

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER 2022

OUR MEETINGS

Our Guild meetings this month will be on Fridays, December 16, and December 23, 2022, from 10am until 2pm. The meetings will be held at the Raritan Police Station in Flemington.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 48 members. Dues for 2023 are due by January 23, 2023. Dues are \$15 per year and can be paid during our next meeting, sent by check to Shirley Covert either to her PO Box, or through our PayPal account.

DECEMBER 2022 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

HELLO Knitting & Crochet Yarn Lovers!

We are in the midst of our own busy season. I hope you all manage to see and share your Holidays with those family and friends you cherish and may all your wishes come true.

At our next meeting I hope you will share something new you tried to do or a pattern that really excited you. I don't know if I will have any surprises, but you never know...

Happy Holidays to you all!

Linda Z.

MAY 2022 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

We are moving toward the end of this year. How fast it seems to have sped by. With the December holidays come lots of extras—extra baking, extra shopping, extra company and often, extra tired. It seems important to find time to take care of yourself, which for those of us who knit and crochet, means taking time out to enjoy this hobby. Whether making holiday gifts or items to be given to charities, take some time to relax and enjoy doing something that gives you joy. Our meeting dates for December are Friday, December 16 and Friday, December 23. Hope you will find time to join us. Bring along any books, projects, or notions you would like to share at show and tell.

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!

Project Linus: <https://www.projectlinus.org> Project Linus is a non-profit organization providing new handmade blankets to children in need. Become a “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. Contact Hunterdon & Warren Counties Chapter Project Linus Coordinator: Diane P. at (908) 391-0578.

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.

MUCH JOY AND GOOD WISHES

TO ALL

FOR A HAPPY & HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON!!



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