

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2019

OUR MEETINGS

Meetings are held at Raritan Township Police Station multi purpose room. Our meetings this month will be on Fridays, March 15th and 22nd , 2019, from 10am until 2pm. Business meetings occur at the beginning of the meeting on third Fridays.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 51 members. Dues are \$15 per year.

FEBRUARY 2019 PRESIDENTS' LETTER

The daylight hours are extending, and every day there are new signs of spring. My hellebores all have blooms that are just wanting to open up, and each morning, I imagine that I hear new birdsongs that I did not hear the day before! Welcome to Spring!

Spring brings lots of new activities. This year, the Guild will be participating in the state-wide Makers Day, on Saturday, March 23rd. Our spool knitting "Make and Take" projects will be available to participants at the North Branch Library in Clinton, and hopefully the South Branch Library in Ringoes. Thank you to all who have brought great ideas and energy to this project!

Spring also brings us a new round of fiber festivals. We are really fortunate to be living in both a time and place where there are so many talented fiber artisans available to us. Mary Jane has provided a link to a list of fiber festivals around the country. That link is on the right hand side of our Facebook page. Here are a few that are close to us, in chronological order:

- Allentown Fiber Festival: April 13-14
- Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival: May 4-5
- New Hampshire Sheep and Wool: May 11-12
- Long Island Fleece and Fiber: May 18-19
- Central Penn Fiber Festival: May 18-19

There is also the NJ Wool Walk, which is an event that showcases all of our local yarn shops. That is scheduled for April 4-7.

If you should happen to attend one (or some) of these events, be sure to bring your "finds" to a meeting for show and tell. We all love to see what these events have to offer.

Finally, we have attached our 2019 Membership Roster and Photo Directory to this email. **Please remember that these lists are for your personal use**

only. If you have not yet been included in the Photo Directory, please let us know so that we can include you. Many, many thanks to Shirley C. for her membership work, and to Karen M. and Karen K. for assembling the Photo Directory.

Sue

MARCH 2019 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

How quickly the time goes by! March is upon us. Our meeting on Friday, **March 15th** finds us working on projects, sharing our Show and Tells, and knitting or crocheting for charity. We still have requests for Twiddlemuffs, should anyone want to make one. During our Friday, **March 22nd** meeting, we will take a trip down memory lane. Please bring with you an item that is your first (or one of your first) knit or crochet projects, a vintage piece either knit or crocheted by you or in your collection, an old skein of yarn from your stash, or an item with some age and a story. See what you can find. Happy hunting!

Doris

OUTREACH AND ONGOING PROJECTS

If you know of any local non-profit organizations who 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.

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-byrnes-web-w-schematic.pdf/>

WIGS AND FUN HATS FOR CHILDREN

www.halokeepers.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.

Stay tuned for more information on the outcome of the 10000 Knitters Project listed in the November Newsletter. The kits for the project were completely sold out.

Please visit our website at www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com

and our Facebook page!

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!

