

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



JANUARY 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 Friday, January 15 and Friday, January 22, 2021 from 10am until 2pm.

MEMBERSHIP

Guild dues are payable in January. They are \$15 per year and can be sent by check to Shirley C. at her PO box or through our new PayPal account. Details on the Guild PayPal account can be found in Sue's email dated December 28, 2020.

JANUARY 2021 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

“Good bye and good riddance!” “Close the door on 2020, and welcome in 2021!”
“It is time for 2020 to be shown the exit!” “Kick it to the curb!”

It is in our nature to take this time of year to reflect on the year past, while welcoming in the new year. Of course, the transition this year has a lot more emotion tied to it. 2020 has been challenging for all, and for some, terribly sad.

As crafters, we are very familiar with the desire to start something new. We eagerly wait to finish one thing, so that we can cast on another. We have a project in front of us, but the crochet hook really wants to make the initial chain for something new! And, we always have the pleasure of opening that newly published book with the intriguing patterns. So, our desire to start something new, such as a New Year, is part of our nature.

Before we trash 2020 completely, we can acknowledge some positive events from the year. In 2020, new babies were welcomed into the world, several as new grandchildren to Guild members. Some of us became grandparents and “in-laws” for the first time. Many of us learned new technologies so that we could stay in touch with family and friends. In many ways, we became closer to our local communities, as visits with distant family were curtailed. The sewers among us brushed up on our skills to make much needed masks for healthcare workers, front line workers, family and friends.

Personally, the Guild enriched my life during 2020. I looked forward to our Zoom calls, even as I sometimes “pushed the wrong button”. Our meetings in the park were wonderful, and refreshing.

Thank you, and a very Happy and Healthy 2021 to all.

Sue

JANUARY 2021 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Happy 2021! I think we are all beginning the year filled with hope and optimism. Over the last month you may have had time to work on some “leftover” projects or perhaps begin some new ones.

At our meeting on Friday, January 15, we will welcome the New Year with conversation and show and tells.

On Friday, January 22, 2021, we have scheduled Toby Barna of Toby Roxanne Designs to join us. She will focus her Zoom on “Choosing and Using Hand-Dyed yarns.” In addition, to giving us a sneak peek at her new book *Easy Knits for Beautiful Yarn*, she will be offering us a special coupon code we can use to purchase yarn from her Etsy shop. I hope you can join us for this interesting presentation.

I have also contacted Cynthia Haub, a friend of Lisa M., who is considering giving an instructional Zoom on her color work hat. The date for her visit is yet to be determined.

Please keep in mind the many charities that are continually looking for donations. Some of them are listed below. If you are making items for others you would like added to our list, please let me know.

Hope to see you on Friday, January 15.

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.

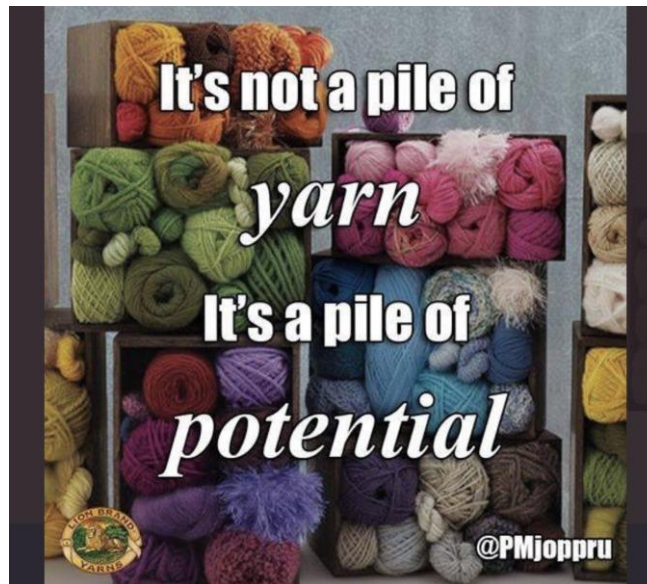
Warm Up America: The following link will connect with a brochure describing the Warm Up America organization mission and project specifications for baby blankets, lap blankets and friendship shawls.

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.



HAVE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

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