

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



2017

OUR MEETINGS

Meetings will continue to be held at Raritan Township Police Station multi purpose room. Our meetings this month will be on Fridays, Nov. 17th and 24th, 2017, from 10am until 2pm. Please note that Nov. 24th meeting is the day after Thanksgiving. As you will recall, business meetings occur at the beginning of the meeting on third Fridays.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Our membership has increased and stands at 53 members. We wish a hearty welcome to our newest (and returning?) member, Judith R. Welcome, Judith!

Also, we'd like to remind everyone that dues for 2018 will be collected in January, to complete our conversion to the January-December fiscal year.

BYLAWS REVISIONS

Attached please find a copy of our proposed revised bylaws. All changes and additions to the bylaws are in **RED ITALICS**. Please read them, and bring any comments or suggestions to the November business meeting on 11/17. We will schedule a vote on the bylaws at the Nov. 17th meeting. Please let Sue Perri know if you have any comments, corrections or additions (including grammar and punctuation) that you feel should be made prior to the meeting when we vote. Thank you for all your input!

NOVEMBER MESSAGE FROM CO-PRESIDENT MEREDITH

A very big THANK YOU goes out to Sue P. for organizing our first Guild bus trip to The Dutchess County Sheep and Wool Festival in Rhinebeck, NY. She took care of everything including researching transportation, handling finances, advertising, purchasing snacks and lastly, making sure everyone was on the bus both coming and going! Everything went without a hitch and everyone had a great day. Thank you, Sue.

This was my first time going to Rhinebeck, and I must say it was a bit overwhelming. I had never heard of Miss Babs yarn, and couldn't believe the extremely long line of people with armfuls of yarn, waiting outside the building to pay for their purchases. The line continued throughout the day. Amazing!

My husband accompanied me and was very patient, but now he's having nightmares of being chased by skeins of yarn.

Another first for the Guild is the start of Saturday meetings at the Stangl Farmers' Market on Saturday, November 18th from 11am to 1pm. I am looking forward to seeing those of you who are able to come and help welcome potential new members.

Happily, Joan F. and Sue R., who had done such a great job arranging our June 2017 luncheon, have agreed to take on the December luncheon. Hopefully, it will work out for the December 15th meeting. Stay tuned for details.

Also in the works is an online Guild calendar which will aid us in planning and preparing for upcoming events.

While reading the newsletter, “The Knitters’ Review” by Clara Parkes, I learned of a book that I thought might be of interest to our members. It’s called, “Knitting Comfortably: The Ergonomics of Handknitting”, by Carson Demers. Carson is a physical therapist who is also a knitter and spinner. It’s expensive at \$46, and with shipping it is \$60.55 on his site, but \$99.99 on Amazon. I had a chance to look at a copy since a fellow knitter had purchased it, and I can see why it is expensive. It is a large book, chock full of diagrams and photographs and it is reportedly a pleasant read. It also relates to activities other than knitting. You can access Clara Parkes review online through this link, <http://www.knittersreview.com/>, as well as her book, “Knitlandia: A Knitter Sees The World”.

Again, thank you to all of you together that make our Guild grow and thrive. Wishing you a happy Thanksgiving with family and friends.

NOVEMBER 2017 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Guild meetings on November 17th and 24th (the day after Thanksgiving) do not include a formal program. You might want to work on holiday gifts, including Rosemary’s (Grandma’s) slippers or the seamens’ cap you may have started at the October 27th meeting. You might also want to bring whatever other projects you are currently working on. It is always interesting and instructive to see these works in progress.

As always, we appreciate when members bring their beautiful finished projects, magazines, books, patterns and notions they find helpful, for our “Show and Tell” segment of the meeting.

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>

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

October 2017 Draft meeting minutes

Thank you Letter From Jo Knobloch

Revised Guild Bylaws Draft For Your Review

Please visit our website at www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com

“As all knit garments are created by the endless combination of only two stitches, my grandmother’s unconditional love also taught me that life is composed of love and hope: a series of knots precisely formed, ties that form relationships and experiences that bind us together.”

Connie Elizabeth Tintinalli

Thank you to all who contribute to this newsletter and
thank you to all who

bring their friendship as well as their handiwork.

HAPPY STITCHING, EVERYONE!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING