheduled World Wide Knit in Public

Day! This will likely be a busy date, just as it is a busy time of year with personal commitments such as Graduations on the agenda. It is not too early for us to start planning and to request the date in the Library Meeting Room.

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.

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 for further updates.



"February" Clip Art from: <http://webclipart.about.com/od/holiday/a/february.htm>

And from: <http://cliparting.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/February-clip-art-february-clipart-photo-niceclipart-2.png>