

## Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild Newsletter



*Welcome Back Everyone!*

### **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, September 18<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Our dues will remain at \$10.00 for the 2015-16 year. Please see Shirley Covert at a September meeting to renew your membership and update any information which has changed since September 2014. Renew quickly so that we may distribute our membership list to all of our members in a timely fashion. 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.

### **MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

Congratulations to all our Needlework Winners at last week's 4H Fair! Our Guild members captured thirty three ribbons of the sixty one awarded to participants, and we represented 38 % of the 32 entrants. Way to go girls!

Rosemary's husband Francis, our Honorary Guild Member, repeated his achievement of last year winning Best in the Counted Thread Embroidery Division, Best of Show AND Viewers' Choice! His piece this year was absolutely fantastic. Congratulations Francis, and to all of you on your awards.

I particularly want to thank our terrific fair committee, Shirley, Mary S. and Barbara O. for a great job through every phase of the project. The display was beautiful and the addition of our Guild brochures, created by Mary S., the new poster, and our members

who sat greeting fairgoers on Friday, really made visitors feel welcome. Thank you to Shirley, Pat, Michelle, Mary, Barb, Margrit, and Dot for their time and enthusiasm.

Speaking of enthusiasm, I hope that you will all consider sitting with us at the Fiber Festival on September 12 & 13 at the fairgrounds. We are fortunate to be given space by the folks at the Garden State Sheep Breeders' Association to promote our craft. Please let us know if you can come for an hour or two on either of those two days. It should be fun and interesting to see all the other fiber fanatics in our community and be tempted by all the luscious yarns and specialty notions.

If you are there on Saturday around noon, you can meet a few of our sheep and watch Barb O. and my family and I play wool dress- up and drag a small Shetland around the show ring. It should be good for a few laughs if nothing else.

It sounds as though those of you who attended the baseball game knit-in had a fun time, thanks to Mary's initiative putting together a group. Also, Trudy's dedication to providing interesting summer mini-lessons is really appreciated by those who attended the summer meetings.

I hope to see you all at the Fiber Festival.

### **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

**The 4H Fair Needlework Ribbon Winners are listed on the next page ...**  
listed in alphabetical order on a separate page to accommodate the large number of winners.

## 2015 Needlework, Knitting and Crocheting 4H Fair Ribbon Winners

### Carolyn Compton

Second Place Division I Class 1a

Blue Sweater

Third Place Division I Class 1a

Rose Sweater

### Myra Corbett

Second Place Division I class 2a

Socks

### Shirley Covert

First Place Division II Class 3a

Multi color shawl

First Place Division II Class 2a

Crocheted basket

### Francis Gelino

First Place Division IIIB Class 1

***Best of Division III***

***And Viewers' Choice!***

Cross-stitch Picture

### Bertha Gessner

Second Place Division I Class 1a

Baby Sweater

Third Place Division I Class 3a

Felted multi-colored handbag

### Meredith Higgins

First Place Division I Class 2 a

***Best of Division I***

Beaded handbag/necklace

### Fernanda Laukaitis

First Place Division I Class 2a

Socks

First Place Division II Class 3a

13 pc. Set of Star Wars Figurines

### Georgia Muhs

First Place Division I Class 1a

Knitted Vest

Second Place Division I Class 2a

Hat

Second Place Division I Class 2a

Fingerless Gloves

### Barbara Osmolski

First Place Division II class 2a

Felted Handbag

### Michelle Pearlman

First Place Division I Class 3a

2 pc. Afghan and pillow set

First Place Division I Class 3a

Pink Baby Blanket

First Place Division IV Class 1

Monkey Needlepoint picture

Third Place Division IV Class 2

Bargello picture as insert in tray

### Carol Reiner

First Place Division II Class 3a

Embellished pillow cases

Second Place Division IV Class 1

Needlepoint Ballerina picture

### Mary Shanahan

First Place Division I Class 2a

Black and Grey knitted hat

First Place Division I Class 2a

Green and white knitted hat

Second Place Division I Class 2a

Knitted Scarf Sampler

Third Place Division I Class 2a

Purple knitted cable hat

## **THIS MONTH WE WILL ...**

### **Sept. 18 we will be Renewing our Memberships, and Showing-off Summer Projects.**

Please come prepared to pay your \$10 annual membership fee to Shirley, either by cash or check, and confirm your personal information on record with us.

Also bring in any projects you would like to show fellow members, especially those for which you have won ribbons at the 4H Fair!

### **Sept. 25 we will watch Carol Ann Krueger demonstrate a Hairpin Lace**

**Technique.** Carol Ann will be using a loom that can be found at craft suppliers such as Joanne's or Amazon, and will be working with a ribbon yarn to demonstrate. We will see how to set up the loom, how to crochet strips of loops, and how Carol crochets them together. There will be a few samples to illustrate the different looks that can be generated using the hairpin lace technique. How the strips are crocheted together can produce different patterns. *If you have any finished hairpin lace projects, please bring them into show fellow Guild members!*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS of INTEREST:**

**Saturday and Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Sheep and Fiber Festival** will be held at the Hunterdon County Fairgrounds (the same location as the 4H Fair). There will be Sheep Herding with Dogs, Showing of Sheep, a Breed Display, Spinning demos, Lots of Vendors, and (of course) Food! Georgia has arranged for us to have space to knit and crochet in public at this event, so let's be a great presence!

Please consider spending some time sitting with a few friends to represent our Guild at this festival. I will be sending a separate email to ask for participants for the weekend.

For more info please visit: <http://www.njsheep.org/festival/>

### **NYC Yarn Crawl ... Friday, Sept. 25 thru Sunday, Sept 27, 2015**

This is a three-day event where fiber lovers visit New York City's finest local yarn shops (LYS) to celebrate a love of the fiber arts. Each shop has its own personality ... Many offer exclusive yarns and accessories and will offer special promotions and discounts. Visit your favorites *and* check out new stores. It's a great time to get inspired, start a new project, find luscious new yarns, uncover new patterns and stock up on supplies. There is no charge to crawl, and no pre-registration necessary. Visit their website for more details, and for a current list of shops: <http://www.yarncrawl NYC.com/>

**New York State Sheep and Wool Festival, Saturday and Sunday, October 17 & 18 ...** Will be held at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck, NY. Please visit their website for details about their schedule of events, list of exhibitors and vendors. <http://sheepandwool.com/>

## **OUTREACH**

If you know of any local non-profit organizations who are struggling during this difficult economy 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.

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

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