

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



**February
2024**

OUR MEETINGS

Our Guild meetings for the month of February will be on Fridays the 16th and 23rd, 2024. Meetings will be held at the Hunterdon County Main Library on Route 12 in Flemington in the media room on the lower-level beginning at 10 am until 2 pm.

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 February 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th, 2024.

Inclement Weather: Meeting Cancellations will follow the Flemington/Raritan school closing schedule. <https://www.frsd.k12.nj.us/> and to check for closures at the library: <https://hclibrary.us/about/closures>

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 68 members. As of January 1, 2024, dues are \$25 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.

OUR OFFICERS AND STAFF TEAM

Linda Zarnett, President

Christine Jochem, Secretary

Shirley Covert, Membership

Virginia Wodock, Newsletter Chair
& Contact Coordinator

Meredith Higgins, Vice President

Bertha Gessner, Treasurer

Doris Gullion, Program Chair

Mary Jane Coniglio, Facebook Coordinator



FEBRUARY 2024 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Winter.... BRRR!! Warm Greetings Ladies!

The weather in January prevented several of our meetings from occurring but it didn't stop our members from creating projects for our charities. Thank you all for your busy fingers!

Also, many thanks to Doris G., for teaching us the pattern on the Triangle Hat. Those of us who were her students are working diligently to finish this unique project.

We have many projects that will be on display in the Main Library Showcase for the month of February. Please take the time to visit the library to see our member's beautiful works on display.

The Maker's Day program will be held on March 16th, 2024, at the Main Library. Remember, we need volunteers for the Makers Day Program. Please let me know if you are available to help.

Stay warm and Healthy,

Linda Z.

FEBRUARY 2024 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Welcome February. During the last meeting several members worked on the Tensfield hat using the pattern designed by Marina Behm. If you were unable to attend and would like assistance in knitting your hat, I will be happy to help.

We do not have any formal program scheduled for February. The members at the last meeting expressed an interest in making either a felted Christmas stocking that Rosemary would present or a felted bag that I would present. If you have a project, pattern, or technique you would be willing to present to the group, please let me know.

Be sure to view the library case on your way to our next meeting. It will be filled with a variety of knitted and crocheted items from our members.

Enjoy working on your projects and keep in mind making something for one of our many charities.

Meeting dates for February are Friday, February 16 and Friday, February 23. Hope to see you there.

Doris G.

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 donation, family members, or for ourselves. Please bring in your finished projects to show members after our business meeting. You may inspire someone to try a new technique or style. Check our Facebook page for photos of our members Knitting and Crocheting projects.



HAPPY ST. VALENTINE'S DAY!!

Please visit our website at www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com

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