

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



NOVEMBER 2019

OUR MEETINGS

Meetings are held at Raritan Township Police Station multi purpose room. Our meetings this month will be on Fridays, November 15 and 22, 2019, from 10am until 2pm. Business meetings occur at the beginning of the meeting on third Fridays.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 59 paid members. Dues are \$15 per year.

NOVEMBER 2019 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Many members may agree with me that a favorite part of our meetings is the time we spend “sharing”. We share via our “show and tell” sessions and we share during our informal chats and “catching up” when the formal program is completed. We have members who share generously of their talents and knowledge to teach us those little techniques that add to our skills.

During this month of Thanksgiving, we are grateful for the participation of all our members: Karen M for teaching us German Short Rows, members who volunteer to coordinate some of our outside activities, members who have found free patterns to share with others for our charity knitting, and all the members who share their projects, either as Finished Objects or Works in Progress. We are all made a bit “richer” when we share our experiences.

To all, I hope that you enjoy all of your friends and family as we begin the craziness and fun of November and December. Please try to take time each day with some needles and some fiber in your hands, so that you have the opportunity to reflect upon all of the graces that we share.

Sue

NOVEMBER 2019 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

The rain and gusting winds of the last few days are alerting us to the colder weather ahead. This is a perfect time for our many projects. At our last meeting Karen M. did a comprehensive job explaining the German short row technique along with its uses in creating styling and design elements. This month we are hoping to use our knitting/crocheting time to complete hats for the Brady Beanie project (see below a message from Anita Brady) and the mittens, hats or scarves for the children of the working poor Holiday party (needed by November 22). In addition many of our members are knitting and crocheting holiday gifts.

In general, our program for the next several meetings will provide time to chat and work on your own projects. If you have a technique you would like to learn or share please let me know. We can easily make time for your suggestions. Please also bring any items you would like to share during show and tell.

Here is Anita Brady's message:

“Brady Beanie Update: We have made so much progress since our last update, more than doubling the number of hats received. As of today, we have 169 hats! And, many more are in progress. Thanks for all of your hard work and support.

Requested Deadline: Please provide your hats by November 15th so we can get them labeled, photographed, uploaded to the website and then distributed before Christmas.

Recipients: I am pleased to let you know that we will be hand delivering the hats to several worthy organizations, including: Sydney Kimmel Cancer Center at John Hopkins Medicine; Fox Chase Cancer Center at Hunterdon Medical Center; HomeFront and Trenton Rescue Mission. All of these organizations have expressed how grateful they are to have them.

I am deeply grateful for your continued support.”

Doris

OUTREACH AND ONGOING PROJECTS

If you know of any local non-profit organizations that would benefit from knitted and crocheted items made by our members, please let us know so we may include them here, on the next page.

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-byrnesweb-w-schematic.pdf/>

Wigs and Fun Hats for Children: www.halokkeepers.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.

UPCOMING FIBER EVENTS

You may be interested in attending some of the following events in our (extended) area:

November 2019

9-10 Maryland Alpaca and Fleece Festival
 Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD

January 2020

17 – 19 Vogue Knitting Live
 New York Marriott Marquis, NYC

31 Winter Fiber Retreat (extending through 2/2)
 Amish View Inn, Bird in Hand, Lancaster County, PA
 Contact Barbara Tanner, 717-738-0650 for more info

February 2020

1 – 2 Winter Fiber Retreat (continued from 1/31)
 Amish View Inn, Bird in Hand, Lancaster County, PA
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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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