

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2018



OUR MEETINGS

Weekday meetings are held at Raritan Township Police Station multi purpose room. Our meetings this month will be on Fridays, February 16th and 23rd, 2018, from 10am until 2pm, and on Saturday, February 17th from 11am-1pm at the Stangl Farmers' Market in Flemington. Business meetings occur at the beginning of the meeting on third Fridays.

Please remember to join us for our Third Saturday meeting Feb. 17th from 11am-1pm at Stangl Farmers' Market. We had a really lovely crowd last month.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Our membership stands at 54 members, plus 3 Saturday honorary members. Dues are \$15 for renewal and \$30 new member one-time fee, which includes a Guild Tote Bag.

If you cannot attend a meeting or have not paid your dues yet, please mail your \$15 or \$30 check for annual dues, made out to The Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild to:

Shirley C. , Membership Chair

PO Box 387

Neshanic Station, NJ 08853

We will provide you with an updated membership contact list sometime early in 2018, after the membership list has been completed for the year.

We wish a hearty welcome to our new member Tammie G. and our new Saturday members Micki C., Karin S. and Rhonda W.!!

DECEMBER MESSAGE FROM CO-PRESIDENT SUE

February! A month that is one of my favorites! This month has it all: increasing daylight to improve our moods as well as the cold weather to keep us wearing and creating our handiwork! Of course, there continues to be the potential for snow and deep freezes. The holidays are a month behind us, and trees and decorations are stowed safely for 10 months. To me, those attributes make February a perfect knitting month!

As a Guild, we are busy planning for our activities for 2018. As Meredith mentioned in her January letter, "Our Guild is successful due to the active involvement and dedication of our members." For 2018, we have World Wide Knit In Public Day (Saturday, June 9th), Stitch and Pitch (Friday, July 13th), The Hunterdon County 4-H Fair (late August) as well as The Garden State Sheep Breeders' and Fiber Festival (September 8th and 9th). We are again planning a trip to the New York State Sheep and Fiber Festival (a.k.a. The Rhinebeck Show) on October 20th. Of course, we love our Spring and Holiday luncheons. Our 3rd Saturday meetings at The Stangl Farmers' Market are beginning to find an audience. And of course, we have our monthly programs at the Friday Guild meetings.

What a busy year we have planned! Please don't be afraid to raise your hand when we ask for volunteers to coordinate an event, or when Doris asks for ideas for a program. Members of the Executive Committee will always be available to coordinator(s) to make sure that our events and programs are both a success to members as well as not too much of a burden to the coordinator.

Happy February!

Sue P.

FEBRUARY 2018 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Since the Guild has recently added a “group” page to Facebook, Sue P. and Mary Jane C. will assist with a knitting/crocheting social media review on Friday, February 16th. They will present to members what features are available, answer questions and work with small groups and/or individuals who wish to join or navigate Facebook or Ravelry. This presentation will be a reminder of the value and fun these sites have to offer.

At our second February meeting on Friday, February 23rd, Keri Fosbrink of Youghiogheny Yarns is going to present her method to create “afterthought heels” for handknit socks. She will also be bringing some of her creations for a trunk show.

OUTREACH

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.

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/>

Please visit our website at www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com

This month, attached to this email are the following documents:
January 2018 Meeting Draft Minutes, for your review.

HAPPY VALENTINES’ DAY!