

## Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild Newsletter



**2015**

### **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, November 20<sup>th</sup>**, and **Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### **MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

Our dues remain at \$10.00 for the 2015-16 year. If you haven't done so already, please contact Shirley about your membership so that we may distribute our membership list to all of our members in a timely fashion. We currently have 48 members listed on our roster, including new and renewed members.

*A Friendly Welcome to our newest members Karen M, Paulette L, Caroline B, and welcome back to Margaret W!*

### **MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

I can't believe that another month has flown by and that we are now at the beginning of the official holiday season, and for me, the beginning of the new sheep breeding season. Today Bill and I took five of our girls off to the Shetland breeders for romantic encounters with some handsome young rams.

We were able to deliver all to the breeder successfully. At the end of this week, three more ewes will go to the Tunis breeder and we will be left with only four of our flock at home.

Thank you to Doris and Meredith for two lovely programs in October. I did finally get my beads strung and a colorful eyeglass case completed.

Thanks to programs like these and our increased visibility in the media and at the Fiber Festival we have had great attendance and quite a few new members joining. Thank you all for making our visitors and new members so welcome.

Remember that our Holiday luncheon is planned for Dec. 11 at the Raritan Diner on Rt. 31 at 11:30 and that we will meet this month on Black Friday, but not on Christmas Day. Thank you, Lisa, for volunteering to plan and arrange the luncheon. Please feel free to bring any knitted or crocheted holiday ornaments to decorate the tables.

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

*A Special Thank You From Barbara Schibilia*, for all of the condolences offered to her through our membership. Barbara was very touched by all the good wishes and prayers sent her way following the loss of her mother.

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

**November 20 we will be practicing Broomstick Knit or Crochet.**

Led by Barb O and Mary S, you can practice either a crocheted or knitted scarf (or sample length) using the pattern attached separately to this email. Listed below is the length of yarn the pattern suggests to make the whole scarf. If you have scrap or stash yarn of similar weight and would just like to try this technique, please do so.

#### **Crochet Materials Needed:**

1 Hank (163 yds/150 m) Lion Brand® Collection Silk Yarn, Sport Weight

Pattern shows yarn color #200 Aquarius

Crochet Hook size H

Size 19 US (15 mm) knitting needle (to create the Broomstick Stitches)

#### **Knitting Materials Needed:**

1 Hank (163 yds/150 m) Lion Brand® Collection Silk Yarn, Sport Weight

Pattern shows yarn color #202 Pegasus

Knitting Needles size US 7 (4.5 mm)

*(No additional needle listed in the pattern for the knitted version; achieve by YO)*

**November 27** will be our second meeting this month. There is no formal program scheduled, because it is the day after Thanksgiving ... aka, "Black Friday". We will meet at our usual time and place and all are welcome to sit and stitch in community. Get a head start on something new or continue on your WIPs for the upcoming holidays and gift giving season.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **SAVE THE DATE! Holiday Luncheon, December 11, 2015**

**Flemington-Raritan Diner, Route 31 North, Flemington:** Lisa Monday has arranged with the Flemington-Raritan Diner for us to have our Holiday Luncheon on December 11 this year, to begin at 11:30 a.m. This will be the Friday before our regularly scheduled 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday meeting. We may decorate the tables as we choose and we will supply our own tablecloths (due to the expense). We will order what we choose from their menu and checkout using separate checks. Thank You, Lisa!

**January 15-17, 2016 Vogue Knitting LIVE!** Registration is Open! The website describes it as "The Ultimate Knitting Experience", at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in the heart of Times Square. The event offers "Fashion, Fiber, Education", and of course plenty of Marketplace Shopping. Maybe this year I will be able to attend?

<http://www.vogueknittinglive.com/ehome/nyc2016/home/>

## **OUTREACH**

*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.*

### **\*NEW\* Caps and Afghans Needed for Elderly Patients at Hunterdon**

**Medical Center:** I have been contacted by Hunterdon Medical Center (HMC) about elderly patients in need of caps, afghans, and lap blankets. If you are able to make and donate items for this cause please bring them to a meeting and I will deliver them to my contact at HMC. If you cannot bring them to a meeting Mary S can arrange to meet you and pick them up for delivery.

**"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 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 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---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.

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



*Happy Thanksgiving*

November Clip Art from: <http://www.mycutegraphics.com/graphics/month/november/month-november-thanksgiving-food.html>

And

[https://www.google.com/search?q=clipart+for+november+holidays&rlz=1C1CHWA\\_enUS613US613&tbn=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ved=0CCAQsARqFQoTCPHM59XA7cgCFQozJgodEHMHuw&biw=1366&bih=643#imgrc=9VhqeLSA2y7xjM%3A](https://www.google.com/search?q=clipart+for+november+holidays&rlz=1C1CHWA_enUS613US613&tbn=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ved=0CCAQsARqFQoTCPHM59XA7cgCFQozJgodEHMHuw&biw=1366&bih=643#imgrc=9VhqeLSA2y7xjM%3A)