

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



2018

OUR MEETINGS

Weekday meetings are held at Raritan Township Police Station multi purpose room. Our meetings this month will be on Fridays, May 18th and 25th, 2018, from 10am until 2pm, and on Saturday, May 19th from 11am-1pm at the Stangl Farmers' Market in Flemington. Business meetings occur at the beginning of the meeting on third Fridays.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Our membership stands at 54 members. Dues are \$15 for renewal and \$30 new member one-time fee, which includes a Guild Tote Bag.

If you cannot attend a meeting or have not paid your dues yet, please mail your \$15 or \$30 check for annual dues, made out to The Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild to:

Shirley C. , Membership Chair

PO Box 387

Neshanic Station, NJ 08853

We will provide you with an updated membership contact list sometime soon, after the membership list has been completed for the year.

MAY MESSAGE FROM CO-PRESIDENT MEREDITH

Well, at last spring has finally sprung! The flowering trees and bushes are beautiful along with the blossoming bulbs and very green grass. Soon the trees will be filled out with leaves. Temperatures are rising, allowing for some relaxing time stitching outside. It's very welcome after the cold and snow we've had this year.

At our last business meeting, some issues were discussed which would benefit from the input of the whole Guild membership. Your thoughts and ideas can be voiced by sending your thoughts to our email account, Hunterdonknitcrochet@gmail.com.

The first item is the addition of different meeting time and place to attract members who are unable to attend a daytime meeting. The Saturdays at Stangl Farmers' Market have not been successful. A nighttime meeting and also the use of the library were suggested.

The next issue mentioned was the Guild's lack of presence at several recent community events. Perhaps the Guild would benefit from a Community Outreach Coordinator to keep us abreast of events.

Also, we need to know the membership's opinions on a sponsored trip to Rhinebeck in October 2018. What is the interest for this year, or would every other year work better?

Please give these items some thought. Your thoughts and ideas can be voiced by sending them to our email account listed above.

Upcoming events are Hunterdon County Community Day on June 2nd. Thank you, Charlotte, for coordinating this event. Then WWKIPDAY is on June 9. Thank you to Sue F. for coordinating this event.

According to Pamela MacKenzie's article, the date for Stitch 'n Pitch has been changed to Saturday, July 28th. My husband and I are interested in going, so if you are, too, please let me know and I will see about getting tickets for us. A

block of seats are being held until the end of May. The price at this time is \$9.50 per ticket.

As a forward look to the 4H Fair, the dates are Wednesday, August 22nd to Sunday, August 26th. The Saturday before the fair (ie. August 18th) is the day items can be dropped off to be entered into the fair contests.

Following that event is The NJ Sheep and Fiber Festival, September 8th and 9th.

Thank you for your continued contributions to the Guild's success and for your camaraderie. I always look forward to our meetings.

Meredith

MAY 2018 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Following our business meeting on Friday, May 18th, members are invited to broaden their understanding of Ravelry, Facebook and YouTube. Sue and Mary Jane will be on hand to answer questions, demonstrate and review the features of each of these programs. Bring your questions, share your experiences.

Please remember to return the granny squares you are putting together for the charity baby blankets. It is hoped that we can complete this project at this meeting.

On Friday, May 25th, please bring your projects for "open knitting and crocheting." So many projects, so little time.

Doris

OUTREACH

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/](http://seamenschurch.org/sites/default/files/sci-1898-hat-kristine-byrnes-web-w-schematic.pdf) The Christmas In July Seamens' Event has been cancelled.

Please visit our website at www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com

Attached to this newsletter are the following documents:

April 2018 Meeting Draft Minutes, for your review.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY AND MEMORIAL DAY!

