

Hunterdon County Knitting and Crocheting Guild Newsletter



September 2014

Welcome Back Everyone!

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, September 19th, and Friday, September 26th**. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our dues will remain at \$10.00 for the 2014-15 year. They are payable at our September 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 September meeting 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. 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

I hope that the summer months have been restful and full of fun and family activities for all of you. The new guild year promises to hold lots of exciting learning opportunities for us thanks to our hard-working program committee. Mary Shanahan, who has volunteered to take over the writing and publication of the Guild newsletter and to serve as our publicity person, has some great ideas to make our guild presence known on a wider scale.

We had a strong showing at the Flemington 4H Fair this past week with many of our members capturing multiple ribbons for their beautiful entries. Thank you to the Fair Committee, Rosemary, Shirley and Georgia, who organized the drop-off and set up the display showcasing all the lovely needlework items entered. Rosemary's husband, Francis also helped with setting up and taking down the display. A special "thank you" to all the ladies who brought items to enter and who helped to make the competition a success. I also want to thank Pat, Bertha, Fernanda, Shirley, Joyce, Bob, and Michelle, who sat at the display on Friday as ambassadors of the Guild.

Needlework, Knitting and Crocheting 4H Fair Ribbon Winners 2014

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Carol Reiner, Bridgewater NJ

Division II Crochet Class 1a
First Place
Best of Division

Penny Hutchins, Flemington NJ

Division II Crochet Class 1a
Second Place
Division II Crochet Class 2a
Second Place

Georgia Muhs, Frenchtown NJ

Division I Knitting Class 2a
Third Place
Division I Knitting Class 2b
First Place

Fernanda Laukaitis, Flemington NJ

Division II Crochet Class 3a
First Place
Division I Knitting Class 2a
First Place
Best of Division
Division II Crochet Class 2a
First Place
Division I Knitting Class 1a
First Place

Carolyn Compton, Frenchtown NJ

Division I Knitting Class 1a
Second Place

Michelle Pearlman, Basking Ridge NJ

Division IV Canvas Work Class 2
First Place
Division I Knitting Class 2a
Second Place
Division IIIB On Linen Class 1
Third Place
Division III Counted Thread Class 1
Second Place

Bertha Gessner, Quakertown NJ

Division I Knitting Class 2a
First Place

Shirley Covert, Neshanic Station NJ

Division II Crochet Class 3a
Second Place
Division II Crochet Class 3a
Third Place

Rosemary Gelino, Ringoes NJ

Division II Crochet Class 3a
First Place

Francis Gelino, Ringoes

Division IIIB On Linen Class 1
First Place
Best of Division

Best of Show Overall
AND Viewers' Choice Winner!!

Mary Shanahan, Annandale NJ

Division I Knitting Class 1a
Third Place
Division I Knitting Class 3
First Place

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

A Special Thank You to Ruth Resnick for her 5 years of service as Newsletter Chair AND Publicity Chairperson. I have some big shoes to fill! Thank you for your guidance and help in getting me started.

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 learning the Entrelac Technique with Myra Corbett and Fernanda Laukaitis. Our scheduled projects and patterns follow.

Sept. 19 we will be making the "Entrelac Crochet Bag".

Materials needed are a size J crochet hook and worsted weight yarn in two contrasting colors, 3 oz. of each color. Below is a link to the pattern online, for you to print and bring to the meeting. The pattern is missing the beginning chains: Chain 61 to start the project. <http://www.hookyarnandneedles.com/oldstuff/node/124>

Sept. 26 we will be making an Entrelac Scarf.

Materials needed are number 9 knitting needles and 2 skeins of worsted or slightly bulky weight yarn. If you would like to knit a scarf with Entrelac pattern, please download the Free Lion brand pattern from Ravelry. It's just entitled entrelac scarf. Myra will also be bringing a few copies of the pattern she used.

Here is the pattern I found: <http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/entrelac-scarf-l0585>

LOOK – CHECK THIS OUT!

An article in the Wall Street Journal on Aug. 26th referred to a 'Tightknit Group' of men who knit in public for charity as well as for their own satisfaction. A website link to the printed article goes to "subscriber content only" so there will be a few printed copies at the September meeting for members to peruse. Below is a link to a video about the story. I wish I had the time to join them in Bryant Park!

<http://blogs.wsj.com/metropolis/2014/08/25/video-crafty-men-unwind-with-knitting/?KEYWORDS=men+knitting>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 6th and 7th, a Saturday and Sunday, the 20th Annual Sheep and Fiber Festival will be held at the Hunterdon County Fairgrounds (the same location as the 4H Fair). There will be Sheep Herding with Dogs, Showing of Sheep, a Breed Display, Spinning demos, Lots of Vendors, and (of course) Food!

Also, for the month of September, show your Hunterdon County Library Card and get a 10% discount off any supplies or classes at **The Spinnery** on Race Street in Frenchtown. Check the Library website for more discounts at participating businesses (such as Budding Star Quilts in Lebanon).

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 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.

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 for further updates.