

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHET GUILD NEWSLETTER



2023



OUR MEETINGS

Our Guild meetings for the month of December will be on Friday the 15th at the Raritan Police Station in Flemington from 10 am until 2 pm. Our Holiday Celebration will be directly after our Meeting at “al fresco’s” in Flemington. Our meeting on the 22nd will be held at the Hunterdon County Library on Route 12 in Flemington beginning at 10 am.

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 December 4, 11, & 18th. **We will not be meeting on December 26th.** Tuesday Evening Meetings will resume on January 2, 2024.

Inclement Weather: Meeting Cancellations will follow the Flemington/Raritan school closing schedule. <https://www.frsd.k12.nj.us/>

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 67 members. Dues are \$15 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.

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DECEMBER 2023 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello to all our members,

I do hope this holiday season is happy and healthy for all of you and your families!

This has been quite a month for HCKCG. Flip flopping meeting sites, additional meeting times and most welcome, so many new members. We are in a cycle of change and with it comes many new issues that need to be resolved. Our home base and the modern way of communicating are very unsettling so I hope you will have patience with each other and solace in knowing we can work together to smooth out the ruffles in adjusting to the new world we are exposed to now. Our future depends upon our endurance.

Thank you, Denise T for helping us organize and start up our evening group. We all appreciate your knowledge and support that led us in the right direction.

It is a wonderful gift we have given our community by opening an evening group for the crocheters and knitters that are not able to attend our day meetings. The group is grateful for our organization and excited to share their knowledge and projects with each other. Our membership grows weekly! Our Holiday luncheon at al fresco's is a perfect location for a convivial meal, excellent food, and lively conversations among smiling faces.

See you soon!

Linda Z

DECEMBER 2023 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

A big thank you to Alisa Hartzel for an interesting and informative presentation at our November meeting. We are hoping that Denise T. will give her talk about fiber at the beginning of next year and I will be sharing a uniquely constructed hat that can be sized for whatever your needs are to be scheduled soon. Our second meeting in December will be a knit and chat session. Moving forward, we currently do not have any outside speakers planned. If anyone would like to share a technique or suggest a neat program activity, please let me know.

Doris G/vpw

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 everyone after our business meetings. You may inspire someone to try a new technique or style. Check our Facebook page for photos of our talented members projects.



WISHING ALL A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

MAY 2024 BE FILLED WITH

PEACE AND LOVE!!!

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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