

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



2018

OUR MEETINGS

Meetings are held at Raritan Township Police Station multi purpose room. Our meetings this month will be on Fridays, Sept. 21st and 28th, 2018, from 10am until 2pm. Business meetings occur at the beginning of the meeting on third Fridays.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 54 paid members. Dues are \$15 for renewal and \$30 new member one-time fee, which includes a Guild Tote Bag.

NY (RHINEBECK) SHEEP AND WOOL FESTIVAL TRIP REMINDER, OCTOBER 20TH

Please get your \$50 per person payments to a member of the Executive Committee as soon as possible. Guild members are allowed to bring multiple guests at the Guild rate. If you have any questions, please contact Sue P. The bus holds 36 people and will make an additional stop in Branchburg to pick up people. The time is growing near!

SEPTEMBER MESSAGE FROM CO-PRESIDENT SUE

Crafting has always brought people together. Makers, those who appreciate their work, and families who support the maker's work. Crocheting, knitting, needlepoint, quilting, embroidery, sewing all can be done alone, or in a gathering place. Those gatherings are where family and community joys and burdens are shared and lightened. Or where work stresses are relieved. Or personal demons are chased and conquered.

I reflected upon these ideas, and the universality of crafts over the summer. While at my family's 60+ year old summer retreat, I spent some hours volunteering at our local, beautiful Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary. Working the front desk, I had a few quiet moments when I would pull out my knitting.

Oh, the conversations that knitting started. From pre-adolescents wondering "how I did that", and "who is that for", to adult visitors who wanted to share their own knitting adventures with me. Often, as I would lay my project down to take an admission fee or orient visitors to the trail system, the exchange would include a discussion of a favorite pattern designer, hand dyer, LYS or even (once) stitch markers. And it did not matter what language the visitors were speaking. (Have you tried explaining the perils of ticks and poison ivy to people from Turino?) Almost everyone had a favorite craft, or a favorite person who considering them "knit-worthy" enough to make things for them. My fellow volunteers were also part of the discussion. Some days, I felt that we might have discussed fiber more than the birds, weasels, otters and terrapins that are so much a part of this sanctuary.

All of this writing is to stress how what we do is always good for our own well-being. But, in a world that can sometimes seem determined to tear itself apart, we are often pulling it back together, one stitch at a time.

Sue

4-H FAIR AWARDS

Thank you to all of the Guild members who submitted their works to be judged at the 4-H Fair. Your submissions helped to show off our talent, and showcased the beauty of crafts.

Congratulations to all those who won a ribbon (or two or three!). Attached to this month's newsletter is a complete list of winners. **BRAVO!**

SPECIAL EVENT ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

The Hunterdon Art Museum's "Lace, not Lace" Contemporary Fiber Art from Lacemaking Techniques Exhibit will have its opening on Sunday, September 23rd. The Guild helped provide the funding for this exhibit.

The opening reception is from 3-5pm. There will be a Curator's Talk at 4pm, as well as a talk by the "Urchins" artists at 5pm. Following the Artists' Talk, there will be a "first lighting" of the Urchins, food trucks as well as music.

We hope to see many of our members there to help celebrate this fiber exhibit!

The Hunterdon Art Museum is located at 7 Lower Center Street in Clinton.

SEPTEMBER 2018 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

The lazy, crazy days of summer seem to be drawing to a close as we look ahead to fall plans and projects. Our first meeting on Friday, September 20th will set aside program time to share Fair entries and completed summer projects as well as some works in progress. Questions about patterns, materials and techniques related to felted bags can also be answered following our business meeting. The following Friday, September 27th, our program will be devoted to felted bag construction.

Also, don't forget to join us for The 24th Annual Sheep and Fiber Festival on September 8th and 9th, Hunterdon County Fairgrounds at 1207 Route 179, Ringoes/Lambertville. Hours are 9am-5pm on Saturday and 9am-4pm on Sunday.

I have been given quite a bit of "non-wool" yarn. I will start bringing some of it to our meetings so that you could use it to embellish your felted bag, make charity donations or complete personal projects.

Doris

OUTREACH

If you know of any local non-profit organizations who 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.

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/>

Please visit our website at www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“To watch her was curiously soothing. Every harassed businessman, he thought, should have a tank of tropical fish at one end of his office and a woman knitting at the other.”

Ruth Rendell,

MURDER BEING ONCE DONE

(from “Knitting Ephemera” by Carol J. Sulcoski)



HAPPY STITCHING!