

## 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, May 19<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. 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***

I want to start by thanking everyone who brought in Show and Tell items last month. We had an array of beautiful projects as well as a couple of works-in-progress. We are a very productive and talented group. I hope that some of you will enter your items in the 4 H Fair in August.

We also found two volunteers to organize our June luncheon. Joan F. and Sue R. will take on this job and will research a possible new venue. Thank you both. We also found two coordinators for the World Wide Knit in Public Day scheduled for Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Farmers' Market in the Stangl building. Susan F. and her Mom, Lydia will design a flyer to advertise the event and a poster to place outside of the event and draw the knitters in. They will help to pull the event together and make it a success.

For those of you who were not at the April meeting we are thinking about changing our leadership structure to elect co-presidents instead of a single president. This change would divide the responsibilities of the office and give coverage when one of the co-presidents is ill or wants to take an extended

vacation. They will share chairing of the meetings and other tasks. Also, by staggering the co-presidency terms, it will give an incoming person an opportunity to work with someone with experience for at least a year. We decided to give this idea a 6 month trial by extending my term until December and Meredith will become the other co-president. We will work together in every aspect of this role.

We will be voting to make this change during our first meeting in May. If the co-president concept works as well as we anticipate, we will make the necessary changes to the by-laws to accommodate it when we revise them. I hope that you will give this idea some thought and be ready to vote in May.

Jane's term as secretary is coming to an end and we are looking for someone to step into Jane's shoes. There may be a way to make the secretary's job easier and more efficient which we will also discuss at the May meeting.

Once again I want to thank you all for volunteering to keep our Guild strong and growing. You are a great group and it has been my great privilege to serve as your president.

## **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

## **A NOTE ABOUT NEWSLETTER AND PUBLICITY FROM MARY S:**

I WILL BE LEAVING THE OFFICE OF NEWSLETTER AND PUBLICITY CHAIR AFTER THE JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER IS PUBLISHED. PLEASE CONTACT ME BY MY PERSONAL EMAIL (*NOT THE GUILD EMAIL ADDRESS*) IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHADOW ME WHILE I PASS ALONG SOME TIPS AND NOTES WHICH MAY BE OF ASSISTANCE AS YOU CONTINUE.

**THIS MONTH'S PROJECTS ARE ...** May 19<sup>th</sup> and May 26<sup>th</sup> members may begin knitting or crocheting "knockers" for donation at the WorldWide Knit in Public day on Saturday, June 10. Check <https://www.knittedknockers.org/> for a definition of a "knocker," yarn suggestions, and knit and crochet patterns to use for this project. The guild can supply some cotton yarn if someone needs it.

**Members may also/instead want to knit or crochet their swatches for our Upcoming Class on Seaming and Finishing, to be held at The Knitter's Edge on Monday, June 5 at 10:00 with JoAnne.**

*There is an \$8 fee for this class. It would be best to pay Sue P for the class, and Sue will pay Knitter's Edge with a check from the Guild.*

You have Homework for the Knitter's Edge class!

You will need to knit 3 Swatches in total. **NOTE:** Please use light to medium colors only.

Using Encore or a similar flat worsted weight yarn, please make 2 swatches as follows:

With size 8 needles, loosely cast on 20 sts.

Work in st st (knit one row, purl one row) for 22 rows. Bind off loosely on the knit side (RS). DO NOT weave in any ends.

For your Third swatch ... Using Encore or a similar flat worsted weight yarn, please make 1 swatch as follows:

With size 8 needles, loosely cast on 22 sts.

Work in st st (knit one row, purl one row) for 20 rows.

*Come to class with the sts still on the needle.* This swatch will be used to teach neck shaping and picking up of sts.

Please bring a metal seaming needle, scissors, and your 3 swatches (3<sup>rd</sup> one still on the needles) to class.

The first 2 swatches for seaming may be **crocheted** instead of knitted. The size of each swatch is approximately 4" x 4".

Of course we are always interested in show and tells and members may bring a current project to work on if they'd prefer.

## **GUILD TOTE BAGS!**

As decided at the April business meeting, we are ordering Guild tote bags. These zippered bags are made of a high quality, waterproofed nylon, with an interior pocket. They will be available in 3 colors, and will cost \$15 each.

They should be available for our May meetings!

## SAVE THESE 2017 DATES ... UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Saturday, June 10, 2017 is the next scheduled World Wide Knit in Public Day and we are trying a new locale this year!**

A new spot has been secured in the Stangl Factory Farmers' Market, near Turntable Junction in Flemington.

Members Susan F. and her Mom, Lydia, will be coordinating our participation this year. The market can be found online at [www.stanglfactory.com](http://www.stanglfactory.com)

This venue includes an inside location with restrooms available, and we will be very public to the market traffic. We are scheduled to be 'knitting in public' from 10 am to 2 pm to mimic our Guild meeting hours. Members will need to bring their own chairs *and there is one other special request ... we have been asked to bring some Knitted Knockers to donate for Breast Cancer mastectomy recipients.* The background for Knitted Knockers as well as knit *and* crochet patterns are available on their website at [www.knittedknockers.org](http://www.knittedknockers.org)

### **\*\* UPDATED DETAILS \*\* October 21, 2017 ... We are going to the New York Sheep and Wool Festival in Rhinebeck, NY**

*Please bring your \$20/person deposit by the May 19th business meeting, if you are interested in going on our Rhinebeck trip in October.*

This world famous fiber festival is an exciting 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 at 6:30 am from the Flemington Park and Ride on Route 12, 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 your transportation as well as your ticket into the Festival. Guild members who are interested should sign up by the May 19th meeting at the latest. You can include a friend or relative that you would like to invite, at the guild price.

If we have additional room after that date, we will open the trip up to the public, for a \$5 surcharge. The website for the festival is <http://sheepandwool.com/events/>

## 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 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.

***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](http://www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com) for further updates.***

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