

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHET GUILD NEWSLETTER



2016

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, April 15th, and Friday, April 22nd**. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP

We now have 57 members listed on our roster, including renewals and new additions.

Welcome Back and Welcome to All of Our Newcomers!

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Spring is finally here. There are hundreds of daffodils everywhere on the farm. BUT there are no new lambs at this point. Barb O. and I spent a long but uneventful night in the barn sleeping on the new cots donated by Beth's family for our comfort.

We were warm and cozy, but up and checking every two hours or so. We took turns getting up and quietly checking on the ewes, two of which looked ripe enough to deliver. Lambchop and her daughter, Shanks, were housed in the birthing area but we got no action. Perhaps today in the daylight they will arrive, which would be lovely.

Fortunately, thanks to our creative and diligent program folks, we have a fantastic spring lineup of fun field trips and classes. Trudy, Mary and Doris, thank you for all your research and planning. I hope that all the lambs, are here so that I can join you all on one or more of these adventures.

Another piece of news. We are officially registered for a booth at the Fiber Festival!

Happy Spring to you all!

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

THIS MONTH WE WILL ... *postpone our Business meeting and in-house program until April 22, our 2nd meeting of the month for April.*

April 15, FIELD TRIP TO KRAEMER TEXTILES

We will be traveling to Kraemer Textiles in Nazareth, PA on April 15. Please plan to arrive at Kraemer's by 10 a.m. to participate in a 30-45 minute tour followed by a shopping trip. The drive is approximately one hour from Flemington, and members are expected to make their own driving arrangements. Lunch will be on our own and wherever we choose when it comes time to eat. The address to use for navigation and/or gps is provided in the email to which this Newsletter is attached. *If you do not wish to attend*, you may meet in our usual meeting room for a KAL (Knit **ALong**).

APRIL 22 OUR BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE FOLLOWED BY ... MAGIC LOOP KNITTING

Member Trudy will be presenting the Magic Loop Knitting method to all who are interested. "The magic loop method is another method of knitting small circumference pieces in the round on one long circular needle. Magic loop knitting can be done on any circular needle size with a cable length of at least 32" or more." (Search results: www.craftsy.com › Blog Home › Knitting Blog Oct 15, 2014)

MATERIALS NEEDED: Any scrap yarn and circular knitting needles at least 32" in length; your needles should be of the size suggested for the yarn weight you will be using. **ARE YOU UP FOR A CHALLENGE?** If you bring two small balls of yarn Trudy will show you how to cast on and begin two items at once (useful for knitting two socks or mittens at one time).

SPRING GUILD LUNCHEON?

Please come to the April 22 Business meeting prepared to discuss our Annual Spring Luncheon. We do need to get ourselves onto a restaurant (or Diner) calendar soon to make this event happen.

NEW TO OUR WEBSITE

Have you checked out our Ravelry button on our website?

Special thanks to Dorry A and Sue P for helping us to be specially connected!

SAVE THESE 2016 DATES ... UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 14-17 ... the **New Jersey Wool Walk** Community on Facebook states “The NJ Wool Walk is 4 days of fun and yarny goodness for knitters, crocheters, weavers & spinners ...” A Facebook update posted March 19 says ... “Nj Wool Walk Passports have arrived. Stop in at the following stores and get yours: A Stitch in Time, The Blue Purl, Chelsea Yarns, Do Ewe Knit, Hooked., Knit-a-Bit, Knit's Fabulous, Knitapestry, Knit One Stitch Too, Trillium Yarns, Wool and Grace, Woolbearers, The Yarn Attic, Yarn Dezvous, Yarn Diva ...” Special Hours are posted on Facebook, too. *You do not have to have a Facebook account to see this posting.*

Copied from: <https://www.facebook.com/NJWoolWalk/>

OR see this website for Wool Walk Info: <https://njwoolwalk.wordpress.com/about-2/>

Lion Brand Field Trip: Friday, May 20, 10 a.m. Again, we will be getting ourselves there, and then enjoy “a tour of this unusual outlet and a peek inside one of their warehouses. We may also watch a video or two about the company and the family who owns and runs the business. They do have a room where we may eat our brown bag lunches, or you may choose to go out with your car mates. See the next Newsletter for additional details

We are registered for the **WWKIP Day** (Worldwide Knit in Public Day) to be held this year on Saturday, **June 18**. The large main floor meeting room has been reserved in the Route 12 Main Branch of the Hunterdon County Library, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. See future issues of our Newsletter for additional details.

StitchNPitch is scheduled for the Thursday, **August 18** Somerset Patriots' Game, and this will be a Fireworks night. Early notes from Pam MacKenzie's In Stitches blog indicate that this year's recipients are to be the Cancer Centers of JFK Medical Center and Hunterdon Medical Center. Updated details will follow as the event unfolds.

OUTREACH

As always, 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 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 O or Mary S 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 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.

SHOW AND TELL --- Our Members Have Been 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. You may inspire someone to try a new technique or style.

Members have also been bringing in squares for Warm Up America. Thank you for continuing to support our Outreach Efforts!

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

“April” Clip Art From: http://worldartsme.com/april-month-easter-clipart.html#gal_post_70297_april-month-easter-clipart-1.jpg