

Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild  
Newsletter  
February 2013



*Happy Valentine's Day*

**OUR MEETINGS:**

All of our meetings from January 2013 through June 2013 will be held at the Raritan Township Municipal Bldg. (Police Station). Our meetings this month are **February 15th** and **February 22nd**. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:**

- I hope that you all have a very Happy Valentine's Day!
- January's program was a huge success. Many thanks to our own, Rosemary Gelino, for teaching us how to make Fair Isle hats.
- At our January 25th meeting, Guild members exhibited their completed hats, a true tribute to Rosemary for a job well done!
- Welcome to our new members, Marta von Culin and Penny Hutchins.
- An exciting program on cable knitting will be presented in February by Elaine Scheuerer.
- Many wonderful programs have been planned by our program committee—Georgia, Trudy, Elaine and Myra, for upcoming meetings.

- Let's take some time at an upcoming meeting to knit and crochet for charity. If anyone has a favorite charity that could benefit from our services, please let me know. We'd be happy to send handmade items.

**NOTICES AND REMINDERS:**

**WANTED:** We would welcome any of your ideas regarding new programs, field trips, or guest speakers that you would like us to incorporate into our meetings.

**WANTED:** We are fortunate to have many master knitters and crocheters in our Guild. Would you be willing to share some of your talents with the group and teach at a meeting? Please see Trudy Grimm or Georgia Muhs if you are interested.

**WANTED:** Knitting/crocheting news. If you have some information that would be of interest to our Guild members, i.e., a new craft book, a special technique that you found helpful, a new website that you've discovered, or a new yarn shop that you've heard about, etc., please share it with our members. Send the information to Ruth and she'll incorporate it into the newsletter.

**Trudy Grimm** found three sites on the Internet. She thought that they were very entertaining and wanted to share them with the Guild. She hopes that you'll enjoy them as much as she did!

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newsttopics/howaboutthat/4245919/Psychiatrist-knits-anatomically-correct-woolly-brain.html>

[http://animaltracks.today.com/\\_news/2013/01/24/16667405-cuteness-overload-shetland-ponies-wear-shetland-wool-sweaters-on-shetland-isles?lite](http://animaltracks.today.com/_news/2013/01/24/16667405-cuteness-overload-shetland-ponies-wear-shetland-wool-sweaters-on-shetland-isles?lite)

<http://www.weather.com/travel/ponies-wear-sweaters-scotland-20130125>

***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.

***OUR OFFICERS AND STAFF: 2012-2013***

President – Pat Baumlin

Vice President - Carolyn Compton

Secretary - Georgia Muhs

Treasurer - Rosemary Gelino

Membership - Shirley Covert

Program Co-Chairs – Trudy Grimm /Georgia Muhs

Newsletter - Ruth Resnick

Publicity Chair – Ruth Resnick

***THIS MONTH'S PROJECT/TECHNIQUE(S):***

This month's project will be presented by our own, Elaine Scheuerer. It's a knitted, cable design hat that creates a row of owls around the brim. According to Elaine, the cables in this pattern are very simple, so if you've never attempted cables before, this is a good introductory project. The hat will fit a 19 to 21 inch head. You can make the hat larger or

smaller by simply increasing or decreasing by 10 stitches, respectively.

If you'd like to get started prior to our meeting, cast on 90 stitches on the smaller needle. Join to knit in the round. Work K1 P1 ribbing for 1 1/2 inches. Thus, when you come to the meeting, you will be prepared to start making the owls. Elaine will provide everyone at the meeting with the owl pattern in both written and charted format.

**You will need the following:**

- 1 skein of worsted weight yarn
- 16-inch circular needles in size 8 **and** size 9 (or whatever size you need for a gauge of 17 stitches and 21 rows per inch on the larger needle)
- Double-pointed needles in the larger size
- A cable needle (If you don't have a cable needle, a double-pointed needle or a crochet hook will do).
- Whatever accessory you prefer for keeping track of rows in the pattern
- Small buttons or beads for the owls' eyes

***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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