

## Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild Newsletter



*Welcome Back Everyone!*

### ***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, September 16<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### ***MEMBERSHIP DUES***

Our dues will remain at \$10.00 for the 2016-17 year. Please see Shirley Covert at a September meeting to renew your membership and update any information which has changed since September 2015. 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***

By now you have all heard of the death of our dear friend and former Guild President, Pat Baumlin. Over the past 6 months Pat battled a cancer that didn't show itself until it had invaded multiple organs. She didn't respond well to chemotherapy and had to be taken off the treatments. Throughout her illness, Pat remained the positive, caring soul that we all knew and loved. She was blessed to have the care of her loving husband, Ed and her niece, Karen.

Every time I visited Pat, she asked about our fellow guild members and wanted to be remembered to you. She rarely spoke of her illness, but about memories we shared of guild activities and childhood experiences that we discovered we had in common.

Pat was an example of graciousness, kindness and joy to all who knew her. She also had a fantastic sense of style and color that guided her in her art, both her watercolor paintings and her needlework.

I feel privileged to have been her friend and will miss her very much as will we all.

As we start our New Guild Year we should dedicate the exciting new projects planned for this fall to our dear friend and fellow member.

We will be participating in the Garden State Sheep Breeders' annual Fiber Festival this coming weekend for the first time with our own table and items to sell. Our knitted afghan group project took many honors at the 4H Fair Needlework Contest, winning first place in the afghan class, Best of Knitted Division, and Viewers' Choice for knitted items. Best of all, the afghan is scheduled to be in a "silent auction" at the Fiber Festival with the proceeds to go to the homeless vets' home in Glen Gardner. There will also be a group-crocheted afghan auctioned for the same benefit.

I also want to thank all the ladies who made our knitted Afghan so special, especially those who knitted more than one square, and dear Elaine for doing such a spectacular job piecing the work. Thanks also to the crocheters who worked on their Afghan. I am sure that the homeless veterans will be appreciate our donation.

On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sandy Terp will lead us in a lace knitting class with 20+ members enrolled. I can hardly wait since I missed Sandy's last visit and am eager to learn more about lace knitting.

I want to thank all our members who served on the fair committee participating in; needlework drop-off, judging, display set up and take down as well as those who sat at the display on Friday greeting the public and explaining what our Guild does. Special thanks to: Shirley, Barb O., Rosemary and Francis, Karen, Michelle, Nan, Jane, Kathryn, and Joyce. I hope that I have not missed anyone.

See you all at the Fiber Festival.

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

**President** – Georgia Muhs

**Vice President** – Barbara Osmolski

**Secretary** – Jane Manley

**Treasurer** – Sue Perri

**Membership** - Shirley Covert

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

**Newsletter/Publicity Chairperson** – Mary Shanahan

**The 4H Fair 2016 Needlework Ribbon Winners are listed on the next page ... most are Guild members, with one exception noted at the end of the list.**

## 2016 Ribbon Winners for the 4H Fair

(Guild Members List)

Georgia Muhs Frenchtown NJ

Second Place ribbon for Knitting

Michelle Pearlman Basking Ridge NJ

First Place Ribbon for Knitting

First Place Ribbon for Embroidery

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Susan D. Fellin Flemington NJ

First Place Ribbon for Knitting

Lydia Fischer Hillsborough NJ

First Place Ribbon for Knitting

Rosemary Gelino Ringoes NJ

First Place Ribbon for Knitting

Francis E. Gelino Ringoes NJ

First Place Ribbon for Embroidery

Meredith Higgins Milford NJ

First Place Ribbon for Knitting

First Place Ribbon for Knitting

Carolyn Compton Frenchtown NJ

First Place Ribbon for Knitting

Second Place Ribbon for Knitting

First Place Ribbon for Knitting

First Place Ribbon for Knitting

Third Place Ribbon for Knitting

Fernanda Laukaitis Flemington NJ

First Place Ribbon for Crocheting

Kathryn Vernam Ringoes NJ

First Place Ribbon for Embroidery

Hunterdon Cty Knitting & Crocheting

Guild Flemington NJ (for Guild Afghan)

