

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



2018

OUR MEETINGS

Meetings are held at Raritan Township Police Station multi purpose room. Our meetings this month will be on Fridays, November 16th and 23rd 2018, from 10am until 2pm. Business meetings occur at the beginning of the meeting on third Fridays.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 56 members. Dues are \$15 for renewal and \$30 new member one-time fee, which includes a Guild Tote Bag.

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NOVEMBER CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As crocheters and knitters, we are a pretty lucky group. At least twice a month, we share that “something special” with other people who love what we do. We learn from each other, which carries the benefit of our learning being a positive, bonding experience. As we know, there isn't one “right” way of doing our needlework. We watch an expert, learn technique and then adapt it to our own personal style. Crafters are fortunate because we share skills and passion for something that helps create bonds with our families and with others in our communities.

November is the designated month for “thankfulness” in the U.S. However, that is a state of mind that I would like to celebrate much more frequently. Personally, I have resolved to replace instances of anger and frustration over things that I cannot control with moments of thankfulness and motivation to change the things that I can.

As a group, we are all very thankful for our official “photographer”, Trudy G., along with Mary Jane C., our “Facebook Curator”. Between the two of them, they have helped create an online presence that reflects our warm, talented and friendly group.

If you would like to help expand our wonderful craft this month, there is a project called “10,000 New Knitters”, <https://www.10000newknitters.com>. All of our local yarn shops are participating in the project. If you stop by their shops during the dates listed on the website, there are kits available to help teach new knitters. Thank you to Micki C. for bringing this great project to our attention.

Happy Stitching,

Sue

NOVEMBER 2018 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Fall has arrived and the holidays are rapidly approaching. Our November 16th meeting will be devoted to working on our felted bags, personal projects and charity projects, including Twiddle Muffs, Seamens' Hats and mittens and hats and scarves for the Hunterdon County project for the homeless. Please bring along any Rhinebeck purchases you would like to show us as well as projects you have completed. We all enjoy Show and Tell. Our November 23rd meeting is on "Black Friday", the day after Thanksgiving. If you would like a respite as you move from one busy holiday into the next, stop by to knit or crochet and chat. Remember to bring your finished Seamen Hats by November 23rd so Rosemary can mail them off for the holidays.

Doris

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/>

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WIGS AND FUN HATS FOR CHILDREN

www.halokeepers.org

TWIDDLE MUFFS FOR COGNITIVELY IMPAIRED PEOPLE

Refer to our recent email with the crocheted and knitted versions of the Twiddle Muff pattern attached, or you can also find the patterns by doing a Google search.

Please visit our website at www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com

and our Facebook page!

FIBER TRIVIA DEPT.

The Merino sheep was developed in Spain in the 1200s by royalty who imported rams from Berber tribes in Morocco (a short 8 mile trip across The Strait of Gibraltar) and cross-bred them with their own ewes. The Spanish continued to refine the Merino over the following centuries. The royals strictly protected their claim to these wondersheep, but eventually, they started gifting them to royals in other countries. Merinos are now raised all over the world.

Australia produces over 50 percent of the world's Merino wool.

Merinos grow dense fleece because they have more follicles per square inch of skin than other breeds. Some Merino strains have been bred for wrinkled skin, which increases surface area and leads to more fleece on the animal. If a Merino is not sheared, its dense fleece will keep growing and can endanger the life of the animal.

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!