

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



APRIL 2019

OUR MEETINGS

Meetings are held at Raritan Township Police Station multi purpose room. Our meetings this month will be on Fridays, April 19th and 26th , 2019, from 10am until 2pm. Business meetings occur at the beginning of the meeting on third Fridays.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 51 paid members. Dues are \$15 per year. Welcome to our newest members Lorraine, Rhonda, Brenda, Nancy, Linda M. Carole S., and Carol Ann M!

APRIL 2019 PRESIDENTS' LETTER

We are quickly approaching the time of year when we are all faced with a common dilemma: How can we still continue our knitting, crocheting and other needlework, and also clean up our flower beds, garden and just enjoy the sun? Perhaps it is good that the Vernal Equinox that just passed means that daylight and nighttime are in equal balance. We can take our leads from Mother Nature, rebalance the time we spend indoors vs. the time we spend outdoors, but always remember, our crafts are so portable that we can continue to create outside! (like the lovely lady above!)

March was a really productive month for the Guild. We added several new members. Combined with a few new members in February, we are now at 51 paid members. Welcome to all the new members!

Plus, we had some great activities. Thanks to Doris, and many Guild members, we had several fun meetings reviewing vintage knitting, crocheting and other needlework that we had in our homes.

Makers Day on Saturday, March 23rd was a wonderful, heartwarming event. Thank you to Meredith and to Kathryn for coordinating the two locations! You both did great work, with a lot of prep that had to be done. Also, thank you to all of the Guild members who came out to teach, and finally, thank you to the families who showed up in such great numbers to learn!

Sue

APRIL 2019 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

How quickly the days pass. We are rapidly approaching Passover and Easter, and maybe even warmer spring days. Our meeting on Friday, April 19th is on Good Friday and also marks the beginning of Passover. Please come and bring your projects to work on, your show and tells, and your good conversation. The Allentown Fiber Festival is on April 13-14th, so perhaps some of you will have new purchases to share. On Friday, April 26th, we will revisit our presentation on knitting and crocheting apps and focus on the many aspects of Ravelry. In addition to a general demonstration, please bring specific questions you may have. We hope to see you in April.

Here are events you may also be interested in attending:

- Allentown Fiber Festival: April 13-14
- Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival: May 4-5
- New Hampshire Sheep and Wool: May 11-12
- Long Island Fleece and Fiber: May 18-19
- Central Penn Fiber Festival: May 18-19

Doris

OUTREACH AND ONGOING PROJECTS

If you know of any local non-profit organizations who would benefit from knitted and crocheted items made by our members, please let us know so we may include them here, on the next page.

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.

Knitted Knockers: You can find out information about donating knitted knockers for mastectomy patients at www.knittedknockers.org.

1898 SEAMENS' WATCH CAP PROJECT (idea provided by our member Rosemary G.), details for making and sending at:
<http://seamenschurch.org/sites/default/files/sci-1898-hat-kristine-byrnes-web-w-schematic.pdf/>

WIGS AND FUN HATS FOR CHILDREN

www.halokkeepers.org

TWIDDLE MUFFS FOR COGNITIVELY IMPAIRED PEOPLE

Refer to our recent email with the crocheted and knitted versions of the Twiddle Muff pattern attached, or you can also find the patterns by doing a Google search.

Please visit our website at www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com
and our Facebook page!

HAPPY EASTER AND HAPPY PASSOVER!

