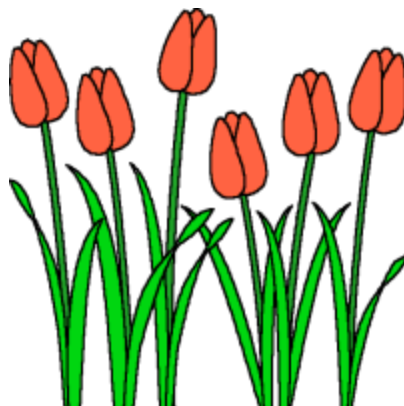


**Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild  
Newsletter**

**May 2013**

Happy Mother's Day!



**OUR MEETINGS:**

All of our meetings from January 2013 through June 2013 will be held at the Raritan Township Municipal Bldg. (Police Station). Our meetings this month are **May 17th** and **May 24th**. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:**

- Hope that you all had a splendid time at The Knitter's Edge. It's certainly a knitter's delight!
- We need a nominating committee to generate a slate of perspective officers. At least two Guild members are required to serve on the committee. If you're interested in helping out, please let Pat know. Elections are held in June.
- Georgia, Myra and Pat will plan the spring luncheon which will be held in June. Anyone who has suggestions on where to hold the luncheon should contact Pat.
- Thank you to Trudy for our "surprise" lesson on using a lucet



which is a wooden, lyre-shaped tool

used in

cordmaking or braiding. It is believed to date back to the Viking and Medieval Periods when it was used to create cords that were used for clothing or to hang items from the belt.

### **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'll incorporate it into the newsletter.

### **OUTREACH:**

There are undoubtedly many local non-profit organizations who are struggling during this difficult economy. If you know of any that would 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. Make a few from your scrap yarn and help those in need.

**Warm Up America:** This is an ongoing project. The goal of the nation-wide "Warm Up America" afghan project is to provide

warm crocheted or knitted afghans to anyone in need. These afghans are distributed to various agencies. The Red Cross and Salvation Army distribute these afghans to victims of natural disasters; area homeless; and for families and those who have lost their homes and belongings due to fire, flood or tornadoes and to homeless people. Forty-nine blocks that measure 7" X 9" are joined together to complete an afghan. Use your scrap yarn to make some 7"x9" knitted and crocheted blocks. Myra will continue to collect them throughout the year.

### **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 - **Ruth Resnick**

Publicity Chair – **Ruth Resnick**

### ***THIS MONTH'S PROJECT/TECHNIQUE(S):***

Knitted and crocheted handbags and e-reader covers

#### **You will need the following:**

- The ***knitted*** bags and e-reader covers require size **11** straight or circular knitting needles. The bags can be worked flat with seams or in the round and seamless.
- The ***crocheted*** items require a size **P 15/11.5 mm** crochet hook.
- The ***yarn*** type for both projects is either **Thick & Quick** chunky yarn or **Cozy** wool chunky which can be purchased at Michael's.

*According to Georgia, " it works up quickly and looks luscious". Georgia has invited her sister "Sue, the artist", to attend our May 24th meeting. Sue will show our Guild members the*

*beautiful pins she creates as well as some other items that she makes.*

*Trudy would like to conduct a "favorite book review" during the month of May. Guild members are encouraged to bring in their favorite knitting and/or crocheting books and present a brief book talk about their selections.*

***SHOW AND TELL—EVERYONE WANTS TO ADMIRE YOUR CREATIONS!***

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

Visit our website [www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com](http://www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com) for further updates.

***Coming Events in June:***

***Spring Luncheon***

***Election of New Officers***