

# **HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER**



## **OCTOBER 2019**

### **OUR MEETINGS**

Meetings are held at Raritan Township Police Station multi purpose room. Our meetings this month will be on Fridays, October 18 and 25, 2019, from 10am until 2pm. Business meetings occur at the beginning of the meeting on third Fridays.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Welcome to our 6 new Guild members! Our membership stands at 59 paid members. Dues are \$15 per year.

## OCTOBER 2019 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

“I think it is safe to say that Fall is quite possibly knitters favorite time of year. We start digging through stashes, get lost in the rabbit holes of Ravelry, and prepare for our favorite Fall fiber events.”

From Candice English, owner of The **Farmer's Daughter Fibers**

When Candice posted this thought on her Instagram account last week, I thought it was a great summary of how I feel about Fall. As children, parents and (for some) as grandparents, Fall can be a hectic time of year: back to school, school open houses, Saturday scrambles to get to sports and other activities. Now we begin to settle in, with the anticipation of the Holidays beginning to be a backdrop to all of our activities.

As we “settle in” and think of Holidays and colder weather ahead, our thoughts should turn to those families in need in our communities. With that in mind, Doris has developed a list of very worthy charity projects for our members, and she has included all of the details in her section of this newsletter. The Executive Committee asks that you help out where you can. If your own holiday knitting and crocheting is beginning to be overwhelming, we ask that you pick up a hat or two, or several pairs of mittens, to help out children in need.

Sue

## OCTOBER 2019 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

As we move into the fall, we are receiving many requests for hats, mittens and scarves. Anita Brady has joined our Guild and is working to collect 500 knitted or crocheted adult hats to donate to various groups in memory of her husband, Mike. She would like to have all of the hats collected by mid-November. Please add washing instructions with the hats you donate to her. More information about her project can be found at [bradybeanie.org](http://bradybeanie.org). We also have received a request from Kathie Luton for whom we worked on the plastic bag mat. She is requesting child sized mittens, hats and scarves for the children of the working poor in the Phillipsburg area. If you are unable to knit or crochet a pair of mittens, you might purchase a pair to give instead. We are collecting these at or before our Friday, November 22, 2019 meeting, so that she can distribute them at an annual Christmas party. Knowing you may already be knitting hats

for the Seaman's Church, squares for Warm Up America or twiddle muffs for local patients suffering from alzheimer's disease, these are some additional charity options. Thank you in advance for all the time, supplies and expertise you so generously give to these projects.

On a different note, during our meeting on Friday, October 18 please bring any item you might like to share for Show and Tell and whatever project you are working on at present. There is no formal program planned. Karen M. will be teaching a short lesson on the German short row on Friday, October 25.

Whether you're new to knitting or a seasoned crafter, German Short Rows will surprise you! Like Wrap + Turn Short Rows, this method creates wedges in your knitting, shaping everything from curved hemlines to ear flaps. However, German Short Rows are even simpler than the Wrap + Turn technique, and since you can use German Short Rows in place of any Wrap + Turn technique, and since you can use German Short Rows in place of any Wrap + Turn instructions, you'll probably return to them time and time again. (excerpted from **Purl SOHO**)

Hope you will be able to join us for a lesson on this valuable technique.

Doris

## **OUTREACH AND ONGOING PROJECTS**

If you know of any local non-profit organizations that 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](http://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/>

**Wigs and Fun Hats for Children:** [www.halokkeepers.org](http://www.halokkeepers.org)

**Twiddle Muffs For Cognitively Impaired People:** Refer to our recent email with the crocheted and knitted versions of the Twiddle Muff pattern attached, or you can also find the patterns by doing a Google search.

## **UPCOMING FIBER EVENTS**

You may be interested in attending some of the following events in our (extended) area:

### October 2019

- 5-6 Vermont Sheep and Wool Festival  
Tunbridge Fairgrounds, Tunbridge, VT
- 12 King's County Fiber Festival  
Old Stone House & Washington Park, Brooklyn, NY
- 19-20 NY State Sheep and Wool Festival  
Dutchess County Fairgrounds, Rhinebeck, NY

### November 2019

- 2 Penns Valley Fiber Festival  
Old Gregg School & Community Ctr., Spring Mills, PA
- 2-3 Fiber Festival of New England  
Mallery Complex, Eastern States Exposition, W. Springfield, MA
- 9-10 Maryland Alpaca and Fleece Festival  
Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD

January 2020

17-19 Vogue Knitting Live  
New York Marriott Marquis, NYC

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**Happy Halloween!!!**