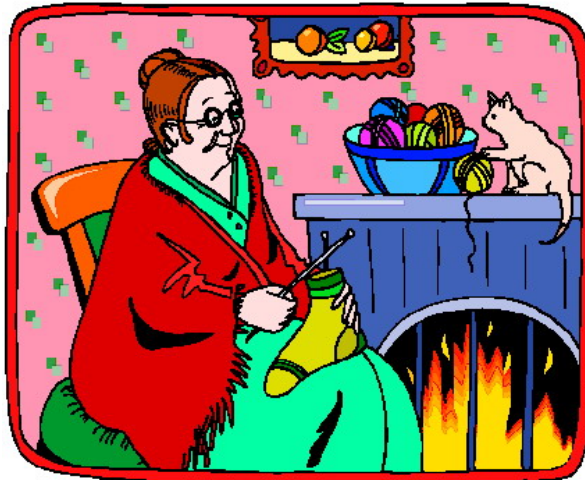


Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild Newsletter

September 2013



Welcome Back for another exciting year!!

OUR MEETINGS:

All of our meetings from September 2013 through December 2013 will be held at the Raritan Township Municipal Bldg. (Police Station). **Our meetings this month are September 20th and September 27th. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Our dues will remain at \$10.00 for the 2013-14 year. They are payable at our September meeting. Please sign up so that we may get our membership list distributed to all of our members in a timely fashion. Checks are made payable to the "**Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild**". Please see Shirley Covert at our September meeting to renew your membership and update any information which has changed over the last year. Checks can also be mailed to Shirley Covert at PO Box 387, Neshanic Station, NJ 08853. **Please be sure to include your name, address, phone number and email address** to ensure that you receive our newsletters and any other pertinent information.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Welcome Back! I hope that everyone had a wonderful, relaxing summer. I'm excited about all of the wonderful programs that our committee has planned for the coming year.

Please mark your calendars for the program we have scheduled with Candace Eisner-Strick for **May 16, 2014**. More information to follow.

Special thanks to Rosemary Gelino for spearheading our Guild's participation in the Hunterdon County 4H Fair again this year. Much gratitude as well to her ambitious committee which included Shirley Covert, Georgia Muhs and Pat Baumlin. Many thanks, also, to all of our ladies who manned our booth at the fair. Heartfelt thanks to Francis Gelino, Rosemary's husband, for all of his help. Last, but not least, my heartfelt thanks to all of our Guild members who entered their crafts at the fair. Congratulations to all of our ribbon winners. Once again, the fair was a spectacular exhibition of the multi-faceted talents in our group. We're most proud of our group's accomplishments

4H FAIR RIBBON WINNERS

CROCHET:

Division II Class 1- a (Pullover or cardigan sweater, vest or other clothing)

Second Place: Fernanda Laukaitis

Division II Class 2-a (Other wearable items and accessories)

First Place: Georgia Muhs

Second Place: Fernanda Laukaitis

Third Place: Georgia Muhs

KNITTING:

Division I Class 3-a (Non-clothing items, blankets)

Second Place: Michelle Pearlman (baby afghan)

Division I Class 1-a (Pullover or cardigan, sweater, vest or other clothing)

First Place: Georgia Muhs

Third Place: Michelle Pearlman

Division I Class 2-a-1 (Other wearable items and accessories)

Second Place: Georgia Muhs

Third Place: Georgia Muhs

Division I Class 2-a-2 (Other wearable items and accessories)

First Place: Carolyn Compton

Division 1 Class2-a-3 (Other wearable items and accessories)

First Place: Georgia Muhs

Second Place: Georgia Muhs

Division 1 Class2-a-4 (Other wearable items and accessories)

First Place: Carolyn Compton

Division 1 Class 3-a (Non-clothing items)

First Place: Carolyn Compton

COUNTED THREAD EMBROIDERY

Division IIIB Class 2 (On linen- pillows and decorative accents)

First Place: Rosemary Gelino

DIVISION WINNERS

Division I: Carolyn Compton

Division III: Rosemary Gelino

BEST OF SHOW

Rosemary Gelino

NOTICES AND REMINDERS:

WANTED: We would welcome any of your ideas regarding new programs, field trips, or guest speakers that you would like us to incorporate into our meetings.

WANTED: We are fortunate to have many master knitters and crocheters in our Guild. Would you be willing to share some of your talents with the group and teach at a meeting? Please see Trudy Grimm or Georgia Muhs if you are interested.

WANTED: Knitting/crocheting news. If you have some information that would be of interest to our Guild members, i.e., a new craft book, a special technique that you found helpful, a new website that you've discovered, or a new yarn shop that you've heard about, etc., please share it with our members. Send the information to Ruth and she'll incorporate it into the newsletter.

OUTREACH:

There are undoubtedly many local non-profit organizations who are struggling during this difficult economy. If you know of any that would benefit from knitted and crocheted items made by our members, please let us know.

Scarves for Veterans— The program is sponsored by the National WWII Museum. See Pat Baumlin to contribute to this project.

Hats for the Homeless: Homeless men in our surrounding area are always in need of warm hats. Trudy Grimm is taking donations for this project. Make a few from your scrap yarn and help those in need.

Warm Up America: This is an ongoing project. The goal of the nation-wide "Warm Up America" afghan project is to provide warm crocheted or knitted afghans to anyone in need. These afghans are distributed to various agencies. The Red Cross and Salvation

Army distribute these afghans to victims of natural disasters, area homeless, and to those 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 crocheted blocks. Myra will continue to collect them throughout the year.

Covenant House: We are undertaking a new charity project this year, spearheaded by Mary Shanahan, a passionate supporter of Covenant House in NYC. Covenant House was started 30 years ago as a shelter for runaway and homeless teens with programs now spanning through 21 US cities and Latin America. More than 77,000 teens are served annually by Covenant House in it's national and international programs. All Guild members are encouraged to make hats, scarves, and gloves for these needy, homeless youngsters. Mary is planning to deliver them to Covenant House sometime in late November or early December and throughout the winter months as our members create them. For the boys, consider using your scrap yarn to make hats and scarves in colors that reflect football, hockey, basketball and baseball teams that are of interest to teens. Teen girls will love the bright, colorful and frilly yarns. We're confident that these very needy youngsters will appreciate any of our knitted and crocheted contributions.

OUR OFFICERS AND STAFF: 2013-2014

President – Georgia Muhs
 Vice President - Fernanda Laukaitis
 Secretary - Myra Corbett
 Treasurer - Barbara Schibilia
 Membership - Shirley Covert
 Program Co-Chairs – Trudy Grimm /Myra Corbett
 Newsletter - Ruth Resnick
 Publicity Chair – Ruth Resnick

THIS MONTH'S PROJECT/TECHNIQUE(S):

Trudy has planned an "Auction" for our first meeting in September. She will be the "auctioneer" (a favorite family tradition). The auction is not meant to be a money-making event but rather an entertaining, fun-filled activity. However, any money that is raised will go into the Guild's treasury.

- Each member is requested to bring at least one or two items to be auctioned.
- These items need to be related to knitting or crocheting.
- If bringing yarn, please make sure that you bring at least two skeins. Please label the type of yarn and a suggestion as to where the bidding should start.
- Other suggestions of things to be auctioned---needles, books, a full year's subscription of magazines, fancy markers, special patterns or pattern books, buttons, etc.
- Please package the items. Suggestions might be in a gift bag, basket, tied with a ribbon, etc. Be creative.

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.

Visit our website www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com for further updates.