

Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild
Newsletter
October 2012

OUR MEETINGS:

All of our meetings from September 2012 through December 2012 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 for the year remain at \$10.00. ***They are now due.*** Please sign up as soon as possible so that we may get our membership list distributed to all of our members. Checks are to be made out to the "Hunterdon County Knitting & Crocheting Guild". Please see Shirley Covert at our October meeting to renew your membership and update any information which has changed over the past year. Or, you may mail your check 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:

- Fernanda Laukaitis presented an outstanding program about Ravelry.com, a vast Internet site for knitters and crocheters. She went into great detail about the endless possibilities of Ravelry. I hope that you are all having fun with it. I can't thank Fernanda enough for the informative presentation and her patience in walking us through the program.
- Georgia Muhs assisted Fernanda and is also applauded for her continued program planning and execution.
- Georgia Muhs has planned a diversified cowl program for this month. She has knitted and crocheted several patterns for the membership to choose from. Cowls make beautiful holiday gifts and I hope that everyone will try one.
- We need two volunteers to plan our holiday luncheon for December. Please let me know if you're interested.
- A huge thank you to Mr. Pickerel for sharing his program on making a variety of hats for preemies and cancer patients by using a loom to knit the items.

- Trudy Grimm would be very grateful if someone were interested in replacing her as Program Co- Chairperson. If you're interested in assuming this important position, please let Pat know.
- When Fernanda demonstrated how to "friend" someone on Ravelry, she used Moi, a former member of the Guild and a friend of Pat's, as an example. As a result, Moi messaged Fernanda letting her know that she invites other members of the Guild to friend her and her daughter, Anna, who visited the Guild once. Their Ravelry names are: Moi--moiraravenscroft; Anna--knittedwonderland

NOTICES AND REMINDERS:

WANTED: We would welcome any of your ideas regarding new programs, field trips, or guest speakers that you would like us to incorporate into our meetings.

WANTED: We are fortunate to have many master knitters and crocheters in our Guild. Would you be willing to share some of your talents with the group and teach at a meeting? Please see Trudy Grimm or Georgia Muhs if you are interested.

WANTED: Knitting/crocheting news. If you have some information that would be of interest to our Guild members, i.e., a new craft book, a special technique that you found helpful, a new website that you've discovered, or a new yarn shop that you've heard about, etc., please share it with our members. Send the information to Ruth and she'll incorporate it into the newsletter.

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.

OUR OFFICERS AND STAFF: 2012-2013

President – **Pat Baumlin**

Vice President - **Carolyn Compton**

Secretary - **Georgia Muhs**

Treasurer - **Rosemary Gelino**

Membership - **Shirley Covert**

Programs Co-Chairs – **Trudy Grimm /Georgia Muhs**

Newsletter - **Ruth Resnick**

Publicity Chair – **Ruth Resnick**

THIS MONTH'S PROJECT/TECHNIQUE(S):

At the September meeting, Georgia displayed samples of six cowls, both knitted and crocheted. Members were asked to choose a pattern for the October project and Georgia will provide the pattern. Below is the list of materials that you will need to bring to the October meeting if you're planning to make a cowl.

- The crocheted cowls will require 1 ball of either Loops & Threads, Cozy Wool or 1 ball of Wool Ease, Thick & Quick. Both cowls require a size Q crochet hook. Michael's and Wal-Mart carry these hooks and yarn.
- The long knitted cowl requires 2 balls of Wool Ease, Thick & Quick and size 13 knitting needles.
- The fancy-edged cowl requires 2 balls of Wool Ease, Thick & Quick or Loops & Threads, Cozy Wool and size 13 knitting needles.
- The black and white lacey striped cowl requires any worsted weight yarn, (possibly two different types for interest) and size 7 knitting needles.
- The multi-colored braided cowl requires Noro Silk Garden and size 7 knitting needles. You will need 2 (50 g) skeins.
- The white braided cowl uses any slightly bulky weight (with gauge adjustment) and size 6 or 7 knitting needles. Georgia used her "stash" and did not have a label; however, she used less than a ball.

Pictures of the cowls will be attached to this newsletter and hopefully, you'll be able to view them.

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.

UPCOMING PROJECTS & EVENTS:

An invitation from [The Spinnery](#) in Frenchtown was extended to knitters and crocheters . A Yarn and Cheese Tasting will be held on Saturday, October 20th from 1:30-4:30 pm.

- *Each participant will "taste" a variety of our newest yarns by knitting a swatch on provided needles.*
- *Free patterns for each of the yarns "tasted" will be available.*
- *We will also be "tasting" some locally-made Artisan cheeses.*
- *Join us for a fun-filled afternoon at 33 Race Street, Frenchtown. (908)-996-9004*

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