

Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild Newsletter

October 2013



Happy Fall!

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 October 18th and October 25th. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Our dues will remain at \$10.00 for the 2013-14 year. They are payable at our October meeting. Please sign up so that we may get our membership list distributed to all of our members in a timely fashion. Checks are made payable to the "**Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild**" Please see Shirley Covert at our October meeting to renew your membership and to update any information which has changed over the last 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:

- Many thanks and kudos to Trudy, our auctioneer, for the first annual Guild auction. It was a great idea and lots of fun, to say nothing of building our treasury by roughly \$185.00. Also, thank you to all members who donated such lovely items for sale. Everyone seemed to have a great time and there were lots of good bargains to be acquired. Good job ladies!
- We also had a visitor, Andrea Becker, who is now a new member. Welcome Andrea!

- Trudy and her committee have a program planned for October that involves knitting and crocheting with wires and beads. There are also plans for another field trip to *The Knitter's Edge*. More information to follow.
- See you all on the 18th and 25th of October.

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.

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

THIS MONTH'S PROJECT/TECHNIQUE(S):

In October, we will be knitting and crocheting using wire and beads to make bracelets.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

Crocheters: 20 Gauge Wire
 4 mm Beads (about 28-30)
 1 Clasp
 Crochet Hook 10/J

Knitters:

Project #1 Spool of 28 Gauge Artistic Wire
 15 or More Beads
 1 Toggle Clasp (or other closure if desired)
 US Size 4 Knitting Needles

Project #2 Size 26 Gauge Wire
 Approximately 60 Beads
 1 Clasp
 US Size 3 Knitting Needles

Recommendation: Several sites have suggested using old metal needles. Others have suggested bamboo or wood needles since the wire will slip easily.

DO NOT USE GOOD, EXPENSIVE NEEDLES SINCE THEY WILL BE RUINED!!

Directions for the projects will be distributed at the meeting.

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.

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