

# Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild Newsletter



2015

## **OUR MEETINGS**

All of our meetings from September 2015 through June 2016 will be held at the Raritan Township Municipal Bldg. (Police Station). Our meetings this month are **Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**, and **Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## **MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

Our dues will remain at \$10.00 for the 2015-16 year. If you haven't done so already, please renew quickly so that we may distribute our membership list to all of our members in a timely fashion. We currently have 36 members listed on our roster. Checks should be made payable to the "Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild" and may 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 members Candie, Deirdre, Mary Jane, and Miranda!*

## **MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

Happy New Guild Year!! We started our new year with several new members joining our merry band of knitters and crocheters and hope that there will be more to follow thanks to our presence at the Sheep and Fiber Festival.

We owe special thanks to all the members who tended our table at the festival. I think everyone had a great time and met a lot of other fiber enthusiasts, including getting an invitation to visit Lion Brand Yarn Company's mill to see their operation. Thank you to: Mary, Barb, Trudy, Rosemary, Francis, Jane, Bertha, Meredith, Lisa, Myra, Carolyn, Doris and Sue.

Barb joined me and my family and friend, Sandy, in the Shepherd's Lead class on Saturday, and won a ribbon for her lovely knitted scarf. She also crocheted a beautiful flower necklace for little Babette and one for Belle too.

Thank you to Carol Ann K. who presented a demonstration on crocheting hairpin lace last Friday with patterns and samples of several scarves, a shawl, and other smaller items to help get us started on this vintage technique.

See you all in October.

## OUR OFFICERS AND STAFF for 2015-2016

**President** – Georgia Muhs

**Vice President** – Barbara Osmolski

**Secretary** – Jane Manley

**Treasurer** - Barbara Schibilia

**Membership** - Shirley Covert

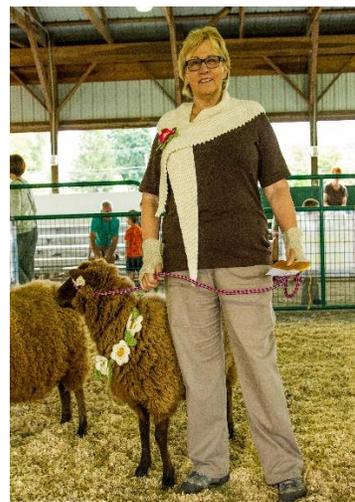
**Program Co-Chairs** – Trudy Grimm /Doris Gullion

**Newsletter/Publicity Chairperson** – Mary Shanahan

## Georgia's Sheep Won More Ribbons This Year!



Our President, Georgia Muhs, with her Grand Champion Ewe, Mocha, at the Garden State Sheep and Fiber Festival in September. In addition to this title, Georgia & Mocha won a First Place Ribbon in the Shepherds' Lead Class. Georgia's daughter, granddaughter, and another close friend won ribbons leading Belle and Truffles, two other of Georgia's "sheep family".



This year Barbara Osmolski joined the fun! Barb led Babette, a one year old brown American Shetland, and together they won a Third Place Ribbon in the Shepherds' Lead Class. Barb is wearing a wool scarf embellished with flowers, and Babette is wearing a necklace made of a wool "i" cord with flowers, all of which were knitted by Barb especially for this event.

## THIS MONTH'S PROJECT/TECHNIQUE(S):

**Oct. 16 we will be working on a knitted Two-Colored Scarf, led by Doris G.**

This will be a segment from a scarf made using two colors of the same weight yarn and needles appropriate for the chosen yarns. Members should bring enough yarn to work

over 38 stitches and 16 rows. Two colors of scrap yarn would be perfect as long as you have enough (specific yardage is undetermined).

The pattern for this project will be sent as a separate attachment to the Newsletter email. Please print out your own copy and bring it with you if you intend to participate in this project.

**Oct. 23 we will be working on knitting with beads, using patterns for projects that Meredith H. demonstrated in the Spring.**

*Please let Meredith know if you are interested in a beaded project for this meeting, so that she can be prepared to help.* Meredith will be available for consultation to get you started as well as while you are working. The beaded bag project has an online source (listed below). The bracelet pattern is from a class taken by Meredith, and she will have the information you need. She will also bring samples for members to see at the Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Suggested materials and sources are listed below.

For a beaded bag: Perle 8 cotton and US size **0000** needles.

(source: <http://www.baglady.com/p/baglady-bead-knitted-pendant-bags-williams> )

Czech Size 11 beads on hanks.

For a beaded bracelet: size 6 beads (ACMoore is a good source).

Worsted weight yarn, a metallic mix or a smooth type, non-woolly.

Size 1 and 2 needles, and a dental floss threader.

**Also on Oct. 23** there will be videos set up for viewing, showing us how to incorporate beads into knitted items such as the edge of a scarf or the cuff of a sweater. Bring your knitting and crocheting and watch with us!

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**October 17 & 18, Saturday and Sunday, New York Sheep and Wool Festival in Rhinebeck.** This event will be at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds and is said to be very well attended! Will this be the year that you and a friend decide to attend? Please visit <http://www.sheepandwool.com/> for additional Festival Info.

**Holiday Luncheon, December 2015**

***That's right, it is not too early to begin planning!*** The available dates for December Fridays at local restaurants will begin disappearing quickly, as other groups and businesses make commitments for their celebrations. Please think about where you may prefer to experience this event and bring it up at an upcoming meeting.

**January 15-17, 2016 Vogue Knitting LIVE!** As of now there is only a “Coming Soon” note on their website, but it will come soon! “The Ultimate Knitting Event” celebrated its 5th year in the Big Apple in January of this year, with an impressive lineup of teachers, classes and vendors. Maybe I will get to attend without getting caught in an ice storm this time? <https://www.vogueknittinglive.com/ehome/index.php?eventid=45793&#>

## **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 and I will happily include them here.*

**“Hope for Veterans”- Items Always Needed:** Men and Women Veterans who live in the residence associated with the Lyons Veterans’ Hospital in Liberty Corner, NJ, are in need of hats, scarves and socks. These are veterans who cannot go out to get their own supplies so we would like to help out by using our talents to make the items they need. A reminder that it is preferred that we do not visit the facility, so a contact from the residence has agreed to pick up whatever we can donate by meeting a Guild member at the library.

*PLEASE NOTE: Barbara Osmolski or Mary Shanahan will collect finished items and arrange delivery to organization representatives.*

**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 scrap 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---EVERYONE WANTS TO ADMIRE YOUR CREATIONS!**

Please place your completed projects on one of the tables at the front of the room. Include a sheet of paper with your name and description of the project, i.e., type of yarn, source of the pattern, special techniques that were used, etc. Remember to bring extra copies of your favorite patterns to share with others.

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