

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



**APRIL
2022**

OUR MEETINGS

Our Guild meetings this month will be on Fridays, April 22 and 29, 2022 from 10am until 2pm. We were very excited to go back to our original IN PERSON format for BOTH MEETINGS in March, at the Raritan Police Station in Flemington.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 36 members. Dues are \$15 per year and can be paid during an in-person meeting, sent by check to Shirley C. at her PO Box, or through our PayPal account.

APRIL 2022 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hi Everyone,

Time flies by too quickly now and here we are in April already.

There was only a short window of time between when we found out there was going to be a Makers Day at the North Branch and the scheduled event. Despite that, our wonderful members created a fun environment for those families that attended Makers Day and our Yarn Dolls (people) were a success. To all our Volunteers I say "Thank You" for your efforts on behalf of our Guild.

At our next meeting we will again have more yarn and books from the Carol Compton family to distribute to our members. In memory of Carol, I hope you will consider creating a project for one of the organizations we support.

I will have a signup list for anyone who would like to participate in carpooling for the NJ Wool Walk May 23-May 1, 2022.

Happy Knitting and Crocheting

Linda Z.

APRIL 2022 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

April and the promise of spring is here. Last month we enjoyed gathering in person for both of our Guild meetings. What a treat to see friends, exchange project ideas and try to resolve some problems that arose in projects. Our plan is to gather in person this month on both Friday, April 15 and Friday, April 22.

Given the abundance of yarn the Guild has at present, this might be a good time to consider some charity knitting. The Seaman's Church Institute of New York and New Jersey is always looking for hats, scarves, slippers, socks, and cowls to distribute to mariners working on the waters in extreme conditions. Visit their website at <https://seamenschurch.org/programs-services/christmas-at-sea/patterns-publications/> to see their patterns and yarn recommendations. In the past, Rosemary has been kind enough to gather items and send them off for us.

The Hunterdon Warren County Chapter of Project Linus is looking for new hand-made washable blankets to comfort children. These are to be primarily distributed within the same communities where they are donated. I will be happy to collect any items you might like to donate to this group. At present, we are sharing our abundance of washable yarn so that members of this Project can make blankets with minimal cost.

While many charities are listed below, I thought I might spotlight these two charities for this publication. See if there might be a charity project that appeals to you. We may very well have yarn for your project.

Hope to see you soon.

Doris

CHARITY KNITTING SUGGESTIONS

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

Brady Beanies: <https://bradybeanie.org/> Our mission is “to keep heads warm and share the warmth with those in need”. Anita Brady, a Guild member, has established this charity in memory of her husband Mike. She is collecting and distributing knitted and crocheted adult hats. You pick the pattern, the yarn and the needles. All adult hats are welcome.

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.

Update: For the time being we are encouraging people to make up what they have and provide them locally rather than sending them to us or consider adopting a clinic near you. We have over 700 clinics still wishing to be adopted. You can check for clinics near you at: <https://www.knittedknockers.org/adopt-a-medical-clinic/>. We can always send you unstuffed knockers to supplement your supply. Just request the “Supplemental Knockers” under the ‘Contact Us’ link at the top right-hand corner of our website.

If you still want to send to us, please knit or crochet up what you have making pairs of neutral and dark colored D and DDs as we have an abundance of all other sizes. Before purchasing more yarn check back periodically to see when we can use more. Please know we really appreciate you and are not saying don’t make more knockers! Due to covid and the challenges of distributing them we just find that we have more than enough for now. We appreciate all of you and the difference you are making in so many lives! It is truly stunning what together we are accomplishing!

Seamen’s Church Institute: 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. <https://seamenschurch.org/christmas-at-sea>

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

Knitters Unite (on behalf of the Flemington Food Pantry): Knitter's Unite is looking for donations of hats, scarves, socks and mittens in support of our local 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 She will gladly include them in our next Guild newsletter.



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HAPPY PASSOVER

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