

# Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild Newsletter

**December 2013**



## **OUR MEETINGS:**

All of our meetings from September 2013 through December 2013 will be held at the Raritan Township Municipal Bldg. (Police Station). **Our meetings this month are December 20th and December 27th. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

## **MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:**

- Much gratitude to all of you who contributed to the Covenant House Project and to Mary Shanahan for spearheading this effort to provide young people with warm and good-looking hats, mittens, scarves, etc. What a great response we had! Please keep the goodies coming.
- Thanks to Suzan Caseiro for bringing her "trunk sale" to our meeting to help with our holiday shopping.
- Many thanks to our holiday luncheon committee--Ruth Resnick, Joanne Bartlett and Barbara Osmolski. We are looking forward to another delicious lunch at Brunello's Trattoria on December 6th at 12:30 PM. I believe that 27 of us plan to attend, which is the biggest turn-out I can recall for years. If you have not signed up yet, contact a member of the committee or me. You can pay for your lunch when you come on the 6th.
- Please feel free to bring any ornaments or holiday decorations that you've made to adorn the tables at the luncheon to engender the holiday spirit.
- Let's all wear our beautifully crafted knitted and crocheted garments to the luncheon so that everyone can admire the incredible talent and creativity possessed by our Guild members!
- I would like to wish our entire Guild membership all of life's best in 2014. Happy Holidays and a Very Happy New Year to all.

## **OUTREACH:**

There are undoubtedly many local non-profit organizations who are struggling during this difficult economy. If you know of any that would 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. Make a few from your scrap yarn and help those in need.

**Warm Up America:** This is an ongoing project. The goal of the nation-wide “Warm Up America” afghan project is to provide warm crocheted or knitted afghans to anyone in need. These afghans are distributed to various agencies. The Red Cross and Salvation Army distribute these afghans to victims of natural disasters, area homeless, and for families and those who have lost their homes and belongings due to fire, flood or tornadoes and to homeless people. 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 crocheted blocks. Myra will continue to collect them throughout the year.

**Covenant House:** We are undertaking a new charity project this year, spearheaded by Mary Shanahan, a passionate supporter of Covenant House. Covenant House was started 30 years ago as a shelter for runaway and homeless teens with programs now spanning through 21 US cities and Latin America. More than 77,000 teens are served annually by Covenant House in it's national and international programs. All Guild members are encouraged to make hats, scarves, and gloves for these needy homeless youngsters. Mary is planning to deliver them to Covenant House sometime in late November or early December and throughout the winter months as our members create them from their "stashes" or leftover yarns.

## **OUR OFFICERS AND STAFF: 2013-2014**

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 - **Ruth Resnick**

## **DECEMBER'S PROJECT(S) /TECHNIQUE(S):**

### **MATERIALS NEEDED:**

#### **December 20th**

**Trudy writes...**"All of Santa's elves/helpers will work feverishly on any holiday project that still needs to be completed."

#### **December 27th**

Everyone is asked to bring in a book, magazine, etc., that they may have received as a gift to share with the group. The item does not have to be related to knitting or crocheting.

### ***SHOW AND TELL-EVERYONE WANTS TO ADMIRE YOUR CREATIONS!***

Please place your completed projects on one of the tables at the front of the room. Include a sheet of paper with your name and description of the project, i.e., type of yarn, source of the pattern, special techniques that were used, etc. Remember to bring extra copies of your favorite patterns to share with others.

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