

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



**JUNE
2020**

OUR MEETINGS

Meetings are held at Raritan Township Police Station multi purpose room. All meetings are on hiatus, until further notice, due to our current health situation. When in session, business meetings occur at the beginning of the meeting on third Fridays. Please note changes to our regular meeting schedule for 2020 listed in our “Administrative Items” section.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 43 paid members. Dues are \$15 per year and Shirley C. will be collecting 2020 dues at our meetings. If you would rather renew your membership by mail, please send payment to Shirley Covert, PO Box 387, Neshanic Station, NJ 08853.

JUNE 2020 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Summer has finally arrived! As I write this on a gorgeous Sunday morning, Mother Nature is proving herself pretty dependable, and that is one of the few things we can rely on. For everything else, this is certainly not where we expected we would be. All of the events we planned for as a group or as individuals have been cancelled, postponed or in “limbo”, including our Spring Luncheon. For many of us the past few months have been lessons in adaptability and adjustment. And, hopefully, compassion for others has tempered everything that we are doing.

Local yarn shops and hand dyers have developed innovative ways of reaching out, but they are struggling. Pattern designers have worked with fiber companies to help support their industry. There has been some bad news from the industry: Blueprint (Craftsy) is shutting down, and Vogue Knitting magazine may be going to 2 issues a year. Those two events will have a big impact on pattern designers and teachers, and these were big platforms for them. I encourage everyone to support their favorite suppliers and shops, by shopping on line. We want these physical places to be there for us when the current crisis has abated.

The Executive Committee met via Zoom. We are proposing a Zoom meeting for the Guild on June 19th. It would be lovely to see everyone (maybe we will have been able to get a haircut by then?) and perhaps do a “Bring and Brag”. What have you been working on over the past several months? It doesn't need to be knitting or crocheting. Needlework? Maybe you have taught yourself another craft? Watercolors, anyone? You will receive a Zoom invitation in your email box. Just mark it on your calendar, and then click the link at the time of the “meeting”.

We are also exploring the idea of outdoor meetings. We could each bring our own lunch, and a chair, and have our Spring Luncheon outside. Please let me know what you think of that idea.

Stay well,
Sue

JUNE 2020 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

How quickly the month has flown. We are hoping you will be joining the Guild Zoom on Friday, June 19. The “program” will be your show and tell including websites, techniques, books, finished projects, works in progress and whatever else you think might be of interest to our group. Hope you will be available at 10:00 for a meaningful get together.

Doris

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

We have 3 changes to our regular meeting schedule for 2020. The exceptions are:

July 24th and 31st

November 13th and 20th

December 11th and 18th

Please make a note of these changes on your 2020 calendar.

OUTREACH AND ONGOING PROJECTS

If you know of any local non-profit organizations that would benefit from knitted and crocheted items made by our members, please let us know so we may include them here.

Warm Up America: An ongoing project, the goal of this nation-wide effort is to provide warm crocheted or knitted afghans to anyone in need. They are distributed by The Red Cross and Salvation Army to victims of natural disasters, area homeless, and to families and individuals who have lost their homes and belongings due to fire, flood or tornadoes. Forty-nine blocks that measure 7” X 9” are joined together to complete an afghan. Use your leftover and stash yarn to make some 7”x 9” knitted and/or crocheted blocks and bring them to a meeting. Myra will continue to collect them throughout the year.

Knitted Knockers: You can find out information about donating knitted knockers for mastectomy patients at www.knittedknockers.org

1898 Seamens' Watch Cap Project: (idea provided by our member Rosemary G.), details for making and sending at:

<http://seamenschurch.org/sites/default/files/sci-1898-hat-kristine-byrnesweb-w-schematic.pdf>

Wigs and Fun Hats for Children: www.halokkeepers.org

Twiddle Muffs for Cognitively Impaired People: Refer to our recent email with the crocheted and knitted versions of the Twiddle Muff pattern attached, or you can also find the patterns by doing a Google search.

Brady Beanies: <https://bradybeanie.org>

Knitted Nests for Displaced Wildlife: WildlifeRescueNests.weebly.com or CWRescue.org. Find a simple pattern at: NativeSongbirdCare.org/uploads/How_to_Make_Knit_Nests_.pdf

UPCOMING FIBER EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES (subject to postponement/cancellation)

June 2020

6/19 Zoom Guild Meeting
 Invitations will be sent via email

August 2020

8/19 – 23 Hunterdon 4H Fair
 County Fairgrounds, Ringoes, NJ

September 2020

9/12 – 13 NJ Sheep and Fiber Festival
 County Fairgrounds, Ringoes, NJ

October 2020

10/17 – 18 NY State Sheep and Wool Festival
 Rhinebeck, NY



Have a great, safe summer!

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