

**Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild  
Newsletter**

**January 2013**



***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 January 18th and January 25th. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

***MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:***

- Happy New Year to All!!!
- I look forward to the next six months of creative knitting and crocheting projects, new techniques, and learning experiences. The first four months were very exciting.
- The holiday luncheon was a huge success. We had twenty-two guild members in attendance. The tables looked lovely with handmade holiday articles adorning them. Guild members also wore items that they had created. A wonderful time was had by all!
- Please share your talents with our Guild members. It doesn't have to be a long technique class. You might introduce the group to a helpful technique that would make a project a lot easier. For example, Georgia Muhs taught us how to use the "Magic Loop". Since I am not a fan of double-pointed needles, I now use the magic loop on many of my own projects.
- Winter is an excellent time to knit and crochet projects. When the weather outside is frightful, I say, "knit and crochet"!
- During the cold months, think of the homeless and needy. Knit or crochet a hat or scarf from scrap yarn to donate to those in need.

***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.

***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**

Programs Co-Chairs – **Trudy Grimm /Georgia Muhs**

Newsletter - **Ruth Resnick**

Publicity Chair – **Ruth Resnick**

Visit our website [www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com](http://www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com) for further updates.

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

During the month of January, Rosemary Gelino will be teaching us two-handed Fair Isle Knitting. This will be accomplished as everyone knits a Fair Isle hat. For this project, members can either use worsted weight yarn or "jumper weight" (sock yarn) whichever they prefer. Of course, worsted weight yarn would work up faster while sock yarn would produce a lighter weight hat.

The materials needed for the hat will fit approximately a 20" head.

For **worsted weight**, you will need the following materials:

- **2 hanks of wool** like Bernat worsted weight (or any worsted weight wool yarn of your choice) **in two contrasting colors.**
- Circular 16" and double-pointed needles in sizes 6 to 8, to achieve a gauge of about 16 or 17 stitches per 4 inches.

**For adult size medium or large:**

Cast on 96 (104) stitches in main color.

Join and knit in Knit 1, Purl 1, ribbing for 1 1/2 inches

Knit in stockinette (knit every round) for at least one inch

For **sock yarn**, you will need the following materials:

- **2 hanks** of sock yarn **in contrasting colors**
- Circular 16" and double- pointed needles in 3 mm or size to give you a gauge of 32 stitches per 4 inches

Cast on 144 stitches with main color. Join and knit around in Knit 2, Purl 2 ribbing for 1 1/2 inches.

Knit in stockinette stitch for at least one inch.

***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.

