

Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild Newsletter



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, March 20th, and Friday, March 27th**. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP

We have added a returning member to our roster and we now boast 47 members.
Welcome back to Albie Meglaughlin.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Ladies,

Can you believe another snow storm is on the way? I've had enough of Old Man Winter and the bitter cold and frozen landscape. The only positive thing to come out of this wintery siege is that we do have more time for our favorite activity. I may actually complete my daughter's birthday gift on time and my stash of hats and scarves for our service projects is growing.

On a brighter note, March brings a promise of spring which means that we will be going to the Knitters' Edge on the 16th for a class on sampler scarves and Fernanda will be leading a class on crocheted edgings on the 20th. I for one, can't wait. Also, our lambs should be arriving later in the month after 5 long months of waiting.

I hope you have thought about Trudy's request for program leaders in the upcoming months. There is so much talent in our membership, and so many things we can learn from each other, that I know we will add to our skills just as we have added new members. Sharing new ideas doesn't mean you have to lead a formal class; simply showing a specific technique or shortcut will add to our growing knowledge of our crafts. Please see Trudy and sign up to help with our programs.

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 WE WILL ... Travel to The Knitters' Edge for a Scarf Project, and also Learn New Crocheted Edging Techniques at our home meetings.

Guild Trip to the Knitters' Edge (TKE). On Monday, March 16th we will be going to the Knitters' Edge, Bethlehem, PA, to begin our Sampler Scarf project. **The class begins at 10 a.m.** and has been scheduled for two hours. You have seen a few options of finished products at our February Guild Meetings. Patterns will be available when we arrive at TKE and you should be ready to purchase your yarn onsite that morning. Bring needles sizes 6, 7, and 8 to work with, either double points or circular. We will also be able to learn about Ravelry and set up a blog through the Ravelry website by using a computer at TKE. This is to enable us to show our work and to reach out to others for assistance online.

A reminder, our goal is to work continuously on the project and bring it in for the support of fellow members. For example, if you get stuck during your project you can ask for help and get moving again! At the end we will learn how to block our products. Myra will be teaching us how to block in a future Guild meeting.

At our March 20th AND 27th meetings we will be learning and practicing crocheted edgings. *Please Note: There is homework to be done!* Everyone interested in the Edgings Class will need to make several 4 inch swatches in single crochet (or in stockinette stitch) to be used in the class. You should also bring in the same yarn used for the swatch (in case you want to make more) and bring a contrasting yarn for the new edging. The size of crochet hook needed will depend on your yarn and your technique, of course, so bring a size or two up and down from the size suggested by the yarn manufacturer. In the accompanying email there is a separate attachment entitled "edgings". There are websites noted for reference so that those who wish to participate can print and bring your own copies of the instructions.

We look forward to the possibility of more crochet lessons. If you would like to share your talent and passion for crocheting, please consider leading a lesson or project in future Guild meetings.

Continued Spring Cleaning: If you have bits and pieces, scraps, hanks, skeins, whatever shape or form, which you are no longer going to use, bring them in for other members who may be looking for charity work materials. Even if it is not a large quantity perhaps it can be used for a striped hat, scarf or mittens? *Try to bring washable materials due to the donation aspect.*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

How about making a “Yarn Crawl” one of your Springtime activities? According to Facebook, the New Jersey Wool Walk is tentatively scheduled for April 16-19, 2015. A quote from their Facebook page says, “The NJ Wool Walk is 4 days of fun and yarny goodness for knitters, crocheters, weavers & spinners. April 16th-19th, 2015 with 14 participating yarn shops!” I have registered to receive email updates so you will know more as soon as I do.

WWKIP – that is, WorldWide Knit In Public Day.

This year it is scheduled for June 13, which is a Saturday. We welcome your suggestions for public places that our Guild may host this event in Hunterdon County. The date has been chosen but more detailed information needs to be put forth yet. You can look up past events on the internet or on Facebook to see pictures and reviews. Mary Shanahan will continue to look into more details as the date approaches.

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 Are 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 Barbara Osmolski or I will collect them from you and arrange to deliver them to organization representatives.

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.

