

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHET GUILD NEWSLETTER



2016

OUR MEETINGS

All of our meetings from September 2015 through June 2016 will be held at the Raritan Township Municipal Bldg. (Police Station). Our meetings this month are **Friday, June 17th, and Friday, June 24th**. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Summer Reminder: This will be the last issue of the Newsletter until September. Please continue to check your email for updates and communications about Upcoming Events such as the 4H Fair in August, and for any Special Announcements that may arise.

MEMBERSHIP

We now have 60 members listed on our roster, including renewals and new members.

Welcome to Our Newest Member, Kathryn V!

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As we look back on a busy spring and anticipate our Needlework Competition at the 4H Fair in August and our booth at the Fiber Festival in September, there are so many people to thank for our successful projects.

Let's start with our fabulous program committee with Trudy aided by Barb O., Mary S. and Doris G. They have provided us with lessons and demos on a variety of topics, the most recent being Carol Ann K.'s "Finger Knitting" and Carol R.'s "Choosing Personal Colors". The field trips to Kraemer's in Nazareth and Lion Brand in Carlstadt were enjoyed by all able to attend.

We also appreciate Sue Perri's acceptance of the role of Treasurer as Bob retires and moves away. Bob will maintain her Guild membership and promises to join us as

often as she can. Sue's business background makes her a natural for her new duties as well as helping us navigate through the insurance/tax issues that may arise as we take on new ventures.

We are fortunate to have so much talent among our members. Thank you all for sharing your ideas, expertise, energy and enthusiasm. See you at the luncheon, June 17th followed on the 18th by the annual Knit in Public Day at the Hunterdon County Library on Route 12 in Flemington where we will celebrate all that we love in our craft and the people who share our passion.

OUR OFFICERS AND STAFF FOR 2015-2016

President – Georgia Muhs

Vice President – Barbara Osmolski

Secretary – Jane Manley

Treasurer – Susan Perri

Membership - Shirley Covert

Program Co-Chairs – Trudy Grimm & Doris Gullion

Newsletter/Publicity Chairperson – Mary Shanahan

THIS MONTH ...

Friday, June 17th we will have our business meeting at 10 a.m., followed by our Luncheon. *THE ANNUAL GUILD SPRING LUNCHEON* ... will be in the party/meeting room of the Flemington-Raritan Diner, 324 Route 31 North, Flemington. As previously, we will gather at noon, order any item from their menu, and pay by individual checks.

Friday, June 24th we will be ... watching a video Demonstration of an unusual knitting technique. Members will watch the video and try the technique.

MATERIALS NEEDED: a small skein of yarn and needles of appropriate size for your yarn.

Anyone who prefers to work on their square for our Guild afghan may do so.

SAVE THESE 2016 DATES ... UPCOMING EVENTS

Ready to try the **2016 Hudson Valley Yarn "Cruise"**? It will begin June 18 (Worldwide Knit in Public Day) and continue through Labor Day. This is a yarn shop hop up and down the Hudson River, and is the same idea as the NJ Wool Walk. Collect stamps from as many shops as you can, receive prizes, and you have the whole summer to shop for yarn while you do this!

<https://www.facebook.com/Hudson-Valley-Yarn-Shop-Cruise-485467194955265/>

NOTE: You don't need a Facebook account to view this information.

We will be hosting a **WWKIP Day** (Worldwide Knit in Public Day) held this year on Saturday, **June 18**. We will be in the large main floor meeting room of the Route 12 Main Branch of the Hunterdon County Library, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come for as long or short a time as you would like!

In Stitches In Person ... a new event with columnist Pam MacKenzie and designer Nicky Epstein will be held Saturday, **June 25** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A sampling of what will be offered includes talks: a trunk show, autographed books by Nicky E, vendors, T-shirts, buttons, locally dyed yarns and much more! Location: Asbury Hall, Bound Brook United Methodist Church. Please look up this event at the following link, where you may purchase tickets online:

<https://tickets.mycentraljersey.com/e/in-stitches-in-person/preview>. *

Stitch 'n' Pitch is scheduled for Thursday, August 18 at the Somerset Patriots' Game, TD Bank Ballpark, and it will be a Fireworks night. *Please be prepared to provide your attendance decision at our June 17th Meeting*; we will need to pass along a head count for the donated yarn. Found in comments at the web link above (*end of previous paragraph*)*, Pam has said she hopes to soon have more details and a web address for this game. "We're going to be making chemo caps again because we had so much fun doing it last year. It's a little early, but you already are asking how to order tickets, so the Patriots will have a website for us soon. Be sure to use the specific Stitch & Pitch web page to order tickets or, if you don't want to order online, be sure to say you want to be in the Stitch & Pitch section when you call. Otherwise, who knows where they will seat you?" * FYI - Last year we had seats behind Home Plate - Wow!

GARDEN STATE SHEEP & FIBER FESTIVAL ... SEPTEMBER 10 & 11

Just a few months from now, so we do need to complete our planning. Georgia has registered our Guild to participate, and we will have an official booth. See Barb O. to participate in a committee to help the Guild have another successful showing at the festival. We need to develop a plan to oversee and sort items being brought in, how items will be displayed, and how our sale will be organized.

OPEN HOUSE AT THE HUNTERDON COUNTY LIBRARY ... October 15, 12 - 5 PM

Georgia has arranged for us to hold an open house reception in the large main floor meeting room of the Route 12 Main Branch of the Hunterdon County Library. More details to come. Bring a WIP (work in progress), share our excitement for our craft, and meet potential members. Thank you for your votes!

OUTREACH

As always, 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.

“Hope for Veterans” - Items Always Needed: 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 socks. 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. A reminder that it is preferred that we do not visit the facility, so a contact from the residence has agreed to pick up whatever we can donate by meeting a Guild member at the library.

PLEASE NOTE: Barbara O or Mary S will collect finished items and arrange delivery to organization representatives.

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!

Thank you to Carol R. for sharing your work on the afghan repair project requested through our website. Your attention to detail is an inspiration.

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.

“June” Clip Art From <http://www.allthingsclipart.com/june.clipart.htm>

Happy Summer Everyone!