

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY 2021

OUR MEETINGS

We have resumed our Guild meetings virtually, via Zoom, on the third and fourth Fridays of every month. Our Zoom meetings this month will be on Fridays, February 19 and 26, 2021 from 10am until 2pm.

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 23 paid members. Guild dues are \$15 per year and can be sent by check to Shirley C. at her PO box or through our new PayPal account.

FEBRUARY 2021 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

February is the month for Valentines, Heart Health and Groundhog Day. "Groundhog Day", the movie, rings so true for all of us, when each day has appeared to be on endless repeat since last March. While we may bemoan the "sameness" of our days, we are beginning to feel a bit more hopeful. Perhaps it is the increased hours of daylight, or the trend towards the warmer days that will allow us to meet in person. Or even, the very slow roll out of vaccines allows us some expectations of "normal".

The real bottom line for this letter is to underscore the need for membership renewals. COVID has been difficult for many organizations and we want our Guild to stay strong through it all. Your Executive Committee has been working hard to try to keep all of our members engaged, to enable us to move forward as a guild when this is over. Zoom meetings have been our way of staying in touch with each other. And, perhaps warmer weather by the end of March might bode well for a park-based in person meeting. Our expenses have been a bit higher, as we do need to pay for Zoom. We would love to add additional speakers as well. And, as there is some doubt when we will be able to return to the Police Station, we may need to buy liability insurance in order to use other public spaces.

We have two means of paying for membership:

1. Send a \$15 check to Shirley Covert at PO Box 387, Neshanic Station, NJ 08853.
2. You can use PayPal if you wish to use a credit card. You can use PayPal as a guest, if you do not have a PayPal account. Just enter the Guild email address (**hunterdonknitcrochet@gmail.com**) in the correct field in Paypal, and enter the \$15 fee. (one generous Guild member paid \$16 to cover the credit card fee!!!)

Stay well!

Sue

FEBRUARY 2021 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

As I write this, we have a forecast for a “significant amount of snow.” It seems as if the weather and COVID are encouraging us to take up knitting needles and crochet hooks.

This month, following our business meeting on February 19, we will be having show and tell. This time, in addition to showing your projects, we might also share remarks about how we show our feelings for others through our knitting and crocheting. You might want to describe projects or experiences with friends, family members or charities. Please remember if you have projects to show, you can send photos to Sue Perri before 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 19. She would then display these photos during the Zoom meeting.

The following Friday, February 26, our meeting will focus on sharing a book, tool, trick, or website you have found to be especially useful to you. It is hoped that these meetings will inspire us.

As a reminder, when Toby Barna of Toby Roxane Designs joined us last month at our Zoom meeting, she offered us a special 10% off coupon code: HUNTERDON for one time use and with no expiration date that we can apply toward purchases from her Etsy shop. You can access her website at [etsy.com/shop/tobyroxanedesigns](https://www.etsy.com/shop/tobyroxanedesigns) or contact her by email at toby.roxane@gmail.com.

Doris

CHARITY KNITTING SUGGESTIONS

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

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.

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: Knitter's Unite is looking for donations of hats, scarves, socks and mittens in support of the Flemington 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.

BONUS: FEBRUARY FREEBIES



Hello Noble Knitter,

Valentine's Day is just around the corner - time to start knitting and crocheting hearts and lovable gifts for those you care about!

38 Free Project Ideas

- [14 Free Heart Knitting Patterns](#) to Make for Your Valentines
- [14 Hearts and Valentines Free Crochet Patterns](#)
- [10 Free Tiny Heart Knitting Patterns](#)

Gifts for Knitters and Crocheters

- [20 Amazing Alpaca Inspired Gifts](#)
- [20 EWE-nique Inspired Gifts](#)

Happy knitting and crocheting! 💕

One of our members shared an email she received from Noble Knits, providing free Valentine's Day patterns. You can find the patterns at blog.nobleknits.com.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

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