

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



APRIL
2024

OUR MEETINGS

Our Guild meetings for the month of April will be on Friday the 19th and the 26th, 2024. Meetings will be held at the Hunterdon County Main Library on Route 12 in Flemington in the media room on the lower level beginning at 10 am until 12 pm.

Tuesday Evening Meetings are held weekly from 6 pm until 8 pm at the Hunterdon County Main Library on Route 12 in the media room on the lower level. We will be meeting on April 2, 9, 23, & 30, 2024. NOTE: THERE WILL NOT BE A TUESDAY EVENING MEETING ON APRIL 16.

Inclement Weather: Meeting Cancellations will follow the Flemington/Raritan school closing schedule. <https://www.frsd.k12.nj.us/> and for closures at the library: <https://hclibrary.us/about/closures>

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 71 members. As of January 1, 2024, dues are \$25 per year and can be paid during an in-person meeting, sent by check to Shirley Covert at P. O. Box 387, Neshanic Station, NJ 08853, or through our PayPal account at hunterdonknitcrochet@gmail.com.

OUR OFFICERS AND STAFF TEAM

Linda Zarnett, President	Meredith Higgins, Vice President
Christine Jochem, Secretary	Bertha Gessner, Treasurer
Shirley Covert, Membership	Doris Gullion, Program Chair
Virginia Wodock, Newsletter Chair	Mary Jane Coniglio, Facebook Coordinator

MARCH 2024 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings to all and enjoy the gifts of spring as they pop up all over the land! This is the start of our "Popping Up": To Be Seen, To Be Heard and To Engage with the public to promote our Guild and our Good Deeds!

As the weather is warming up, so are our activities. Please join me this year in our endeavor to promote our Guild and our crafts at the Teen Arts Festival on April 17th from 11am-2 pm, World Wide Knit in Public Day, Flemington Community Day, The 4H Fair and the N.J. Sheep and Fiber Festival. Volunteer your time on each of these occasions which supports our Guild and promotes our crafts. Your efforts are always needed and appreciated.

(See attached Calendar of Events...WWKIPD & Flemington Community Day dates to be announced). Drop me a note at: Hunterdonknitcrochet@gmail.com
See you soon!

Linda Z.

MARCH 2024 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

According to the calendar, spring has officially arrived. We can look forward to more daylight, warmer temperatures, and a variety of bright spring colors in our yards. Sometimes with all that needs to be done this season, it is harder to find time for the knitting and crocheting that feeds our souls.

There are no formal lessons planned for our April meetings. Several members are working with Rosemary to complete their felted Christmas stockings, and I am assisting a few members as they work on their Tensfield hats. For our second meeting on Friday, April 26, please bring a needlework item (knitted, crocheted, tatted, embroidered, etc.) It may be an older item with a history or a more current item with a story. During our last meeting Sammi shared a crocheted granny square blanket that her grandmother had made, her mother had added to, and she had repaired. It was a beautiful blanket with an interesting history. So, search your closets, drawers and boxes and see if you can find a piece to share with us.

Doris G.

CHARITY KNITTING SUGGESTIONS

The Guild supports these charities and suggested yarn, needles or hooks are provided at these sites 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 appreciate all of you and the difference you are making in so many lives! It is truly stunning what together we are accomplishing!

The Peyton Heart Project: <http://www.thepeytonheartproject.org> The Mission of the Peyton Heart Project is to help raise global awareness about suicide, bullying, and to help end the stigma surrounding mental health issues. The Peyton Heart Project was inspired by a 13-year-old boy named Peyton James who died by suicide in 2014. Delicate hearts are crocheted, knitted, made by simply wrapping yarn around cardboard hearts, or made with fabric. Each heart has a special tag attached with an inspirational saying sharing hope, kindness, and love. There are patterns to make the hearts, tags and information within the Peyton Heart Project link noted above. To donate hearts, contact Ginny Wodock at piecedtogether4u@gmail.com.

Project Linus: <https://www.projectlinus.org> Project Linus is a non-profit organization providing new handmade blankets to children in need. Become a volunteer “blanketeer” and donate a handmade blanket or Afghan to benefit

children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need. Handmade blankets provide a sense of security, warmth, and comfort to the children. These gifts of new handmade blankets and Afghans, lovingly created by volunteers like you are greatly needed and appreciated. Doris Gullion will collect and deliver your donations for Project Linus at our monthly meetings. You are welcome to contact Hunterdon & Warren Counties Chapter Project Linus Coordinator: Diane P. at (908) 391-0578 for more information.

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

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.

SHOW AND TELL

Many of us are working on items for ourselves, family members, or for donation. Please bring in your finished projects to share with members. You may inspire someone to try a new technique or style. Check our Facebook page for photos of our members Knitting and Crocheting.



Please contact Linda Z. if you're interested in carpooling for the NJ WOOL Walk.



HAPPY SPRING!!

Please visit our website at www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com

Facebook page: Hunterdon County Knitting and Crochet Guild
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/HunterdonKnitCrochet>

Ravelry Group: https://www.ravelry.com/groups/hunterdon-county-knitting-and-crochet?s=tab&fbclid=IwAR2se1sznFroJL-23WptrRbV4MuVrPdQjYbVy9SiFXXpT6kp9-Q_PMbevOA