

# Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild Newsletter



2014

## **OUR MEETINGS**

All of our meetings from September 2014 through June 2015 will be held at the Raritan Township Municipal Bldg. (Police Station). Our meetings this month are **Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

REMINDER ... Our dues will remain at \$10.00 for the 2014-15 year. They were payable at our September meeting. If you haven't paid already, please sign up so that we may get our membership list distributed to all of our members in a timely fashion. Checks should be made payable to the "Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild". Please see Shirley Covert to renew your membership and 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. Be sure to include your name, address, phone number and email address to ensure that you receive our newsletters and any other pertinent information.

*A Friendly Welcome to our newest member, Kris Blanchard!*

## **MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

We are off and running as we begin another year of Guild activities. Shirley Covert is working on dues collection and compiling a list of members complete with addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. Be sure to pay your dues and check that the data Shirley has for you are correct.

During the first meeting in September, Vice President, Fernanda Laukaitis taught a lesson on crocheted Entrelac with a lovely handbag as the finished product of the lesson. Most of us tackling this new skill were successful and have some colorful and interesting items to show for our work. During the second meeting, Myra Corbett approached the concept of Entrelac from the knitting perspective with examples of several completed projects she has knitted over the years.

Thank you to both Fernanda and Myra for their interesting and challenging lessons.

We are all looking forward to the programs planned for us by our very creative Program Committee members.

I would like to add a thank you to Mary Shanahan for her proposed brochure. Mary will present it at the October 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting for a vote to reproduce it for possible distribution to local knit shops.

## OUR OFFICERS AND STAFF for 2014-2015

**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** – Mary Shanahan

## Do You Recognize Someone in This Photo?



Our President, Georgia Muhs, won a 1<sup>st</sup> Place Ribbon in the "Shepherds' Lead" class at the Sheep and Fiber Festival, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014. In this class contestants are judged on the articles of clothing they are wearing, which must be made of wool or alpaca fibers and ideally are made by the contestant. The contestant must also be leading a sheep of her own or a borrowed one. Georgia was leading Babette, her first born lamb of the season, a brown American Shetland. Babette was wearing a necklace made of a wool "I" cord with a felted wool flower knitted by Barbara Osmolski. Georgia also made most of the garments worn by the other contestants in this photo. *Congratulations Georgia (& Babette)!*

**NOTE to READERS:** *To get to the websites in this newsletter,* put your cursor in the midst of the web address and hit Enter. If this doesn't work, you may need to highlight, copy and paste the whole link to your web browser.

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

This month we will be making Halloween themed items the first meeting, and a wine caddy/cooler (which can be felted) the next week. Our scheduled projects and patterns follow.

**Oct. 17 we will be making Ghosts and Candy Corn,** and both can be made using knit or crochet techniques.

**For Ghosts you will need** a size **G** crochet hook, or size **3** knitting needles. Try to find white Glow in the Dark yarn (and a few scraps of black for eyes and mouth accents). The pattern was written using Bernat yarn. Yarns for both ghosts are DK or Worsted weight.

**For Candy Corn you will need** number **5** double point needles for knitting; orange, white and yellow yarns, and some stuffing for your finished products. The knitted pattern can be found at <http://www.purlbee.com/2012/09/30/whits-knits-candy-corns/> The pattern is written for 10 candy corns and calls for a light fingering weight yarn, 70 yards of (canary) yellow, 56 yds of orange, 28 yds of white. The finished size = 5 ½ inches around the base and 3 ½ inches tall.

(I will also bring a few copies of the pattern I edited for my own printing).

Trudy will have copies of patterns for the crochet candy corn and both of the ghosts at the meeting.

**Oct. 24 we will be making a Wine Caddy which can be felted when completed.**

**Knitted Felted Wine Caddy:**

This wine caddy is knit in the round, with a knit in handle. The bag starts at the top edge, and is knit down toward the bottom.

You will need:

- 200 yards Worsted Weight wool yarn (Be sure to use non-washable WOOL yarn. Cotton or synthetic yarns will not felt)
- US size **10 ½** needles

**Crocheted Felted Wine Caddy:**

This wine caddy is worked in rounds of single crochet. This bag starts at the bottom edge and is crocheted in rounds toward the handles at the top.

You will need:

- 200 yards Worsted Weight wool yarn (Be sure to use non-washable WOOL yarn. Cotton or synthetic yarns will not felt)
- Size **F** or **G** crochet hook (English size 8 or 7)

Crocheted Wine Caddy patterns will be supplied at the meeting, and the knitted version will be attached to the Newsletter email for your own printing at home.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**October 18 & 19, Saturday 9am to 5pm, and Sunday 10am-5pm, New York Sheep and Wool Festival in Rhinebeck.** This event will be at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds and is said to be very well attended! A few of us have heard Sunday is the better day to attend since it is less crowded. Go to <http://www.sheepandwool.com/> for additional Festival Info.

**January 15-18, 2015 Vogue Knitting LIVE!** According to their publicity: "The Ultimate Knitting Event" is celebrating its 5th year in the Big Apple, the biggest knitting event on the east coast! "To celebrate 5 years, they've put together an impressive lineup of teacher & classes featuring more than 95 new classes & 55 exclusive classes that you can only take at Vogue Knitting LIVE!" For a sneak peak at the class line up and vendors, visit this website: <http://www.vogueknittinglive.com/ehome/90620/classes/>

## **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.

***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 the 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. 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.

## ***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.***