

Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild Newsletter



Happy New Year 2015

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, January 16th, and Friday, January 23rd**. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP

We now have 44 members on our roster. We are distributing our membership list to all of our members as a separate attachment to the Newsletter email so it will be viewable only by our members (i.e., not by all who look at our website on the internet).

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a busy holiday season and your share of family, friends, gifts, good food and merriment.

Thank you to all who have volunteered for all the administrative and creative tasks that make our Guild so successful and such a wonderful organization. It is heartening to see how many of you are willing to help out with the various projects planned for the upcoming year, especially researching and planning a County Guild Festival for 2016.

Our energetic program gurus, Trudy Grimm and Barbara Osmolski have planned some exciting new learning adventures beginning with a three hour class on lace knitting techniques scheduled for January 23rd. Learning to knit with lace weight yarn and a simple lace pattern is on my list of New Year's resolutions. I also promised myself that this year I will master the challenge of Entrelac, no matter how long it takes. See you all next 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

THIS MONTH'S PROJECT/TECHNIQUE(S):

This month we will be learning a Lace Knitting Technique at our second Friday meeting, **January 23rd**. Our regular meeting will begin at 10 a.m., and the Class will begin promptly at 10:30 with Sandy Terp, our guest instructor, with whom we have scheduled three hours of learning time. There will be no cost to Guild Members, but if you bring a non-member friend there will be a \$10 fee. (A snow date of February 27th has been set). Sandy will be bringing some of her own materials to offer as part of a small trunk show for anyone who is interested.

Materials for the Lace Knitting Class: You will be making a bookmark, and you should bring any yarn and appropriate sized needles with which you are comfortable knitting to practice this new technique. Please don't worry about working with lace weight yarn and needles at the same time you will be learning, unless you are already comfortable doing so.

For Jan. 16 bring any Charity Knitting, "UFOs" or "WIPs" you wish to work on.

What are these? Well, here is an excerpt from a blog I found online, and I hope it clears things up and brings a smile to your face 😊.

According to Julia Meek Chambers ... a **UFO** is an "Un-Finished Object," and usually applies to a project that has been started, but has been set aside. IF your UFO gets set aside too long or gets lost in a closet, it may become a **UO** or **URO**: an Un-Recognizable Object. Perhaps "I started this at some point, but now I don't know what the heck it was supposed to be." Julia does say it happens to the best of us!

In contrast a "**WIP**" is a "work in progress" and means it is actively being worked on, or at least thought about in the forefront of the mind, such as in the case of "I'm stuck, I haven't figured it out, but I haven't put it aside just yet." I found Julia's explanation online at the following link:

<https://aberrantcrochet.wordpress.com/2011/06/28/new-term-tuesday-the-difference-between-ufos-and-wips-and-all-manner-in-between/>

Some of the projects we can look forward to in Upcoming Months include Crocheted Edgings, Organized Charity Knitting and Crocheting, a trip to The Knitters' Edge, and a visit (and small trunk show) from the owner of the newly opened Yarn Attic in Hillsborough. Stay Tuned for more info!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 17-18, 2015 Vogue Knitting LIVE! Is just weeks away!!! Purchase your tickets online and make a day of it.

As Spring approaches, I look forward to posting more events in this section ... Please let me know of anything you would like to see included here!

UPDATED OUTREACH NOTES...

If you know of any local non-profit organizations who are struggling during this difficult economy and who 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 has agreed to pick up whatever we can donate by meeting a Guild member at the library. **PLEASE NOTE:** *If you have finished items for donation I can collect them from you and I will arrange to meet our representative to give them to her in late January and again in February.*

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. The 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/or crocheted blocks and bring them to a meeting. 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.

