

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER

march 2018



OUR MEETINGS

Weekday meetings are held at Raritan Township Police Station multi purpose room. Our meetings this month will be on Fridays, March 16th and 23rd, 2018, from 10am until 2pm, and on Saturday, March 17th from 11am-1pm at the Stangl Farmers' Market in Flemington. Business meetings occur at the beginning of the meeting on third Fridays.

Please remember to join us for our Third Saturday meeting March 17th from 11am-1pm at Stangl Farmers' Market.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Our membership stands at 54 members, plus 3 Saturday honorary 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

PO 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.

We wish a hearty welcome to our newest member, Carol S.!

MARCH MESSAGE FROM CO-PRESIDENT MEREDITH

Spring is on its way. For the most part, it is great weather for wearing beautifully hand knit or crocheted shawls or ponchos, even though March is notorious for a snowstorm or two!

This past month, the Guild (ie. Mary Jane) has pushed me into the modern world of Facebook. Although I went kicking and screaming, am not tech savvy, do not plan to acquire Facebook friends or to personally post, I am enjoying having access to our group on the site. Trudy has posted lots of photos of meetings and show-and-tells. She included a great summary of the program by Youghioghenny Yarns with a video of the "Afterthought Heels" tutorial. So, if you missed it or want a visual review, check it out on our Facebook page.

In addition, Sue P. and Mary Jane have been busy posting many items of note in the world of knit and crochet. I think this is a great way to draw interest to our Guild.

As we continue our attempt to start a Saturday Guild group, it is great to see those of you who are able to attend come out and support our efforts. Linda has very graciously been teaching knitting and crocheting during the last two meetings at Stangl. Please spread the word in any way you can.

The display of handicrafts at the library was a great success, showcasing the Guild's talented members. I got very positive feedback from those who had seen it.

Also, a big thank you to the "Karen and Karen" team for taking our members' photos.

I also heard that Joan F. and Susan R. have agreed to chair our Spring Luncheon. Thank you, ladies! You do such a great job. Please keep it in mind if anyone has any prizes to donate.

Looking forward to our next meeting,

Meredith

MARCH2018 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

At our last meeting, you might have bought a skein or two of yarn from Youghioghenny Yarns. If you are working on a project with it, please bring it to show us. Otherwise, assuming you have several projects, please bring one you'd like to work on. If there is any problem you have encountered on a project, bring that, too, and maybe we can help. We will spend our March meetings knitting, crocheting and chatting.

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/>

Please visit our website at www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com

This month, attached to this email are the following documents:

February 2018 Meeting Draft Minutes, for your review.

HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY AND HAPPY PASSOVER!

