

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

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership remains at 48 members on our roster, including new and renewed members.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As February draws to a close it seems as though Spring will visit early this year. In fact the daffodil leaves are bursting through the winter mulch. The buds on the earliest varieties are swelling so much that I fear that a very cold snap will freeze them before they get a chance to fill the beds with their yellow glow. Our old farm is at its very prettiest during the daffodil season; they make me happy just looking at them.

Although there will be no spring lambs in the barn this year, last year's girls are looking wonderful with long, lovely black, brown and grey fleeces. There will be another renewal of life upstairs in the barn. This morning I was scolded by a darling little wren who is building her nest in an empty hay loft, which is a better location than last year when she built it on a shelf on top of some tools. Of course now we won't be able to check the hatching progress, but she won't be as stressed hidden high up out of sight.

Those of us attending the blocking lesson last week enjoy our guests, Jo Ellen and Jack Burton from the online store, Yarn Bazaar, who did a nice job and answered

many questions and offered several tools for purchase for our growing number of lace knitters. Thank you to Doris for finding them for us.

We owe a real debt of gratitude to our dear Trudy who has tirelessly been our Program Committee Chair for many, many years and is retiring from the post. Trudy has made sure that we have had programs for all levels of knitters and crocheters, including field trips to a variety of knit shops and mills. Thank you Trudy for your great service to our Guild.

See you all soon. Happy Spring!!!

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

SPECIAL THANK YOU ATTACHED!

In the email to which I attached this Newsletter, there is a copy of the Thank You Letter sent to our Guild (via Georgia M.) from Veterans' Haven North. Their organization is so grateful for our contribution of the proceeds from our afghan auction!

THIS MONTH'S PROJECTS WILL BE...

March 17 ... More Gansey!

We will be continuing our work on Gansey Sweater Techniques with guidance from Trudy and Rosemary.

Please remember to bring your directions and materials so you may continue.

March 24 ... Tea Cozies, both Knit and Crochet!

Members are encouraged to look at the websites included at the end of the Newsletter, and choose a pattern they would like to use for their tea cozy project. Members should also *bring your tea pot* so you may learn through a demonstration of how to accurately measure for your work. According to your pattern choice, also bring the knitting needles/crochet hook and yarn required so you may get started. Such a selection of beautiful patterns!

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. As in past years, we are aiming for 10 am to 2 pm presence at the Library, to mimic our Guild meeting hours.

October 21, 2017 ... We are going to the New York Sheep and Wool Festival in Rhinebeck, NY (<http://sheepandwool.com/events/>).

This world famous fiber festival (there are even garments made each year in honor of the event) is a real experience. We will be taking a 49 passenger coach bus that has comfortable seats, great lighting and a bathroom on-board. The bus will leave from the Flemington Park and Ride on Route 12 at 6:30 am and return around 7:15 pm. The projected cost will be between \$40-50 per person, depending on the number of passengers, and it will include. Guild members who are interested should sign up by the June 16th meeting. You can include a friend or relative that you would like to invite. If we have additional room after that date, we will open the trip up to the public.

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.

Perhaps we can add Knitted Knockers or a Baby Hat ministry for a specific health cause to a local hospital?

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.

"March" Clip Art from: http://www.emblibrary.com/EL/Product_images/D9709.jpg

Websites and Photos for Tea Cozy Projects:

CROCHET OPTIONS:

1. Ravelry Name: Rosy Posy Tea Cosy

Alternate Website:

<https://thegreendragonfly.wordpress.com/2012/11/11/crochet-tea-cosy-pattern/>



2. Ravelry Name: Granny Tea Cozy

Alternate

Website: <https://crochethealingandraymond.wordpress.com/2010/11/16/granny-tea-cozy-tutorial-hurray/>



3. Ravelry Name: Whoo Wants Tea? Tea Cozy

Alternative Name: <http://www.yarnspirations.com/patterns/whoo-wants-tea-tea-cozy.html>



KNIT OPTIONS:

1. <http://www.instructables.com/id/How-to-knit-a-quotproperquot-English-tea-cosy/>



2. <http://www.handylittleme.com/new-blog/2015/1/26/ice-cream-swirl-tea-cosy-free-knitting-pattern>



3. <http://www.knitting-and.com/knitting/patterns/teacosies/cable-teacosy.htm>



5. <http://www.knitting-and.com/knitting/patterns-teacosies.htm>

(Several photo options from which to choose)

6. <http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/st-rawberry-tea-cosy>



4. <http://www.knitting-and.com/knitting/patterns/teacosies/daffodil-st-cosy.htm>



7. <http://www.buttonsandbeeswax.com/patterns/free-knitting-patterns/halloween-pumpkin-tea-cosy/>

