

Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild Newsletter



Happy New Year 2017

OUR MEETINGS

All of our meetings from September 2016 through June 2017 will be held at the Raritan Township Municipal Bldg. (Police Station). Our meetings this month are **Friday, January 20th, and Friday, January 27th**. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 48 members listed on our roster, including new and renewed members. By now you should have received the 2016-2017 membership roster by email. Please let me know if you have not.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As 2016 fades we need to recognize all our accomplishments and thank all of our active members who made them a reality. We had great programs and field trips as well as a new guild adventure at the Fiber Festival in September. A team of our knitters worked together to enable us to raise \$300 for the veterans' home in Glen Gardner. A future donation is planned when we complete our crocheted afghan.

We also have been invited to display our work at the main branch of the Hunterdon County Library for the month of February, which is exciting and a "first" for our Guild.

We had lovely luncheons in June and December thanks to Lisa, Barb, Mary and Trudy, complete with door prizes donated by several of our members; Lisa, Doris, Carolyn, Carol Ann, Trudy and Ed Baumlin, Pat's husband.

This year we lost two of our members, Dolores Dietz and our past President, Pat, both sadly missed. In spite of the challenges some of us have faced this year we are comforted by each other and our craft. Knitting and crocheting with good friends is always great therapy.

Here's to health, happiness and love for all of us for 2017. Happy New Year!! Please remember to bring your items for the library display to our first meeting in January.

Meeting dates for 2017: *Please note that April 14 is Good Friday and our first meeting of the month (we cannot have the meeting room April 21 due to another Guild).*

1/20/17, 1/27/17	5/19/17, 5/26/17	9/15/17, 9/22/17
2/17/17, 2/24/17	6/16/17, 6/23/17	10/20/17, 10/27/17
3/17/17, 3/24/17	7/21/17, 7/28/17	11/17/17, 11/24/17
*4/14/17, 4/28/17	8/18/17, 8/25/17	12/15/17, 12/22/17

OUR OFFICERS AND STAFF for 2016-2017

President – Georgia Muhs

Vice President – Meredith Higgins

Secretary – Jane Manley

Treasurer – Susan Perri

Membership - Shirley Covert

Program Co-Chairs – Trudy Grimm /Doris Gullion

Newsletter/Publicity Chairperson – Mary Shanahan

THIS MONTH'S PROJECTS WILL BE ... GANSEY KNITTING TECHNIQUE AND A CROCHET CABLE HAT

BOTH JANUARY 20 & 27 ...

We will begin to explore the **Gansey knitting technique**. This is a unique method of knitting which includes cables and patterned stitching similar to Aran Irish Sweater knitting. A verbal overview will be repeated since many members were not in attendance for the last presentation.

A small Teddy Bear or Doll Sized sampler sweater may be made to practice the knitting and the assembly methods. **MATERIALS REQUIRED:** US size 6 or 7 knitting needles and a hank of worsted weight yarn.

For those of you who are comfortable with their skill set and wish to jump right in and make an adult sized Gansey sweater, instructions will be available at the meetings. You should bring your own measurements with you and/or be prepared to help measure each other for your sweater projects. Perhaps you still have the measurement record you made at our January 22, 2016 meeting!

MATERIALS REQUIRED: US size 6 or 7 knitting needles and worsted weight yarn; for yardage you will need to consult the instructions at the January 20 meeting.

*** Please contact Trudy Grimm by email if you are seriously interested in learning the Gansey knitting technique so enough printed copies will be available. ***

A crochet alternative will be a **Crochet Cable Hat**. A pattern will be available at the meetings. **MATERIALS REQUIRED:** US size **H** hook and 5 - 6 oz. of 4 ply worsted weight yarn. If you are able to print the pattern at home, you may go to the link below and bring your printout with you. NOTE: Although the pattern states Intermediate crochet skill level, I found the instructions and detailed colored pictures in the pattern very helpful and easy to follow as a basic crocheter.

http://crochetgarden.com/index.php?main_page=document_general_info&products_id=194

RECENT OUTREACH SUCCESS ... December, 2016

You may recall that I published having dropped off 43 items to Cheryl Grotrian for the kickoff gathering of Knitters Unite at the Main Branch of the County Library on October 26. In total, as of December 20, **474** items have been collected and donated to our local food banks! Many thanks to all of our generous members who knitted and crocheted and donated hats, scarves, mittens, and socks for this cause.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 13-15, 2017 Vogue Knitting LIVE! Marketplace registration is now open! When you Register for Marketplace tickets, Apply the code **MPKN50** at checkout to get 50% off the regular ticket price. *These dates were incorrect in the December NL.* To register go to:

https://www.vogueknittinglive.com/newyork/20380?utm_source=VOGUE+KNITTING+ENEWSLETTER&utm_campaign=73a51279cc-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2016_12_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5d24f72d93-73a51279cc-220769249

Saturday June 10, 2017 is the next scheduled World Wide Knit in Public Day! This will likely be a busy date, just as it is a busy time of year with personal commitments such as Graduations on the agenda. It is not too early for us to start planning and to request the date in the Library Meeting Room.

OUTREACH

If you know of any local non-profit organizations who are struggling and who would benefit from knitted and crocheted items made by our members, please let us know and I will happily 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.

SHOW AND TELL --- Our Members Are Always Busy!

Many of us are working on items for ourselves, family members, or for donation. Please bring in your finished projects to show the membership after our Business Meeting. You may inspire someone to try a new technique or style.

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

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