

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, May 15th, and Friday, May 22nd**. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Reminder for our room usage: Please do not bring food or drinks (other than water) into the meeting room, and remember to remove any water bottles that you bring in. This request is a condition of our meeting room usage. Thank You

MEMBERSHIP ...

We have another returning member, Welcome Back Toni Brush 😊
And a warm, spring welcome to our newest members Janet, Beth, and Lisa!

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

What a happy month April was for our Guild! We had two excellent programs. At our first meeting of the month, Sue Perri continued our Ravelry education, including how to use the group forum she and Trudy set up for us to share progress and ideas on various projects, especially the sample scarf we are all working on from our Knitters' Edge class.

Last week Trudy introduced us to the concept of double knitting with a computer slide presentation with a video component. The video part was nice and slow so that we could follow it easily. Thank you both for such good programming.

We gained three new members this month. Welcome to Janet L, Lisa M, and Barbara W, and Toni Brush renewed her membership. This brings membership up

to 51 to date. We also had a guest, Lila S, who would like to learn to knit and crochet and had her first lesson from Carol Ann Moyer. Thank you Carol Ann.

The month of May promises to be exciting as well. We will have a program on knitting with beads and election of officers for a new two year term. Nominees include: Georgia Muhs for President, Barbara Osmolski for Vice President, Jane Manley for Secretary and Barbara Schibilia for Treasurer. Elections will be held at the first meeting in May.

We also thank Trudy for arranging for the June luncheon at the new diner on Route 31 and Mary Shanahan for spearheading the Knit in Public Day scheduled for June 13.

See you all on the 15th.

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 ... Enjoy a knitting-with-beads demo, and share clever ideas and stash secrets!

On May 15th Meredith H. will present a demonstration of knitting with beads. If we have further interest in a class or lesson presentation, a lesson will be scheduled for one of our Fall meetings.

At our May 22nd meeting we will be ... sharing clever ideas. Members are asked to bring in books, patterns, and discussion ideas to share at the meeting. **We will also talk about** “where to hide our stash”, especially so our husbands don’t know!

Attention Crocheters! If you would like to share your talent and passion for crocheting, please consider leading a lesson or project in future Guild meetings.

UPCOMING EVENTS of INTEREST:

Are You Ready For Our WWKIP??? Yes, WorldWide Knit In Public Day!

Saturday, June 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. we will be in the meeting room of the Hunterdon County Library Headquarters, 314 Route 12 in Flemington. Please come and join us knitting and crocheting in public, socializing and sharing our excitement for our craft. Bring your brown bag lunch and accompanying drink; we may eat in the meeting room. And don't forget about the swap table. Our registration number is **1015** and we are now listed on the website under WWKIPs in America, in the state of NJ – this is a huge, “worldwide” event! Additional details and samples of involvement can be found at <http://www.wwkipday.com/>

THE ANNUAL GUILD SPRING LUNCHEON ... will be June 19, in the party/meeting room of the Flemington-Raritan Diner, 324 Route 31 North, Flemington. We will gather at 12 noon, order any item off of their menu, and we will pay via individual checks.

PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL HAVE OUR REGULAR 10 A.M. BUSINESS MEETING BEFORE GOING TO THE DINER.

A New Twist on this year's Annual Stich-N-Pitch at a Somerset Patriots' Game ... Lion Brand Yarns will be donating yarn for participants to knit Chemo Caps during this year's Stich 'n Pitch! The caps are to be donated to the Steeplechase Cancer Center. This is not a requirement, but a request to help benefit a good cause. At the end of June I will ask for a head count of those seriously interested so I can pass along our number of crafters to my contact at the Somerset Patriots. Game time is Wednesday August 12th @ 7:05pm. I will attach a separate (pdf) file to the Newsletter, with a Flyer about the event.

Did anyone participate in the Yarn Crawl (NJ Wool Walk) this year? Come and tell your stories at the next meeting when we're sharing “clever ideas”.

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 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. 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: Barbara Osmolski or Mary Shanahan 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 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". *Especially the You Can Do It Scarf Sampler from our Knitters' Edge trip!* Share a description of the project, type of yarn, pattern and source, special techniques 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.

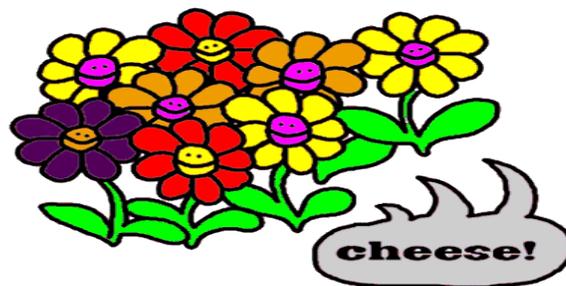


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