

# HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



## JANUARY 2024

### OUR MEETINGS

Our Guild meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month. We will meet at the Hunterdon County Main Library on Route 12 in Flemington in the media room on the lower level. For the month of January, we will be meeting at 10 am on the 19<sup>th</sup> and the 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

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 January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> 2024.

Inclement Weather: Meeting Cancellations will follow the Hunterdon County Library System. Follow the link below for inclement weather and scheduled closures: <https://hclibrary.us/about/closures>

### MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 67 members. Beginning January 1, 2024 Dues will be \$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: [hunterdonknitcrochet@gmail.com](mailto:hunterdonknitcrochet@gmail.com).

## **OUR OFFICERS AND STAFF TEAM**

Linda Zarnett, President

Christine Jochem, Secretary

Shirley Covert, Membership

Virginia Wodock, Newsletter &  
Contact Coordinator

Meredith Higgins, Vice President

Bertha Gessner, Treasurer

Doris Gullion, Program Chair

Mary Jane Coniglio, Facebook Coordinator

## **JANUARY 2024 PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Happy Holidays Ladies!

I hope this season brings you Joy! Happiness! Good Health! and inspiration for creating your next project.

2024 is rapidly approaching us and preparations have begun for the challenges we will face with our new location and the changes that occurred in the county's support of our Guild.

I am very proud of the efforts our members have made to support the Charities we undertake as a Guild. I know we are appreciated, and our continued donations are still a necessity. Thank you all for the attention you have given to them this past year.

Our dues are going up for 2024 but I did want our new members to know that their 2024 dues have been paid for when you recently became a member of the Guild.

We will be displaying our projects in the library show cases for the Month of February. Think about what you would like our community to see and bring it to our last meeting in January to be put on display.

Cheers!

Linda Z

## JANUARY 2024 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Here we are at the launch of 2024. How quickly the time passes.

During our January meetings I am planning to teach the construction of the knitted hat “Tensfield” by Martina Behm. Martina’s description reads, “No matter what weight your yarn is or what gauge you are knitting at, you can adjust the size as you go. The knitting is straight-forward back-and-forth garter stitch, but you will certainly enjoy the interesting 3-dimensional construction.”

If you would like to join in learning to knit this hat, please purchase Martina’s pattern on Ravelry. The cost is \$6.85.

Following our business meeting on Friday, January 19 we will focus on the construction of the basic triangle for the hat. The second meeting on Friday, January 26 will be used for completing (or nearly completing) the hat. This hat will make a wonderful donation to the Flemington Food Bank if you already have plenty of hats.

**Materials for this project:** Please bring worsted weight yarn (approximately 225 yds.), 2 stitch markers, a 32inch size 6 circular needle with a very pliable cable. A stiff cable will just be frustrating. Please also bring another size 6 needle for the 3-needle bind off at the end. This smaller than usual needle size for the worsted weight yarn makes a dense fabric and a warm hat.

Please check our Facebook page for a photo of the blankets we donated to the Linus Blanket Project in December.

Anita Brady who receives some of our hat donations for her Brady Beanie charity emailed a thank you. Please visit her website at [bradybeanie.org](http://bradybeanie.org) and check out all of the hats. Learn more about where the hats were distributed in the “about us” section.

The charities we donate to are always very appreciative of our work.

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!

### **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>

**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](mailto: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](https://www.craftyarnCouncil.com/files/WUA_brochure.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](mailto: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 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.



**WISHING ALL A HAPPY, HEALTHY  
AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!**

**Please visit our website at [www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com](http://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](https://www.ravelry.com/groups/hunterdon-county-knitting-and-crochet?s=tab&fbclid=IwAR2se1sznFroJL-23WptrRbV4MuVrPdQjYbVy9SiFXXpT6kp9-Q_PMbevOA)