

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY 2020

OUR MEETINGS

Meetings are held at Raritan Township Police Station multi purpose room. Our meetings this month will be on Fridays, February 21 and 28, 2020, from 10am until 2pm. Business meetings occur at the beginning of the meeting on third Fridays. Please note 3 changes to our regular meeting schedule for 2020 listed in our “Administrative Items” section.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 41 paid members. Dues are \$15 per year and Shirley C. will be collecting 2020 dues at our meetings. If you would rather renew your membership by mail, please send payment to Shirley Covert, PO Box 387, Neshanic Station, NJ 08853.

FEBRUARY 2020 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Over the next couple of months, the Guild has a number of activities planned. (Our intrepid Activities Chair, Doris, lists these in detail further on in the newsletter.) These are days that we look forward to so that we can either share our skills with the community, or learn something new ourselves. The Executive Committee invites all our members to participate as much as they can in these group events.

As I speak of participation, thank you to all who attended our Winter Luncheon! More than half the Guild attended, and there were great laughs and gifts for all! Thank you to Kathryn V. and Linda Z. for organizing as well as creating such lovely centerpieces, tasty goody bags, and other table decorations.

Enjoy the steadily increasing hours of daylight! I know I do!

Sue



FEBRUARY 2020 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

There are two exciting visitors joining our Guild meetings in February and March. During our program for Friday, February 21 (February 28, if inclement weather) we will welcome Sandy Anderson from Cozy Color Works. She is a vendor we met during the New Jersey Fleece and Fiber Festival last fall. She will be bringing her knowledge of hand dyeing yarns, some display boards with finished projects and lots of colorful yarn for sale.

Our meeting on February 28 will not include a formal presentation, but will instead give you time for working on projects, discussing techniques and collecting new ideas from each other. Please bring any show and tells you would like to share.

On Friday, March 20 we have scheduled a visit from Toby Roxane of Toby Roxane Designs. She too is a vendor we met at the New Jersey Fleece and Fiber Festival last year. If you would like to preview her designs, she has posted numerous patterns on Ravelry. During her visit she will give her lecture: Choosing and Using Hand-Dyed Yarns.

Her description reads: *“Hand-dyed yarns are all the rage and for good reason. These beautiful, unique yarns can add a touch of panache to any project. However, there are a few things to look out for to make sure your project shines as brightly as it can. In this presentation, I will talk about the basics of color theory and how they apply to choosing yarn for a project. I’ll explain all the different varieties of hand-dyed yarn and share some tips and tricks for when (and when not) to use which kind.”*

With all the hand-dyed yarns being used for knitting and crocheting projects, this lecture should be informative. She is happy to answer questions, so bring some along.

Our Friday, March 27 meeting will be informal, with time to work on projects, chat and exchange patterns and ideas. Once again, please bring your projects, either finished or in progress, for our show and tell.

Doris

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Please stop by the Hunterdon County Library, main branch, on Route 12 to view our showcase of lovely handcrafted items by guild members. The display will run throughout the month of February.

We have 3 changes to our regular meeting schedule for 2020. The exceptions are:

July 24th and 31st

November 13th and 20th

December 11th and 18th

Please make a note of these changes on your 2020 calendar.

OUTREACH AND ONGOING PROJECTS

If you know of any local non-profit organizations that 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-byrnesweb-w-schematic.pdf/>

Wigs and Fun Hats for Children: www.halokkeepers.org

Twiddle Muffs For Cognitively Impaired People: Refer to our recent email with the crocheted and knitted versions of the Twiddle Muff pattern attached, or you can also find the patterns by doing a Google search.

UPCOMING FIBER EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

February 2020

All month Hunterdon Knit Crochet Guild Showcase
 Hunterdon County Library, main branch

2/21 Sandy Anderson from Cozy Color Works
 At Guild Meeting (inclement weather date is 2/28)

March 2020

- 3/20 Toby Roxane of Toby Roxane Designs
Presentation: Choosing and Using Hand-Dyed Yarns
At Guild Meeting
- 3/21 Makers Day – Guild will participate at both locations
Hunterdon County Library, North and South branches
- 3/28 Makers Day
Hunterdon County Library, main branch

April 2020

- 4/2 – 4/5 NJ Wool Walk
For a complete list of participating shops, go to:
<https://njwoolwalk.wordpress.com/2020-shops/>



Happy Valentine's Day!

Please visit our website at www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com and our Facebook page!