

Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild Newsletter



December 2014

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, December 19th, and Friday, December 26th**. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

REMINDER ... Our dues remain at \$10.00 for the 2014-15 year, and were payable at our September meeting. *We now have 44 paid members out of the 53 names listed on our roster. Thank you for updating your status with us.* If you still need to pay your 2014-2015 dues, checks should be made payable to the "Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild" and mailed to Shirley Covert at PO Box 387, Neshanic Station, NJ 08853. Be sure to include your name, address, phone number and email address to ensure that you receive our newsletters and any other pertinent information.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Here we are in another Holiday Season. Thanksgiving time always brings reflection on all in our lives for which we are grateful, which for me personally includes; my family (including the lambies and Norma Jean), dear friends and good health. Counted among those friends are all of you.

We are so blessed to be a part of a group of women who share a common love of our craft and an interest in continuing to learn more about the finer points of knitting and crocheting. But another thing that I love about our group, is that there is so much genuine caring and concern for each other. At our meetings we exchange ideas on many other aspects of our lives including; tasty recipes, fashion, health matters and

relationship issues. I am grateful for all of these; they are a unique kind of “Friend Therapy”.

So, as we approach our Christian and Jewish holidays, I wish you all love, peace and joy for the New Year.

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

NOTE to READERS: *The websites and links in this Newsletter are intended to be helpful in deciding what projects you will try at our meetings. They can also help us cut down on printing and copying costs by members printing their own patterns and bringing them to the meeting.*

THIS MONTH’S PLANS:

This month we will be finishing up any projects we have in progress. Maybe you need a little time to finish something for your Holiday gifting? ... or to complete an item just for yourself this Winter! Bring in your knitting or crocheting and enjoy some company while you work.

We will also be scheduling a Charity Knitting & Crocheting Day in the upcoming months. Hats, scarves or mittens can be quickly finished during one or two meeting times, and then gathered for donation at the end of a meeting. Check your upcoming Newsletter for more details! If you have any acrylic or other washable stash you are willing to bring in and donate for this charity day please let one of our officers know. Thank You.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 15-18, 2015 Vogue Knitting LIVE! Marketplace tickets for one day (either Saturday OR Sunday) are \$20; two day tickets for Saturday AND Sunday are just \$25. The event will be at the New York Marriott Marquis, 1535 Broadway (between 45th and 46th Street), New York, NY 10036.

For Marketplace info go to:

<https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/nyc2015/marketplace/>

For a schedule of events, visit this link:

<https://www.vogueknittinglive.com/ehome/90620/schedule/>

UPDATED OUTREACH NOTES...

If you know of any local non-profit organizations who are struggling during this difficult economy that would benefit from knitted and crocheted items made by our members, please let us know.

Items 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, Stacia McDonough, has agreed to pick up whatever we can donate by meeting a Guild member at the library. If you would like any further information about Hope for Veterans her phone number is (908) 470-1930.

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 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 crocheted blocks. 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” our members. We would love for you to share a description of the project, i.e., type of yarn, source of the pattern, special techniques that were 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.

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



Seasons Greetings