

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY 2022

OUR MEETINGS

Our Guild meetings this month will be on Fridays, February 18 and 25, 2022 from 10am until 2pm. Our first meeting will be virtual, via Zoom, and our second meeting will be in person at the Raritan Police Station in Flemington.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 49 members. Dues are \$15 per year and can be paid during an in-person meeting, sent by check to Shirley C. at her PO Box, or through our PayPal account

FEBRUARY 2022 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

SNOW, ICE AND RAIN (winter in N.J)

The weather had prevented us from collecting all your items for the library cases but we managed to fill them with our beautifully constructed projects. I am hoping to return them to the rightful owners at our last meeting of this month. We will be meeting the third Friday via Zoom and the fourth Friday at Raritan Police Dept.

The ides of March are upon us and I am hopeful we will be able to meet the third and fourth Friday next month LIVE! That will be determined by the status of the Covid virus. I look forward to seeing your winter projects and hearing what you're planning for the future.

As you read this our past president, Sue Perri, will be on her way to another phase of her life experiences. We wish her well, safe voyage and the future filled with joy.

Linda Z.

FEBRUARY 2022 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Another month has passed as we creep closer to spring. Members' projects are featured this month in the display cases at the main branch of the Hunterdon County Library on Route 12. If you have a chance, stop by for a look. Makers Day has been cancelled by the library system this year, but any ideas you have for a simple, easy to instruct and construct item children could make and take will be considered for next year.

For another month our first meeting on February 18 will be a Zoom meeting and the second meeting on February 25 is planned as an in person gathering at the Raritan Police Station. Show and tells including projects, completed or in progress, books, websites, articles or positive yarn experiences are welcome at both get togethers. Whether your stash has grown a little smaller or a little larger, the hope is that you are finding some time to spend working with your lovely yarns. Charity items continue to be welcomed by the organizations listed in our newsletter, so please keep them in mind if you are looking for a project to donate. Looking forward to seeing you at one or both of our meetings this month.

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!

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.



Happy Valentine's Day!

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