

Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild
Newsletter
April 2013

Happy Spring!



Our Meetings:

All of our meetings from January 2013 through August 2013 will be held at the Raritan Township Municipal Bldg. (Police Station). Our meetings this month are **April 19th and **26th**. The hours are **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.****

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

President Pat Baumlin reports the following:

- Many thanks to Trudy for organizing "Warm up America", our charity program. It went wonderfully. She demonstrated how to embellish our squares by using the duplicate stitch and also presented a hand-out for us to add to our knitting pattern files.
- I wish everyone a happy spring.
- A sign-up sheet for The Knitter's Edge will be available at our April 19th meeting. Kits are \$12.00 and money will be collected by Trudy and Georgia. It is recommended that people consider carpooling since parking is limited in Bethlehem. Final arrangements for the outing will be discussed at the April 19th meeting. If you're not going to be at the meeting on the 19th but wish to attend the field trip, please contact Pat in order to be included.
- June is just around the corner. It's time to plan our annual spring luncheon. We need volunteers to help organize the day. Let's make this event the BEST ever! Please let Pat know if

you're interested in helping out or if you have suggestions on where to have it. Our June dates are the 21st and 28th.

- We have secured our meeting room at the Police Station for the summer months. Our meetings will be held on July 19th and 26th; August 16th and 23rd.
- According to our bi-laws, an election for new officers will be held in June. Accordingly, a nominating committee will be appointed in April to generate a slate of prospective officers who would serve for the coming two years. Additional nominations may be taken from the floor.

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 will include it in the newsletter.

Carol Compton writes... "Here is a web site that might be of interest to our members. It's for Fiber Burn Chart to help identify fibers." <http://www.ditzyprints.com/dpburnchart.html>

OUTREACH:

If you know of any local non-profit organizations that could 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. Everyone is encouraged to knit or crochet a few and Trudy will get them to the people in need.

OUR OFFICERS AND STAFF: 2012-2013

President – **Pat Baumlin**

Vice President - **Carolyn Compton**

Secretary - **Georgia Muhs**

Treasurer - **Rosemary Gelino**

Membership - **Shirley Covert**

Program Co-Chairs – **Trudy Grimm /Georgia Muhs**

Newsletter/ Publicity Chairperson - **Ruth Resnick**

THIS MONTH'S PROJECT/TECHNIQUE(S):

The first meeting on April 19th is entitled, "MYSTERY". Materials needed are any kind of yarn, though, bulky is preferred for this project. Any yarn from your stash will do.

Our second meeting of the month, April 26th, is our annual **ROAD TRIP TO THE KNITTER'S EDGE** in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The class starts at 10:00 AM. The project will be a knitted washcloth using bobbles and cables. The cost of the kit is \$12.00. Bring size 6 or 7 knitting needles, preferably with a sharp point rather than rounded. Needles can also be purchased at the Knitter's Edge. Please let Trudy or Georgia know if you're planning to attend and submit your money ASAP. Carpools will be available to those who wish to ride together. They will be arranged at the April 19th meeting.

As you will recall, March was our charity month. We devoted both meetings to making afghan pieces as part of the "Warm up America" Project. There is **NO** deadline for this project so please continue to work on your squares. They are being collected by Myra Corbett . Thank you to all of you who have contributed to the project thus far. For additional ideas on knitted and crocheted squares, check out this web site. **<http://www.craftyarncouncil.com/warmup.html>**

Show and Tell – Everyone wants to admire our creations. Please place your completed items on one of the tables in the front of the room. Include a sheet of paper with your name and description of the project, i.e., type of yarn, the source of your pattern, special techniques that were used, etc. Whenever possible, remember to bring extra copies of your favorite patterns to share with others.

Upcoming Projects & Events:

**June: Election of officers for the 2013-2015 season
Annual spring luncheon**

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