

Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild Newsletter



November 2014

OUR MEETINGS

All of our meetings from September 2014 through June 2015 will be held at the Raritan Township Municipal Bldg. (Police Station). Our meetings this month are **Friday, November 21st, and Friday, November 28th**. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

REMINDER ... Our dues remain at \$10.00 for the 2014-15 year, and were payable at our September meeting. *There are currently 36 paid members out of the 53 names listed on our roster. If you are still interested in remaining a member on our roster, please pay your dues so that we may update our membership list and distribute it to all of our members in a timely fashion.* Checks should be made payable to the "Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild". Please see Shirley Covert to renew your membership and update any information which has changed over the last year. Checks can also be mailed to Shirley Covert at PO Box 387, Neshanic Station, NJ 08853. Be sure to include your name, address, phone number and email address to ensure that you receive our newsletters and any other pertinent information.

A Friendly Welcome to our newest member, Meredith Higgins!

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Thank you to Trudy and Barbara for the October programs and projects. It seems they have another surprise project for us for November. It is always fun to see what these creative ladies will come up with next. For November's project they are planning to use a type of yarn that I really love working with so I am sure we will make something lovely.

I would like all of you to think about the possibility of initiating and planning a Festival of the Guilds for 2016. It would be wonderful to assemble all the county guilds under one roof for a celebration of our history and our respective crafts with Jo Knobloch, the woman who made it all possible more than thirty years ago.

As part of our meeting agenda at the November meeting, I would like to discuss this idea further to get an idea of your interest in such a venture. If we decide that this would be a worthwhile project, we would then form a committee to approach the leaders of the other guilds in the county for further input and planning.

A festival including all the guilds could be a wonderful way to promote our crafts and share our expertise with other members of the community and hopefully foster a new generation of craftspeople.

See you all soon.

OUR OFFICERS AND STAFF for 2014-2015

President – Georgia Muhs

Vice President - Fernanda Laukaitis

Secretary - Myra Corbett

Treasurer - Barbara Schibilia

Membership - Shirley Covert

Program Co-Chairs – Trudy Grimm /Myra Corbett

Newsletter/Publicity Chairperson – Mary Shanahan

NOTE to READERS: *The websites and links in this Newsletter are intended to be helpful in deciding what projects you will try at our meetings. They can also help us cut down on printing and copying costs by members printing their own patterns and bringing them to the meeting.*

THIS MONTH'S PROJECT/TECHNIQUE(S):

This month we will be making a *Mystery Project with a new technique* during our first meeting (this technique can be done by knitters and crocheters and both lefties and righties). The next week (which is also "Black Friday") will be time to work on your unfinished holiday projects. If you need some ideas for quick and easy "*Last Minute Easy Holiday Gifts*" we have put together a few suggestions that you may like to try. Most of these are from Ravelry.com and all are free. The attached pdf file has pictures along with the Ravelry pattern name, as well as an alternate website for those who are not Ravelry participants to find the pattern. (Note: the pdf file is a separate attachment to the Newsletter email.)

For Nov. 21 please bring ...

One skein of your Chunky or Super Bulky yarn, #6 weight which is all you need to learn this new technique, **and no needles are needed!** If you choose to buy yarn, the

recommended quantity for the entire project is 2 skeins of the same color or two coordinating colors, 90 yards per skein – again, no needles needed. *You may have a finished item in as little as 30 minutes!*

Nov. 28 please bring ...

Your unfinished holiday projects, and for the *Last Minute Easy Holiday Gifts* please refer to the attached patterns for the crochet hook and knitting needles size.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 15-18, 2015 Vogue Knitting LIVE! According to their publicity: “The Ultimate Knitting Event” is celebrating its 5th year in the Big Apple, the biggest knitting event on the east coast! “To celebrate 5 years, they’ve put together an impressive lineup of teacher & classes featuring more than 95 new classes & 55 exclusive classes that you can only take at Vogue Knitting LIVE!” For a sneak peak at the class line up and vendors, visit this website: <http://www.vogueknittinglive.com/ehome/90620/classes/>

OUTREACH

There are undoubtedly many local non-profit organizations who are struggling during this difficult economy. If you know of any that would benefit from knitted and crocheted items made by our members, please let us know.

Hats for the Homeless: Homeless men in our surrounding area are always in need of warm hats. Trudy Grimm is taking donations for this project. Make a few from your scrap yarn and help those in need.

Warm Up America: This is an ongoing project. The goal of the nation-wide “Warm Up America” afghan project is to provide warm crocheted or knitted afghans to anyone in need. These afghans are distributed to various agencies. The Red Cross and Salvation Army distribute the afghans to victims of natural disasters, area homeless, and for families and those 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 scrap yarn to make some 7”x 9” knitted and crocheted blocks. Myra will continue to collect them throughout the year.

SHOW AND TELL---EVERYONE WANTS TO ADMIRE YOUR CREATIONS!

Please bring your completed projects to “show and tell” our members. We would love for you to share a description of the project, i.e., type of yarn, source of the pattern, special techniques that were used, etc. If you have extra copies of your favorite patterns or links to online resources please share them with us. I would be happy to include them in future group emails, or as part of the Newsletter. *Thank you to Carol Ann for sharing the beautiful knitted dress her Mother had made for her. Thanks to all*

who shared with us in October – we have so much talent and many beautiful projects to share with each other!

Please visit our website www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com for further updates.

