

# Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild Newsletter



2015

## ***OUR MEETINGS***

All of our meetings from September 2014 through June 2015 will be held at the Raritan Township Municipal Bldg. (Police Station). Our meetings this month are **Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## ***MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT***

Happy Spring everyone!! I am happy to report the birth of 5 darling additions to our flock; 4 ewe lambs and 1 ram lamb. All are doing well as are their mommas. After the winter we had it is a joy to welcome some warmer weather and the sight of these little ones gamboling about. I feel ten years younger than I did a month ago.

We owe special thanks to Fernanda for chairing our last meeting AND providing the March program on crocheted edges. We also want to thank Trudy and our program committee for a lovely trip to Knitters' Edge on the 16th followed by a delicious lunch at the Hotel Bethlehem that many of us enjoyed. What a beautiful place!

For April, May and June we are looking for more exciting programs, nominations of officers for 2015-16, our semi- annual luncheon, and a couple of interesting activities such as a Wool Walk and Knitting in Public Day.

Please see Trudy for program ideas you would like to share and Mary Shanahan who will have more information on the Wool Walk and the Knitting in Public events if you are interested.

See you all soon.

## OUR OFFICERS AND STAFF for 2014-2015

**President** – Georgia Muhs

**Vice President** - Fernanda Laukaitis

**Secretary** - Myra Corbett

**Treasurer** - Barbara Schibilia

**Membership** - Shirley Covert

**Program Co-Chairs** – Trudy Grimm /Myra Corbett

**Newsletter/Publicity Chairperson** – Mary Shanahan

## THIS MONTH WE WILL ... Review our Ravelry Blog and “Learn Reversible Knitting”

**On April 17<sup>th</sup> we will be reviewing our Ravelry blog.** Sue Perri and Trudy Grimm set up our blog on Ravelry during our Knitters’ Edge class on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. At our first April meeting we will be reviewing how to access the site, how to view and add to our blog and maneuver through to our best advantage. A reminder, the purpose of our blog is to enable us to show our work and to reach out to others for assistance online.

### **At our April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting we will be learning double knitting or reversible knitting.**

This is knitting with two different colors to result in a two sided contrasting color product. You will need two colors of yarn and corresponding needles, and will learn by making a hot pad or a square just to practice the technique. Here are a few samples for illustration:



Images copied from the following websites:

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/460422761876517227/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/53269208062494258/>

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/potholder-frog>

*Attention Crocheters, if you would like to share your talent and passion for crocheting, please consider leading a lesson or project in future Guild meetings.*

**Continued Spring Cleaning:** If you have bits and pieces, scraps, hanks, skeins, whatever shape or form, which you are no longer going to use, bring them in for other members who may be looking for charity work materials. Even if it is not a large quantity perhaps it can be used for a striped hat, scarf or mittens? *Try to bring washable materials due to the donation aspect.*

### **UPCOMING EVENTS of INTEREST:**

#### **Are you ready for a “Yarn Crawl”?**

New Jersey Wool Walk is officially scheduled for April 16-19, 2015. A few shops have dropped out and a few *new* shops have joined this year, for a total of 14 participating shops! For general info go to <https://njwoolwalk.wordpress.com/about-2/> You can also follow updated posts by checking <https://njwoolwalk.wordpress.com/> Or, if you “Tweet” ... check them out at #njwoolwalk

#### **Sleepy Hollow, N.Y. April 18-19, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Philipsburg Manor's Sheep to Shawl Festival, held at Philipsburg Manor, 381 North Broadway (Route 9) ...**

featuring historical knitting demonstrations, examples and workshops sure to interest all knitters! New this year a special exhibit, *The Art of the Reproduction: Recreating Period Textiles*. For the full workshop and talk schedule, please visit <https://www.hudsonvalley.org/community/blogs/fine-art-reproducing-period-textiles> Admission: \$14; \$12 for seniors; \$8 for children 3-17. Buy tickets online at <http://www.hudsonvalley.org/> 914-366-6900. Onsite prices are \$2 more per ticket.

#### **WWKIP – that is, WorldWide Knit In Public Day.**

This year it is scheduled for June 13, which is a Saturday. We welcome your suggestions for public places that our Guild may host this event in Hunterdon County. *Groups have begun to register and we should discuss our own interest more at the April 17<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting.* Additional details and samples of involvement can be found at <http://www.wkipday.com/>

**Annual Stich-N-Pitch at a Somerset Patriots’ Game ...** Wednesday August 12th @ 7:05pm. Bring your friends and yarn and come decked out in our team colors. With Stich 'n Pitch you purchase tickets in a section where you'll be sitting with other needle arts crafters to create special team socks, hats, blankets and much

more! Upper Box tickets are only \$8.50. Groups of 30 or more will have an opportunity to throw out a first pitch. Each group will receive a PA Announcement recognizing their group.

## **UPDATED OUTREACH NOTES**

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.

***Items Are Needed for “Hope for Veterans”:*** 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 mittens for the upcoming months. 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. Since it is preferred that we do not visit the facility, a contact from the residence has agreed to pick up whatever we can donate by meeting a Guild member at the library.

*PLEASE NOTE: If you have finished items for donation Barbara Osmolski or Mary Shanahan will collect them from you and arrange to deliver them 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. The afghans 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 bring your completed projects to “show and tell”. Share a description of the project, type of yarn, pattern and source, special techniques used, etc. If you have extra copies of your favorite patterns or links to online resources please share them with us. I would be happy to include them in future group emails, or as part of the Newsletter.

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