First Place Ribbon for Knitting

Shirley Covert Neshanic Station NJ

First Place Ribbon for Crocheting

Bertha Gessner Quakertown NJ

Second Place Ribbon for Knitting

Third Place Ribbon for Knitting

### **OF SPECIAL NOTE:**

Viewer's Choice Award for Knitting

Hunterdon Cty Knitting & Crocheting  
Guild-Flemington

Best of Division for Knitting

Hunterdon Cty Knitting & Crocheting  
Guild-Flemington

Viewer's Choice Award for Embroidery

Michelle Pearlman-Basking Ridge NJ

Viewer's Choice Award for Crocheting

Krista Wells-Lebanon NJ \*\*\*

\*\*\* *Krista Wells is a young woman who just moved to the area from the South, and is a crocheter, as of yet not a Guild member. I met her at the 2016 Stitch N Pitch game Thursday before the 4H entries were gathered. I encouraged her to enter her crafts in the 4H Fair and I'm glad she did (I'll bet Krista is too)! Krista won seven ribbons in addition to the Viewers' Choice award mentioned above.*

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

### **Sept. 16 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. 17 there will be a Memorial Service in honor of Pat Baumlin.**

Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 11 AM at

Our Lady of Victories Church on Route 519 in Baptistown.

A luncheon will follow in the parish hall.

### **Sept. 23, 10 am to 2pm, we will have a Lace Knitting Lesson given by Sandy Terp.**

Sandy will provide a printed pattern for those taking this class, and participants will need to purchase their needles and yarn separately. The lesson will begin promptly at 10:15 a.m. The cost will be free to members, and \$15 to non-members. The lace scarf to be taught is an original design called "He loves me, he loves me not" because it uses a daisy pattern. It is a modified crescent shape and starts at one end with only a few stitches, increasing to about 8" width, then some short rows worked to shape the neck area, and then back down. Sandy will have a trunk show as well, where you may purchase all or some of the materials needed, depending on availability of her supply.

**You Will Need:** US 3 knitting needles and 50 grams of lace weight yarn ... OR

US 4 knitting needles with 100 grams of fingering or sock weight yarn.

Sandy will have a selection of both yarns and needles for sale, and plans to have some sock yarn wound and ready to go.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS of INTEREST:**

### **Saturday and Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, the 22<sup>nd</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 a booth this year! We will have a **Silent Auction** of two afghans, one knitted and one crocheted, made as a communal effort of Guild members. The proceeds from the auction items will go to benefit Veteran's Haven North in Glen Gardner, for homeless veterans. I have sent a separate email to ask for participants this weekend. Our time

intervals are *almost* full. Please consider spending some time sitting with a few friends to represent our Guild and help out at our booth this year. For more festival info visit: <http://njsheep.net/festival/>

### **NYC Yarn Crawl ... Friday, Sept. 23 thru Sunday, Sept 25, 2016**

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 some companies and shops offer special promotions and discounts. Visit your favorites *and* check out new stores. It's a great time to "also drool over the latest yarns and fibers; meet fellow knitters, crocheters, weavers, spinners and yarnistas; discover new patterns, tools and accessories...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/home.html>  
Their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/nycyarncrawl>

### **New York State Sheep and Wool Festival, Saturday October 15, 9 - 5, and Sunday, Oct. 16, 10 - 5 ...**

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. Festival website: <http://sheepandwool.com/>  
For online ticket sales: [www.dutchessfair.com](http://www.dutchessfair.com)  
Their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/New-York-State-Sheep-and-Wool-Festival/167241523458751>

## **OUTREACH**

### **Thank you to those members who attended the 2016 Stitch N Pitch!**

It was a fun night of fellowship, with free Lion Brand yarn provided for making chemo caps. Don't forget to turn in your completed chemo caps at a Guild meeting, OR you may mail them to Pam MacKenzie at the Courier News. Contact me for Pam's email address.

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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