

# **HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER**



## **JANUARY 2020**

### **OUR MEETINGS**

Meetings are held at Raritan Township Police Station multi purpose room. Our meetings this month will be on Fridays, January 17 and 24, 2020, from 10am until 2pm. Business meetings generally occur at the beginning of the meeting on third Fridays. However, this month the business meeting will be held on the fourth Friday to avoid a conflict with Vogue Knitting Live. Also, please note 3 changes to our regular meeting schedule for 2020 listed in our “Administrative Items” section.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Our membership stands at 59 paid members. Dues are \$15 per year and Shirley C. will begin collecting 2020 dues at our January 17 meeting.

## **JANUARY 2020 PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

New Year's resolutions are always a dicey topic. Even more so, as we start a new decade. We really have no idea of what external changes will happen. If I had made a "decade" fiber prediction in 2009, I would have been terribly off the mark. Ravelry? The wonderful increase in independent pattern designers and hand dyers? Rhinebeck? Vogue Knitting Live? NJ Sheep and Fiber? If these were around, they didn't even register on my horizon.

So, any resolutions that any of us makes must be personal. We resolve to be better listeners, to participate more in our community, to share more with those around us, and to be welcoming to those who are new to our guild and our community.

To all of you and to those you love, the Happiest and Healthiest New Year!

Sue

## **JANUARY 2020 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES**

The New Year is in rapid swing. Following our January business meeting we will be headed for our holiday celebration. Bring your projects and enjoy a few minutes to relax before we depart for lunch. I will be bringing the quilt to be given away at the luncheon. If you are interested in giving the quilt a home and you will not be at the January 17 meeting, please let me know. My phone number is 908-479-1406. I will be happy to enter your name in the drawing. Otherwise you may enter the drawing yourself either during the meeting on the 17th or as you enter for lunch. Measurements are 67.5 inches x 79.5 inches. The quilt will also be on display during our meeting. Please see the attached picture of the quilt on the next page.

On Friday, January 24, we do not have a formal program scheduled. As always, show and tells and questions about techniques are always welcome. Hope to see you on the 17th of January.

Doris

This is the lovely quilt being raffled at our January 24th luncheon.



## **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

- Please remember to bring in items for display at the Hunterdon County Library. The deadline for submitting is our business meeting on January 24th. And please make sure that your name is on your item.
- Our luncheon is on January 24th, at Al Fresco's. It will be at noon, immediately following the business meeting. We have moved the business meeting to the second Friday meeting of the month to avoid a conflict with Vogue Knitting Live in NYC.
- We have 3 changes to our regular meeting schedule for 2020. The exceptions are:

July 24th and 31<sup>st</sup>  
November 13th and 20<sup>th</sup>  
December 11th and 18th

Please make a note of these changes on your 2020 calendar.

## OUTREACH AND ONGOING PROJECTS

If you know of any local non-profit organizations that 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](http://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-byrnesweb-w-schematic.pdf/>

**Wigs and Fun Hats for Children:** [www.halokkeepers.org](http://www.halokkeepers.org)

**Twiddle Muffs For Cognitively Impaired People:** Refer to our recent email with the crocheted and knitted versions of the Twiddle Muff pattern attached, or you can also find the patterns by doing a Google search.

## UPCOMING FIBER EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

### January 2020

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| 17 – 19 | Vogue Knitting Live<br>New York Marriott Marquis, NYC   |
| 24      | Deadline for submission of items for the February Guild Showcase at Hunterdon County Library, main branch |

January 2020 (continued)

- 24 Guild Luncheon at Al Fresco's Restaurant, 100 Reaville Avenue,  
Flemington (in The Shoppes at Flemington)
- 31 Winter Fiber Retreat (extending through 2/2)  
Amish View Inn, Bird in Hand, Lancaster County, PA  
Contact Barbara Tanner, 717-738-0650 for more info

February 2020

- 1 – 2 Winter Fiber Retreat  
Amish View Inn, Bird in Hand, Lancaster County, PA  
Contact Barbara Tanner, 717-738-0650 for more info
- All month Hunterdon Knit Crochet Guild Showcase  
Hunterdon County Library, main branch



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