

# Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild Newsletter



2016

## **OUR MEETINGS**

All of our meetings from September 2016 through June 2017 will be held at the Raritan Township Municipal Bldg. (Police Station). Our meetings this month are **Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, and Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## **MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

Our dues have remained at \$10.00 for the 2016-17 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 31 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.

*Warm Welcome to our newest members Mary R, Charlotte D, Judy W, and Carol Ann C!*

## **MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

It appears that summer is on its way out and fall is upon us with cooler weather and the promise of striking autumn colors soon. Perhaps the ride up to Rhinebeck in two weeks will be painted with orange, red and gold.

Last month we had a lovely booth at the Fiber Festival thanks to our team of planners and booth sitters. In spite of the terribly hot weather on Saturday, we had fun being together and were modestly successful financially. We gained some new members and made a few contacts for potential future programs. A significant donation of \$300 for the veterans' home was earned by the sale of our stunning knitted afghan. Thank all of you who made the squares and to Elaine who did such a great job of piecing them.

I hope that you are thinking about what you want to put on display at the Headquarters Branch of the library for the month of February, 2017. There is no requirement as to when the item was made or whether it is knitted or crocheted; it simply has to be made by a member of our Guild. Of course it should not be so loved that it shows signs of wear. You may also want to make something especially for the display if you like. We

can have a pre-display show in January to decide how many items will fit into the space allocated.

Thank you to Trudy and Sandy Terp for a lace knitting lesson; my shawl is coming along slowly but surely. I can't wait to see all the shawls in their vibrant colors.

## **OUR OFFICERS AND STAFF for 2016-2017**

**President** – Georgia Muhs

**Vice President** – Barbara Osmolski

**Secretary** – Jane Manley

**Treasurer** – Susan Perri

**Membership** - Shirley Covert

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

**Newsletter/Publicity Chairperson** – Mary Shanahan

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

### **Oct. 21 we will be working on Knit AND Crochet Halloween Decorations.**

Patterns will be provided for a crochet spider, pumpkin hot pads, candy corn, ghosts, and more. Bring scrap yarn in orange, yellow, green, black, brown, white and any other colors you choose, along with appropriately sized knitting needles or crochet hook.

### **Oct. 28 we will have a Book and Magazine Review.**

Back by popular demand, bring in a Book or Magazine related to knitting or crochet to review and “share and tell” with members. This was a fun and successful activity last year. We learned about instructional reads as well as fiction related to our favorite craft. Bring your favorite WIPs to work on while you enjoy the review session.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS ~ So Many Things to Look Forward To!**

**October 15 & 16, Saturday and Sunday, 36<sup>th</sup> Annual 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! Visit their website for details about their schedule of events, list of exhibitors and vendors. Festival website: <http://sheepandwool.com/>  
For online ticket sales: [www.dutchessfair.com](http://www.dutchessfair.com) (and a \$3 off Coupon)  
Their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/New-York-State-Sheep-and-Wool-Festival/167241523458751>

The Craft Yarn Council's **I Love Yarn Day** is coming up October 15th. “I Love Yarn Day” turns six on October 15th and to celebrate we're calling all fiber fans to share their affection for yarn and “stitch it forward” by teaching at least one newbie to knit,

crochet, weave, spin or bomb. Whatever craft it may be... if it involves yarn, we know we love it, we know you love it, and we know others will too!" Copied from the website: <http://www.craftyarnCouncil.com/i-love-yarn>

**KNITTERS UNITE, Wed., October 26, 7 pm downstairs in the Route 12 branch of the Hunterdon County library.** This year's donations of hats, socks, scarves, mittens will benefit Flemington Food Pantry, Open Cupboard Food Pantry in Clinton, and other local organizations. This date is a "kick off" meeting. For more info or to donate, please call Cheryl Grotrian at 908-788-1422.

**HOLIDAY SEASON WORKSHOP, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> with Sandy Terp.** Over the weekend you will make 6 little holiday projects—3 gifts (easy, quick, and unusual) and 3 decorations including a solstice medallion. All materials needed will be supplied. *Space and attendance are limited due to work space. Please register ASAP to secure your place in this workshop.* A weekend of fun & learning - good knitting, good food and good friends! This workshop will be held over the weekend at Sandy's home and business in Orefield, PA, conveniently located 40 minutes north of Philadelphia. The class room is comfortable and beautifully furnished, the setting is peaceful, rural Pennsylvania. The cost is \$100. Materials for class work will be provided. Also included: morning snacks and wonderful gourmet lunches done by Ebby. To register for the workshop send an E-mail followed by a \$25 non-refundable deposit. Email [moonriselaceknitting@gmail.com](mailto:moonriselaceknitting@gmail.com) The Moonrise website is [www.moonriselaceknitting.com](http://www.moonriselaceknitting.com)

**Holiday Luncheon, December 16, 2016**

**The Flemington-Raritan Diner Meeting Room** has been reserved for our Annual Holiday Luncheon. Save The Date!

**January 13-15, 2017 Vogue Knitting LIVE!** Take a look at their class preview at

<https://www.vogueknittinglive.com/newyork/classesonly>

"The Ultimate Knitting Event" celebrated its 6th year in NYC in January of 2016, and will be back in New York before we know it ... <https://www.vogueknittinglive.com/newyork>

## **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 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---Our Members are Always Busy!***

Many of us are working on items for ourselves, family members, or for donation. Please bring in your finished projects to show the membership after our Business Meeting. You may inspire someone to try a new technique or style.

**Please visit our website [www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com](http://www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com) for further updates.**

October Clip Art from: [http://www.teacherfiles.com/clip\\_art\\_autumn.htm](http://www.teacherfiles.com/clip_art_autumn.htm)