

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



2017

INDIAN SUMMER

OUR MEETINGS

All of our meetings through June 2018 will continue to be held at the Raritan Township Police Station multi purpose room. Our meetings this month will be on Fridays, October 20th and 27th, from 10am to 2pm.

NEW DUES SCHEDULE: *This is a reminder that our dues collection period will now be from January 2018-December 2018, and details of the new procedure will be described at meeting soon.*

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 52 members on our roster, including new and renewed members and one honorary membership.

Welcome to new members Inge M. and Karen K!

OCTOBER MESSAGE FROM CO-PRESIDENT GEORGIA

Here it is Fall-another season upon us, and Meredith and I are looking forward to our first-ever Guild bus trip to the New York State Sheep and Wool Festival in Rhinebeck, NY, on Saturday, October 21st. If you have not yet reserved your seat on the bus, please hurry so you don't miss it. According to Sue P. our trip leader, we have a few seats still available, so do join us for an exciting day and bring a friend.

It looks as though we have at least two new members, thanks to our booth at the Garden State Sheep Breeders' Fiber Festival in September. I was so nice to greet knitters and crocheters as they passed by, and made their way into the festival barns. Thank you to all our members who spent time sitting in our booth and greeting these ladies.

We also have several great programs lined up for the fall and winter seasons; beautiful and warm felted slippers and a Fair Isle mug cozy, to start. What great gifts they will make for the holidays.

We will have more information on our upcoming Saturday meetings at the Stangl Farmers' Market, confirming the date and time at our first weekend meeting.

Lastly, special thanks to Charlotte for volunteering to be our publicity person. If anyone has information that you think we should publish, please contact Charlotte.

Until we meet again, enjoy the lovely early fall days.

Georgia

OUR OFFICERS AND VOLUNTEERS for 2017-2018 SEASON ARE:

Co-Presidents – Georgia Muhs and Meredith Higgins

Secretary – Jane Manley

Treasurer – Susan Perri

Membership - Shirley Covert

Program Chair –Doris Gullion

Newsletter – Lisa Monday

Publicity Chairperson – Charlotte Dumbrowski

THANK YOU TO THE MANY IN THIS GROUP WHO GENEROUSLY SHARE THEIR TALENTS!

SPECIAL THANKS TO CHARLOTTE FOR VOLUNTEERING AS PUBLICITY CHAIRPERSON AND TO LISA'S DAUGHTER EMY M. FOR OUR GUILD NEWSLETTER KNITTING-THEMED ILLUSTRATIONS.

OCTOBER 2017 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, PLEASE BRING WHATEVER PROJECT YOU WOULD LIKE TO WORK ON, AS WELL AS ANY PROJECTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE FOR SHOW AND TELL. THERE WILL BE NO FORMAL PROGRAM FOR THIS MEETING.

ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, ROSEMARY GELINO WILL BE HELPING TO TEACH US HOW TO KNIT SLIPPERS FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN USING ONE OR TWO COLORS OF YARN. WOOL YARN IS PREFERRED FOR THESE SLIPPERS, AND IT IS ESSENTIAL IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FELT THEM. PLEASE SEE PATTERNS ATTACHED TO THIS MONTH'S EMAIL, FOR THE ADULT "GRANDMA'S KNITTED SLIPPERS" AND THE CHILD'S SIZE "ETHAN'S SLIPPERS". SUGGESTED YARNS AND NEEDLES ARE INCLUDED IN THE PATTERNS. IF YOU CROCHET, AND WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PAIR OF SLIPPERS, RAVELRY (WWW.RAVELRY.COM) HAS A VARIETY OF SLIPPER PATTERNS TO CROCHET. PLEASE SELECT A PATTERN AND BRING IT WITH YOU ALONG WITH YOUR MATERIALS (I.E. YARN, CROCHET HOOKS OR KNITTING NEEDLES). THE THINKING IS THAT THESE SLIPPERS MIGHT MAKE NICE HOLIDAY GIFTS, AND YOU WOULD HAVE TIME TO COMPLETE A PAIR OR PAIRS IF WE STARTED THIS MONTH.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING ITEMS FOR SHOW AND TELL AND OUR "TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT" TABLE.

October 21, 2017, 6:30am BUS TRIP TO NEW YORK SHEEP AND WOOL FESTIVAL, RHINEBECK, NEW YORK

It's Rhinebeck time! Gather your project for stitching on the bus. (You will be able to leave items on the bus while you are at the show), and start thinking of where you would like to start your visit on the fairgrounds. The link to show information is <https://sheepandwool.com>. Take some time to peruse the program ahead of time.

For all who have signed up, you will receive an email the week before, finalizing all the details.

For those who still might be interested in attending, we have had a couple of cancellations, so there are still a few seats available. Please contact Sue P. to sign up.

Additionally, this is a reminder that the bus will be leaving at 6:30am sharp from The Flemington Park and Ride on Route 12, and will be returning at approximately 7:15pm Saturday evening.

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.

You can find out information about donating knitted knockers to mastectomy patients at www.knittedknockers.org .

1898 SEAMENS' WATCH CAP PROJECT (idea provided by our member Rosemary Gelino), details for making and sending at: <http://seamenschurch.org/sites/default/files/sci-1898-hat-kristine-byrnes-web-w-schematic.pdf> .

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.

Happy Stitching, Everyone!