

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER 2021

OUR MEETINGS

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MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 48 paid members. Dues are \$15 per year. Beginning in January, 2022 dues can be paid during an in-person meeting, sent by check to Shirley C. at her PO Box, or through our PayPal account.

DECEMBER 2021 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As I write this letter to all of our Guild members, the snow is actually falling! What a nice surprise, to accompany the December newsletter.

Congratulations are in order to your incoming President, Linda Z and Vice President, Micki C! Both Meredith and I are so happy that both of these energetic, creative and smart members have volunteered to lead our Guild for the next two years. And, we all owe thanks to the rest of the Executive Committee who have agreed to continue to donate their time to help these new officers. Mary Jane C (Secretary), Bertha G (Treasurer), Doris G (Program), Shirley C (Membership) and Karen K (Newsletter), we all thank you for your work.

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There will be coffee, tea, fruit and some breakfast sweets. If anyone wishes to bring something from home, please make sure that you bring something to serve it with. And, please let us know what you are bringing, so that we can “balance” the menu.

We are also asking that masks be worn while moving around the room, and around the food. This is for everyone's safety, so please be considerate.

Happy December, all! And see you on December 16th!

Sue

DECEMBER 2021 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

As our year speeds to a conclusion, some of us are striving to finish holiday gifts with the wrapping and distribution up ahead. Those who have a yarn stash might be looking for projects that use stash yarn and are quick. Ravelry has more than 700 knit and crochet “quick project patterns.”

However you are spending your time, you need to have some saved for yourself. Take a time out and sit with a cup of your favorite beverage (coffee, water, tea, wine, hot chocolate) and catch your breath. Getting together with friends is also part of holiday celebrations.

Hope you will be joining us on December 16 at the Flemington Branch of the Hunterdon Library for a festive couple of hours.

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.

Update:

Anita Brady has concluded her 2021 hat collection. If you would like to begin knitting or crocheting for 2022, she will be delighted to accept your donations.

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:

"Wow! We have had such an amazing response from thousands of people making knockers."

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!

Your loving Knitted Knockers Admin Team”

328,548 Knitted Knockers Provided (estimated September 2021)
1,721 Registered Medical Providers
4,302 Knitted Knocker Groups
100% Volunteers Providing Knocker

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.

People Helping People in Need: Last December this organization distributed knitted and crocheted hats, mittens and scarves to the children of the working poor in Warren County.

Update:

People Helping People in Need has changed its focus to only helping substance abuse cases. They are no longer collecting hats, scarves, and mittens for children in need. The Flemington Food Pantry gratefully receives any hats, mittens, scarves or blankets you choose to donate.

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.



Happy Holidays!

Please visit our website at www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com and our Facebook page!