

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER

MARCH

2016

OUR MEETINGS

All of our meetings from September 2015 through June 2016 will be held at the Raritan Township Municipal Bldg. (Police Station). Our meetings this month are **Friday, March 18th, and Friday, March 25th**. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP

We now have 57 members listed on our roster, including renewals and new additions.

A friendly welcome to newest members Jana and Florence, and welcome back Bonnie Jean!

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Spring appears to be within our grasp judging from the robins and bluebirds I have seen this week, as well as the hundreds of blooming snow drops all over our yard. Each year I divide them and put them in new homes around the barns and the arbor and along the walkway to the house. I love the fact that they bravely poke their little blooms up through the snow as early as late January. On the coldest of February days they bring the hope of spring long before it becomes a reality.

While we wait for warmer weather, more lambs, and other true signs of spring, we are fortunate to have great programs lined up in March and April thanks to our wonderful program committee. I can't wait for Carol's color class, field trips to Kraemer's and Knitter's Edge, as well as planning for our 4H Fair exhibit and the Fiber Festival. See you all soon.



Ginger and daughter, Spice Girl, at almost 3 weeks of age; a beautiful new addition to the Muhs flock.

OUR OFFICERS AND STAFF FOR 2015-2016

President – Georgia Muhs

Vice President – Barbara Osmolski

Secretary – Jane Manley

Treasurer - Barbara Schibilia

Membership - Shirley Covert

Program Co-Chairs – Trudy Grimm & Doris Gullion

Newsletter/Publicity Chairperson – Mary Shanahan

THIS MONTH'S PROJECTS WILL BE...

March 18, Carol R will help us determine our best personal color choices!

We are focusing on ourselves in our programs and projects these past few months, and what better way to get a perfect start than by knowing our most flattering personal color choices. There will be prizes related to the color analysis. Be sure to wear your lipstick when you join us March 18!

March 25 we will not have a formal program.

Due to the religious holiday, we will not offer a formal program on this meeting day. However, there will be members in our meeting room if you would like to join them to knit, crochet, work on a personal or charity project, and if you need assistance moving a project along.

NEW TO OUR WEBSITE

Dorry A and Sue P have helped us to add the Ravelry button to our website!

When you click on the button on our home page, you then log in to Ravelry and you will be taken directly to our Guild page on Ravelry. Very exciting – thank you ladies! Thank you, Sue, for keeping our Ravelry page updated.

A SPECIAL VISIT

We had two guests at our February 19 meeting. Beth and her daughter, Jessica, brought in some yarn from a co-worker friend's stash. The friend had been raised by her grandmother, whose yarn she had been left upon grandma's passing. I was contacted by Beth and I agreed to help them when they needed to clear out the stash yarn and associated materials. Thanks again, Beth and Jess, and we hope you will come back to visit us.

SAVE THESE 2016 DATES ... UPCOMING EVENTS

A post from the **New Jersey Wool Walk** Community on Facebook states "The NJ Wool Walk is 4 days of fun and yarny goodness for knitters, crocheters, weavers & spinners ... with 14 participating yarn shops!" This year's dates will be **April 14-17**. Copied from: <https://www.facebook.com/NJWoolWalk/>

We are registered for the **WWKIP Day** (Worldwide Knit in Public Day) to be held this year on Saturday, **June 18**. The large main floor meeting room has been reserved in the Route 12 Main Branch of the Hunterdon County Library, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. See future issues of our Newsletter for additional details.

StitchNPitch is scheduled for the Thursday, **August 18** Somerset Patriots' Game, and is a Fireworks night. Early notes from Pam MacKenzie's In Stitches blog indicate that this year's recipients are to be the Cancer Centers of JFK Medical Center and Hunterdon Medical Center. Additional details to follow as the event unfolds.

OUTREACH

As always, 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.

"Hope for Veterans" - Items Always Needed: 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 socks. 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. A reminder that it is preferred that we do not visit the facility, so a contact from the residence has agreed to pick up whatever we can donate by meeting a Guild member at the library.

PLEASE NOTE: Barbara O or Mary S will collect finished items and arrange delivery 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. 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 Have Been 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. You may inspire someone to try a new technique or style.

Members have also been bringing in squares for Warm Up America. Thank you for continuing to support our Outreach Efforts!

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



"March" Clip Art from: http://www.clipartpanda.com/clipart_images/clip-art-month-signs-6366959

And from: http://www.clipartpanda.com/clipart_images/march-events-clip-art-set-3866426