

# HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



**APRIL  
2021**

## **OUR MEETINGS**

Our Zoom meetings this month will be on Fridays, April 16 and 23, 2021 from 10am until 2pm. Our first “in-person” meeting is scheduled at Mine Brook Park, 116 Capner Street, Flemington on Friday, April 16. Please see the President’s Letter for additional details. Our April 23 meeting will be held via Zoom.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

We currently have 43 paid members. Guild dues are \$15 per year and can be sent by check to Shirley C. at her PO box or through our PayPal account.

## **APRIL 2021 PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

The days are longer, brighter, and a bit warmer. Those of us who tend a garden have already been hard at work. The shepherds among us begin to look for signs of birth, and to schedule the shearer to visit. The rest of us look at all the activity and feel a comforting sense of “normalcy”. Perhaps we are returning to a more community based life, when we can share in person, and actually see our friends’ and neighbors’ smiles!

Only a few members responded to the questions about “in-person” meetings. But, from the few responses that we had, it is clear that outdoor meetings are still the preference. After Georgia’s wonderful presentation at our last Zoom meeting, we did have a brief conversation about “in-person” vs Zoom. Certainly, Zoom has its benefits, as we can have more teachers and vendors at a lower cost. We can “see” inside dye studios, or have video tours of farms. Certainly, a hybrid form of meeting is possible in the future, but that will depend on where we will be conducting our meetings. That meeting form will be a bit more costly to the Guild. And, we do not know if our usual meeting place will ever be available to us again, or if we will need to find another “home”. Other central locations may require liability insurance. All in all, there will be a few decisions that Guild membership will need to make over the next 6 months.

Our first “in-person” meeting since October is scheduled for Mine Brook Park, Friday, April 16th. Bring a chair, a project, a mask, and the aforementioned smile! We will do show and tell, and hope that no one is planning on mowing the grass while we are there! If the weather looks to be bad for Friday, we will decide on Thursday morning to default to Zoom.

Sue

## **APRIL 2021 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES**

As crocus bloom and daffodils raise their heads, we welcome the sunshine of spring. Moving forward into warmer days means that some of our Guild meetings will be returning to Mine Brook Park at 116 Capner Street in Flemington. On Friday, April 16 we will be meeting there to share conversations and projects, both completed and in progress. Georgia, having given us a lovely virtual tour of her farm and introduced us to her flock, is planning to bring some of her yarns to this meeting in the park. These yarns will be available for purchase.

The following week, Friday, April 23, we will be back to Zoom with Sandy Anderson of Cozy Color Works. She has invited us to join her in her studio where she will share her dying techniques, show us some of her fabulous yarn creations, and introduce us to some of her pattern kits. Hope you will be available to join us as we launch into spring.

Doris

## CHARITY KNITTING SUGGESTIONS

The Guild has supported these charities in the past. Many of the following sites have suggested yarns and needles or hooks along with patterns.

**Knitted Knockers:** <https://www.knittedknockers.org/> Knitted Knockers are soft, comfortable knitted (crocheted) prosthetics for breast cancer survivors. This organization connects volunteer knitters and crocheters with breast cancer survivors to offer free “Knitted Knockers” to any woman who wants them. These knockers can only be distributed if made from approved yarns and approved patterns. Be sure to check their website.

**Seamen’s Church Institute:** <https://seamenschurch.org/christmas-at-sea>  
The historic name of this volunteer program, *Christmas at Sea*, only partially describes the work of the people who make holidays a little warmer for mariners. While gift distribution happens during winter months, collection and creation of items happens year round. While many gifts go to international mariners working "at sea," thousands of gifts also go to mariners working on inland waterways here in the United States. Knit and crochet patterns are available for hats, scarves, socks, slippers, a vest and a ditty bag.

**Warm Up America:** The following link will connect with a brochure describing the Warm Up America organization mission and project specifications for baby blankets, lap blankets and friendship shawls.

[https://www.craftyarncouncil.com/files/WUA\\_brochure.pdf](https://www.craftyarncouncil.com/files/WUA_brochure.pdf)

**Knitters Unite:** Knitter’s Unite is looking for donations of hats, scarves, socks and mittens in support of the Flemington area food pantry.

<http://www.hclibrary.us/pdfs/programs/knittersunite.pdf>

There are numerous other charities looking for knitters and crocheters to help them meet their mission statement goals. If you have a favorite not mentioned here, please email Doris at [dgullion48@gmail.com](mailto:dgullion48@gmail.com) She will gladly include them in our next Guild newsletter.



***HOPE TO SEE YOU at MINE BROOK PARK on APRIL 16!***

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