

Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild Newsletter

November 2013



Happy Thanksgiving!

OUR MEETINGS:

All of our meetings from September 2013 through December 2013 will be held at the Raritan Township Municipal Bldg. (Police Station). **Our meetings this month are November 15th and November 22nd.** The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Our dues remain at \$10.00 for the 2013-14 year. Checks are made payable to the "***Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild***" Please see Shirley Covert to renew your membership and to update any information which may have changed over the past year. Checks can also be mailed to Shirley Covert at PO Box 387, Neshanic Station, NJ 08853. **Please be sure to include your name, address, phone number and email address** to ensure that you receive our newsletters and any other pertinent information.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

The holidays are rapidly approaching and to help with getting into the spirit, Trudy and her committee have arranged a class at The Knitter's Edge for us on Monday, November 18th at 10AM. Those who have not signed up yet can do so at our regular meeting on Friday, November 15th, at which time we can arrange car pools, if desired. The class will involve making holiday ornaments.

Also, Suzanne Caseiro from Fowl Play will be bringing a "trunk show" of her creations to the November 15th meeting. She visited us last spring and is coming back to help with our holiday shopping.

Be sure to sign up for our holiday luncheon. The \$20.00 cost is very reasonable for a delicious meal in a lovely setting. The facility is wheel-chair accessible.

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”x 9” knitted and crocheted blocks. Myra will continue to collect them throughout the year.

Covenant House: We are undertaking a new charity project this year, spearheaded by Mary Shanahan, a passionate supporter of Covenant House. Covenant House was started 30 years ago as a shelter for runaway and homeless teens with programs now spanning through 21 US cities and Latin America. More than 77,000 teens are served annually by Covenant House in it's national and international programs. All Guild members are encouraged to make hats, scarves, and gloves for these needy homeless youngsters. Mary is planning to deliver them to Covenant House sometime in late November or early December and throughout the winter months as our members create them from their "stashes" or leftover yarns.

*****Please remember to bring your items for Covenant House to the November meetings so that Mary can deliver them to the teens in early December in time for the holidays.**

OUR OFFICERS AND STAFF: 2013-2014

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 - **Ruth Resnick**

NOVEMBER'S PROJECT(S) /TECHNIQUE(S):

MATERIALS NEEDED:

At the first meeting we will be knitting and crocheting bells. Patterns will be provided at the meeting.

Knitters: You may use whatever yarn that you prefer from sock yarn to bulky; however, you must be sure to have the correct needle size for your type of yarn.

Crocheters: The directions call for *Knit-Cro-Sheen* thread and size 7 hook.

For crocheters, Shirley has some additional crochet patterns using worsted weight yarn.

- Bell:** Worsted weight yarn in Christmas colors
- Candle:** Size G or H Crochet Hook
Worsted weight yarn in white, red, or green
Empty cardboard toilet tissue roll
- Bow:** Worsted weight white yarn

Monday, November 18th, we will be heading to The Knitter's Edge in Bethlehem, PA, to make holiday ornaments. Our class starts promptly at 10:00 AM. The cost for the kit which includes the yarn and the pattern is \$10.00. **Please have your payment in at the November 15th meeting so that we can let JoAnne at the Knitter's Edge know how many people will be in attendance.**

During our second meeting of the month, November 22nd, we will finish up the ornaments from Monday's class or work on charity items.

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.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Our holiday luncheon is scheduled for Friday, December 6th at 12:30 PM at Brunello's Italian Restaurant, 300 Old Croton Road, Flemington, NJ. **Please review the menu and let the committee know by Friday, November 15th what your food selection will be so that we can notify the restaurant.** There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting where you can make your selections. The cost is \$20.00 which includes soup or salad, entree, dessert, coffee, tea and soft drinks as well as tax and gratuity.

Lunch Menu

Antipasti

Choice of one

Soup of the day (Minestrone) or Insalate Cesare or Insalate verde

Entrees

Spaghetti Pomodora

Spaghetti with fresh tomato and basil

Ravioli Casalinga

Homemade cheese ravioli in a light tomato sauce

Penne Vodka

Penne with shallots, fresh tomato, with a touch of cream and a Splash of vodka

Capellini Primavera

Angel hair pasta with fresh vegetables, extra virgin olive oil and garlic in a light tomato sauce

Scaloppini Parmigiana

Veal scaloppini topped with fresh tomato and melted mozzarella

Scaloppini Picata

Veal scaloppini with white wine and lemon

Pollo Parmigiana

Boneless breast of chicken with fresh tomatoes and melted mozzarella

Pollo Milanese

Boneless breast of chicken, pan fried topped with arugula, onion and cherry tomato

Fish of the Day

Tilapia

Dessert

cheese cake

***Carolyn Compton shared a website that may be helpful to some of our knitters. It's titled, " How To Become An Expert Knitter". www.studioknits.com

Visit our website www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com for further updates.