

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



2018

OUR MEETINGS

Weekday meetings are held at Raritan Township Police Station multi purpose room. Our meetings this month will be on Fridays, June 15th and 22nd, 2018, from 10am until 2pm. Business meetings occur at the beginning of the meeting on third Fridays. Our Summer Luncheon will follow the June 15th meeting, at Capuano in Flemington.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Our membership stands at 54 members. Dues are \$15 for renewal and \$30 new member one-time fee, which includes a Guild Tote Bag.

If you cannot attend a meeting or have not paid your dues yet, please mail your \$15 or \$30 check for annual dues, made out to The Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild to:

Shirley C. , Membership Chair

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We will provide you with an updated membership contact list sometime soon, after the membership list has been completed for the year.

MAY MESSAGE FROM CO-PRESIDENT SUE

Summertime! And I hope “the living is easy” for our Guild members. In June, we wrap up the first half of the “business” portion of our year. As a group, we have accomplished many things. The entire Executive Committee thanks all of the members who have volunteered and made these first 6 months so enjoyable and successful. As individuals, however, your output is truly impressive! You have started and completed projects that demonstrate your skills and artistry, all the while living full lives with your family, friends and work. Some have “completed” more than others, but, then again, some of us suffer more from “startitis” than others.

Summer also brings our preparations for the Hunterdon County 4H Fair, and the NJ Sheep and Fiber Festival. The 4H Fair is Wednesday, August 22nd through Sunday, August 26th. The skills of this group will be well represented! The NJ Sheep and Fiber Festival will be the weekend after Labor Day, on September 8th and 9th. We will have an information table there, and it will be great to have as many members as possible to sit and visit.

So how do you organize your “summer” craft projects? Personally, I need a lot more “car knitting”, and socks start to dominate my knitting bag. Sweaters and wraps are great projects, and I love them, but at some point they become bigger, heavier, and just too bulky to work on in July and August. (This can become even more of a problem when you have a feline who shares your love of real wool, and needs to sit on the wool while it is actively on your needles).

Whatever you plan for your needles and hooks this summer, I hope it brings you calm and pleasure.

Thanks,

Sue

JUNE and SUMMER 2018 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Summer is just around the corner along with Community Day, Knit In Public Day and the 4H Fair. Community Day is on June 2nd from 11am -4pm at The Hunterdon County Fairgrounds. There will be a table with information on the Guild and projects completed by our members.

Knit In Public Day will be on June 9th, at Stangl Farmers' Market in Flemington from 9am-3pm, and details will be forthcoming about the 4H Fair August 22nd to 26th. Forms for entries are due August 18th. Some details for the 4H Fair and Sheep and Fiber Festival can be found in May's meeting minutes.

These summer months seem to be a good time to work on personal knit or crochet projects. One of the projects you might be thinking about during these lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer is selecting a pattern and gathering the materials to make a felted bag this fall. Ravelry has numerous knit and crochet bag patterns, and I have made several felted bags from *Pursenalities* and *Pursenalities Plus* by Eva Wiechmann. Used copies of both of these books are available at Amazon for about \$5 including shipping. I will bring my copies to our June 22nd meeting if you would like to look through them before deciding on a purchase. I also will bring some crochet bag ideas. If you have patterns for felted projects, please bring them along, so, while working on our current projects, we can begin to plan our next ones.

Doris

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.

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-byrnes-web-w-schematic.pdf/](http://seamenschurch.org/sites/default/files/sci-1898-hat-kristine-byrnes-web-w-schematic.pdf) The Christmas In July Seamens' Event has been cancelled.

Please visit our website at www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com

Attached to this newsletter are the following documents:

May 2018 Meeting Draft Minutes, and the HAM Thank You letter, for your review.

Please note that there are no newsletters for the months of July and August.

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY AND HAVE A
GREAT SUMMER!**