

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2018



OUR MEETINGS

Weekday meetings are held at Raritan Township Police Station multi-purpose room. Our meetings this month will be on the third and fourth Fridays, January 19th and 26th, 2018, from 10am until 2pm, and on Saturday, January 20th, from 11am-1pm at the Stangl Farmers' Market in Flemington. Business meetings occur at the beginning of the meeting on third Fridays.

Please join us for our third Saturday meeting, this month on January 20th, 11am-1pm, so we can attract new members who are unable to attend our weekday meetings. It's always great to both enjoy your social time knitting **and** catch up on shopping at the Farmers' Market.

Please note (in the program section of this news) the supplies you need to bring to meetings in January, if you are participating in learning the Baa-ble Mug Cozy.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Our membership stands at 53 paid members. Dues will be collected this month, to complete our conversion to a January-December fiscal year. If you cannot give your check to our membership chair Shirley at a meeting, please mail your check for \$15 annual renewal dues made out to Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild to:

Shirley C., membership chair

P.O.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.

JANUARY MESSAGE FROM CO-PRESIDENT MEREDITH

I am wishing you all a happy and healthy New Year full of great knitting and crocheting successes!

As we express our gratitude to Georgia and Jane for the dedicated service they have provided to the Guild, we welcome our new Executive Board members. Sue P. will now be Co-President, Mary Jane C. as Secretary and Bertha G. as Treasurer. We thank them for accepting these positions and look forward to working with them in their new capacities.

Also, a big thank you goes out to Joan F. and Susan R. for the great job they did hosting our holiday luncheon. Due to the generosity of our members, everyone received a door prize! A highlight of the luncheon was the attendance of our founder, Jo K., and the presentation to Jo of the crocheted afghan created by our members. She is quite a lady!

December's Saturday meeting generated quite a bit of interest, as shoppers stopped by to chat and take brochures. We hope to see some of them return for the January 20th meeting at Stangl Farmers' Market.

Please remember to bring your knitted or crocheted items to a January meeting so they can be displayed at the Hunterdon County Library on Rt. 12 during the month of February.

Our Guild is successful due to the active involvement and dedication of its members. I am looking forward to a year full of new knitting and crocheting projects and techniques. We learn so much from each other.

Meredith

JANUARY 2018 PROGRAMMING ACTIVITY

Our program activity for both meetings in January focuses on the knitting of the “Baa-ble Mug Cozy”. If you did not choose to make a cozy, please bring whatever you are working on, and if you have a “show and tell”, please bring it, too.

If you ordered a kit on the signup sheet, it will be ready and waiting for you at the meeting on the 19th. If you have not already emailed Sue P. or Doris G., letting one of them know you would like the pattern included in your kit, you will need to print a copy of the pattern from Ravelry. It is the “Baa-ble Mug Cozy” by Donna Smith. When printing from Ravelry, use the Guild17 code to receive a 20% discount on the pattern. It is approximately \$3.00.

In addition to the pattern you will need:

Needles: A set of 3 or more double-pointed needles (DPNs) **or** 2 16”-20” circular needles, **or** a circular needle long enough for using magic loop technique. Regardless of the type of needle, the size of the needle should be 3 mm metric or/size 2 or 3.

Stitch markers, a blunt needle and scissors.

The new skills you might learn during construction of this cozy include: knitting in the round, using magic loop technique, picking up stitches, reading a chart, cable cast on, backward loop cast on, color knitting, and steeking. This is clearly a skill-packed project! Ladies, warm up your needles!

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 in this section.

Warm Up America: An ongoing project, the goal is this nationwide 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 hurricanes or tornadoes. Forty nine blocks that measure 7"x9" are joined together to complete an afghan. Use your leftover stash yarn to make some 7"x9" 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 can be found at:

<http://seamenschurch.org/sites/default/files/sci-1898-hat-kristine-byrnes-web-w-schematic.pdf/>

KNITTING TRIVIA: " Scottish folklore identifies Nicnevin, Queen of the Faeries, as a kind of mother goddess/witch. It was said that if a woman left her knitting or spinning unfinished at The New Year, Nicnevin would steal it. One folklore source says that Yule was one of Nicnevin's special days, and if a woman didn't finish her spinning before that day, Nicnevin would steal the fiber from her distaff to punish her for working on Nicnevin's holiday! " Uh oh. You had better finish your projects, ladies!

From Knitting Ephemera by Carol J. Sulcoski, 2015.

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND STAY WARM!!

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