

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



2017

Welcome Back From Summer!

OUR MEETINGS

All of our meetings from September 2017 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, September 15 and 22nd, 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 the next meeting.*

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 50 members on our roster, including new and renewed members and one honorary membership.

Welcome to our newest member Linda B.!

MESSAGE FROM CO-PRESIDENT MEREDITH HIGGINS

Since our last newsletter, many events have taken place. June was a busy month. We had the opportunity to increase our skills at a very informative class on seaming and finishing at The Knitters' Edge on June 5th.

June 10th was our very successful Knit In Public Day held at the Stangl Farmers' Market. We enjoyed a fun luncheon at The Longhorn Steakhouse on June 16th. I was a lucky recipient of a pink geranium, (which has looked very pretty on my deck all summer) due to the date of my June birthday.

Thank you to all who have helped make these activities possible! You are a very supportive group and that is what makes our Guild so great.

During July, many of us had a good time putting together scarves using long strands of specialty yarn. It was successful because of the varied yarns our members brought to the meeting. Many of us also enjoyed having time to work on our own projects, while visiting with our fellow knitters.

The summer ended with activities at The 4H Fair. A highlight was honoring Jo Knobloch on opening day for the founding of The Guilds on their 40th anniversary. The Hunterdon County Freeholders presented her with a Proclamation and The Guilds presented her with a plaque. Cake and lemonade were served in the 4H office where she chatted and told interesting stories of her life. Members took shifts in the needlework area on Friday to knit or crochet and promote our Guild and the crafts of knitting and crochet.

Happily, our members continue to enter needlework items for judging. Seven members won ribbons for 11 items – 6 blue, 3 red, 2 yellow and 3 Best of Division. A big thank you to all who helped setting up, taking down and sitting shifts.

Thank you, Lisa, for taking on the newsletter this month. It is a big undertaking, and we are grateful for your help. We also extend our appreciation to Mary for all she has done in the past years. We all miss her and hope to see her whenever it's possible for her to come to a meeting or event.

Our latest event was The Fiber Festival/Garden State Sheep Breeders Show at the South County Park on Sept. 9th and 10th. The Guild had a table to display members' work and to interest others in membership. We had a gloriously sunny and temperate day, amazing vendors and food, and many people stopped at our booth for information on membership and our trip to Rhinebeck. Our Guild was well represented and many ribbons were won by our illustrious co-president, Georgia M!

I am personally looking forward to our bus trip to Rhinebeck on October 21st, especially since I have never been there.

I have enjoyed being of member of this Guild and am honored to have the opportunity to aid in its continued growth. Fortunately, I have Georgia as a co-president, and am thankful to have the benefit of her experience and guidance.

Looking ahead to many great Fridays!

OUR OFFICERS AND STAFF for 2017-2018 SEASON WILL BE:

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 – to be announced

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SERVE AND PROVIDE INFORMATION TO COMPLETE THIS NEWSLETTER.

SEPTEMBER'S ACTIVITIES

Our first meeting in September on the 15th will be a business meeting with time for show and tell summer projects and work on “in progress” projects (WIPS!) On September 22, Kathie Luton will be joining us to provide information about her program, “**Project Homeless Connect**”. Her specific project is to make sleeping mats for the homeless from plastic grocery bags. For this project, **please save and bring your clean plastic grocery bags and a sharp pair of scissors.** She will demonstrate how to make “plarn” (plastic yarn) which is then knit or crocheted into sleeping mats. “Plarn” **requires size 15 knitting needles or crochet hook size N/P. Please start saving your plastic grocery bags now.**

Of course we are always interested in show and tell!

SAVE THIS DATE ... UPCOMING EVENT

**** UPDATED DETAILS ** October 21, 2017, 6:30am ... BUS TRIP TO New York Sheep and Wool Festival in Rhinebeck, NY**

This world famous fiber festival is an exciting experience. *Deposits have been collected.* If you still wish to join us on the bus *please contact Sue P and confirm available space!* Guild travelers will be taking a 49-passenger coach that has comfortable seats, great lighting and a bathroom on-board. The bus will leave at 6:30 am from the Flemington Park and Ride on Route 12, and return around 7:15 pm. The projected cost will be between \$40-50 per person, depending on the number of passengers, and it will include your transportation as well as your ticket into the Festival. The website for the festival is <http://sheepandwool.com/events/>, so you can download and study maps and vendor lists to prepare for our exciting day trip!

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 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.

It is with great pride and admiration that we congratulate our many members who won ribbons at the most recent events! Bravo!

Please visit our website www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com for further updates.

Attached to this electronic newsletter are a list of the winners of 2017 Hunterdon County 4H Fair ribbons, and drafts of meeting minutes for June and August 2017.

Happy Fall, Everyone!

