

Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild
Newsletter
March 2013



Our Meetings:

All of our meetings from January 2013 through August 2013 will be held at the Raritan Township Municipal Bldg. (Police Station). Our meetings this month are March 15th and 22nd. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

President Pat Baumlin reports the following:

- Special thanks to Elaine Scheuerer for presenting the program on cables. She did a truly magnificent job which inspired all of us. Many Guild members shared their finished owl hats at our second meeting in February.
- Happy St. Patrick's Day to all.
- Welcome to our two new members --Elaine Fischer and Albie Meglaughlin. Welcome, also, to Jane Manley's guest, Angela Schwoerer.

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 will include it in the newsletter.

- Pat Baumlin found these two suggestions in an old Bernat Book and wanted to share them with you. Two great secrets of knitting: (1) Be sure to always check your gauge. (2) Be sure of the finished size that you want to make.

OUTREACH:

If you know of any local non-profit organizations that could 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. Everyone is encouraged to knit or crochet a few and Trudy will get them to the people in need.

OUR OFFICERS AND STAFF: 2012-2013

President – **Pat Baumlin**

Vice President - **Carolyn Compton**

Secretary - **Georgia Muhs**

Treasurer - **Rosemary Gelino**

Membership - **Shirley Covert**

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

Newsletter/ Publicity Chairperson - **Ruth Resnick**

THIS MONTH'S PROJECT/TECHNIQUE(S):

March is charity month. The March program will be devoted to making afghan pieces as part of the "Warm up America" Project.

Knitters are requested to make at least one square in stockinette stitch prior to the meeting. This piece will be decorated with duplicate stitch, an embroidery technique which will be demonstrated at the meeting for those who are unfamiliar with the stitch.

Crocheters may wait to work on their pieces until the meeting dates.

Materials Required:

- 7x9 inch piece of cardboard
- Scraps of 4-ply worsted weight acrylic yarn
- A yarn needle for sewing
- Knitting needles or crochet hooks appropriate for gauge

Project Instructions:

Knitting Patterns:

Gauge: 5 stitches = 1 inch

Garner Stitch: Cast on 35 stitches. Knit every row until piece measures 9 inches. Bind off

Stockinette Stitch: Cast on 35 stitches. **Row 1:** Knit all stitches. **Row 2:** Purl all stitches. Repeat these two rows until piece measures 9 inches. Bind off.

Crochet Patterns:

Gauge: 9 stitches = 2 inches

Single Crochet: Chain 30 for foundation row. **Row 1:** Single crochet in second chain from hook, and in every chain in foundation row. Chain 1 and turn. **Row 2:** Working under the 2 top loops of each stitch in the previous row, single crochet across the row. Chain 1 and turn work. Repeat row 2 until piece measures 9 inches.

Double Crochet: Chain 27 for foundation row. **Row 1:** Double crochet in 3rd chain from hook and in each chain of foundation row. Chain 2 and turn the work. **Row 2:** Double crochet in each stitch across the row. Chain 2 and turn. Repeat Row 2 until piece measures 9 inches.

Note: It takes 49 squares of 7 X 9 inches pieces to make a full size afghan. For further information regarding the project, refer to Michael's website: www.michaels.com

Show and Tell – Everyone wants to admire our creations

Please place your completed items on one of the tables in the front of the room. Include a sheet of paper with your name and description of the project, i.e., type of yarn, the source of your pattern, special techniques that were used, etc. Whenever possible, remember to bring extra copies of your favorite patterns to share with others.

Upcoming Projects & Events:

Georgia and Trudy have planned a program at ***The Knitter's Edge in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania***. The program is scheduled for Friday, April 26th. The project will be a wash cloth with cables and bobbles. The cost of the kit is \$12.00. Bring size 6 or 7 knitting needles, preferably with a sharp point rather than rounded. Car pools will be available. More information to follow.

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