

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHET GUILD NEWSLETTER



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

MEMBERSHIP

We now have 59 members listed on our roster, including renewals and new members.

Welcome to Our Newcomers, Sammi, Lydia F. and Susan F!

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Happy Mother's Day to all of you who have sons and daughters, lovely pets or sweet farm animals for whom you provide love and sustenance. God love you all.

We have some exciting and interesting plans for the upcoming spring and summer months. A field trip to Lion Brand Yarns is on the agenda as is the Knit in Public Day, our visit to the Knitters' Edge, the annual spring luncheon, and planning for our booth at the Fiber Festival in October. I was able to reserve the display case at the Headquarters branch of the Hunterdon County Library on Rte. 12 in Flemington for the month of February, 2017. You might want to start planning what items you would like to display as examples of the truly beautiful things we make. We may want to enlist the help of our 4H Fair display people to help design a lovely presentation at the library.

At our next meeting we have to pick a day in October for the Open House Reception discussed at our last meeting. It can be one of our regular meeting days or something else. I will contact the room scheduling person at the library to see if the date we choose is available. The library folks are really very accommodating and we truly appreciate their help providing meeting rooms for our activities.

Special thanks to Trudy and our program committee for another interesting and

informative presentation on the Magic Loop. A lot of effort goes into these lessons and they are certainly enjoyed by our members.

Our Vice President, Barb O. wears a new hat these days, that of Shepherdess/Midwife. Barb earned her new skills helping with the annual spring lambing at our farm and I do not know what I would have done without her help. She is tireless, is not afraid to get dirty, and fearless in the face of the uncertainty and messiness of waiting for new life. She spent quite a few nights sleeping in our barn and taking turns getting up every 2-3 hours to check the expectant mommas. She is a real farm girl and her sheep friends love her, as do I.

Happy Mothers' Day!!

See you all soon.



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 WE WILL ... *postpone our Business meeting and in-house program until May 27, our 2nd meeting of the month for May.*

May 20, FIELD TRIP TO LION BRAND YARNS

We will be traveling to LION BRAND YARNS in Carlstadt, NJ on May 20. Please plan to arrive at LION by 10 a.m. to participate in the day's activities, fun, informative talk, inspiration, and *of course* shopping! The drive is approximately one hour from Flemington, and members are expected to make their own driving arrangements. Lunch will be on our own and wherever we choose when it comes time to eat. There is a room we can use if people choose to bring a brown bag lunch. The address to use for navigation and/or gps is provided in the email to which this Newsletter is attached. *If you do not wish to attend*, you may meet in our usual meeting room that day for a KAL (**Knit ALong**).

MAY 27 OUR BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE FOLLOWED BY ... FINGER KNITTING !

Member Carol Ann K. will be presenting Finger Knitting method to all who are interested. At the end of the lesson you will have a finished project, a cowl done to whatever length you wish.

MATERIALS NEEDED: 1 skein of chunky or extra chunky yarn, #6 preferred. You can use the entire skein, or end when cowl is the length you wish. After binding off, the two ends are joined to make cowl.

SO ... APRIL 14-17 ... Did anyone attend the New Jersey Wool Walk?

Unfortunately I missed it again this year, but I will keep trying!

ON APRIL 16, one of our members attended the “rummage sale” sponsored by the Friends of Whitmore and the Garden Club of Hunterdon Hills. Maybe she will share a description of the great finds she saw there?

SPRING GUILD LUNCHEON ... DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

At our April 22 Business meeting the Guild members approved our Spring lunch to be held at the Flemington Raritan Diner. The arrangement will be as it has been the past few events, with members ordering off the menu and paying by separate checks. Trudy will be stopping by the Diner to obtain available dates in June.

SAVE THESE 2016 DATES ... UPCOMING EVENTS

New Jersey State Button Society ... will be having their Spring Show *THIS*

Saturday, May 7. It will be a celebration of their 75th Anniversary! Location will be the Union Fire Company & Rescue Squad, 1396 River Rd., Intersection of Route 29 & Park Lake Ave., Titusville, NJ 08560. See this website for additional details: <http://newjerseystatebuttonociety.org/>

Field Trip to The Knitters' Edge ... Monday, June 6.

The Guild will be going to TKE for a project involving 12” crochet or knitted squares to be assembled into an afghan. There will be patterns for each member to choose from and TKE will help us with gauge and yarn choice of a single color, Encore being the preferred recommendation. The Guild voted to pay for our yarn!

Maybe you would like to try the **2016 Hudson Valley Yarn “Cruise”?** It will begin June 18 (Worldwide Knit in Public Day) and continue through Labor Day. This is a yarn shop hop, up and down the Hudson River, and is the same idea as the NJ Wool Walk. Collect stamps from as many shops as you can, receive prizes,

and you have the whole Summer to shop for yarn while you do this!

<https://www.facebook.com/Hudson-Valley-Yarn-Shop-Cruise-485467194955265/>

NOTE: You don't need a Facebook account to view this information.

Once again 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.

In Stitches In Person ... a new event with columnist Pam MacKenzie and designer Nicky Epstein will be held Saturday, **June 25** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be talks, a trunk show, Nicky will be selling and autographing books, vendors, T-shirts, buttons and much more! Location: Asbury Hall, Bound Brook United Methodist Church. I will send a flyer for this event in a separate email.

StitchNPitch is scheduled for the Thursday, **August 18** Somerset Patriots' Game, and this will be 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. Last year we had special seating options and one of us won a tote bag! Updated game night details will follow as the event unfolds. Save the date and be ready to provide your answer in June (Pam will need a head count for the yarn ...)

GARDEN STATE SHEEP & FIBER FESTIVAL ... SEPTEMBER 10 AND 11

It may sound far in the future, but we do need to start planning now. Georgia has registered our group to participate again this year, and has expressed a need for two committees:

- One committee for planning and how items are to be displayed.
- A committee to oversee items being brought in, placing name of individual bringing in item, and sorting, whether being sold by the Guild for charity or by an individual. Please consider being part of a committee.

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!

Do you recognize any of these ladies? I see a few of our Guild members here, and they look like they're having fun.

Don't forget you can go knit or crochet downstairs in the Hunterdon County Library Main Branch, on the second Monday of the month.

Check it out!



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