

# HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



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## JUNE 2021

### OUR MEETINGS

Our Guild meetings this month will be on Fridays, June 18 and 25, 2021 from 10am until 2pm. Our first meeting will be virtual, via Zoom, and our second meeting is scheduled for Stangl Pottery, 50 Stangl Road in Flemington.

### MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 43 paid members. Guild dues are \$15 per year and can be sent by check to Shirley C. at her PO Box or through our PayPal account.

## **JUNE 2021 PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

How lovely it has been to finally visit with Guild members in person again! Our two meetings at the Stangl Factory have been so nice, and felt (dare I say it?) normal. Our collective fingers are crossed that we are able to continue with once a month "in person" meetings, combined with a monthly Zoom meeting. No word from Raritan Township concerning the availability of our usual meeting space, so until further notice, we will continue to use Stangl. If we desire to find a more permanent spot, there are County options available to us. Most of those require liability insurance (which we can afford), but that would also ask for a majority of the members to approve that expense.

The Hunterdon County 4-H Fair is a "go" at this time. Meredith will be coordinating our input, and we will be asking for feedback and assistance from Guild members. We will send out separate emails that will include all the information about The Fair, the schedule for submissions and your participation. This has always been a great venue for demonstrating the skills of our members.

As of May 30th, we have not heard any updates about the NJ Sheep and Fiber Festival. Normally, that would be scheduled for the second weekend in September. We usually have a staffed booth, with samples of our work.

As I mentioned at our May Zoom meeting, neither Meredith, Mary Jane nor I can continue in our President, Vice President or Secretary roles after December. We would ask all of you to consider running for one of these offices. Of course all three of us will be available to assist new officers as requested. According to the Bylaws, the nominations should be made in October, with the elections in November. Terms begin in January.

This will be the last formal newsletter until September, as we like to give our intrepid editor a summer break. Of course, we will continue our current meeting schedule. And, there will be communications concerning the 4-H Fair, as well as other events.

Happy Summer!

Sue

## JUNE 2021 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Here we are in June, nearly at the official beginning of summer. Our programs at present are designed with a Zoom meeting scheduled for the third Friday of each month followed by an in person gathering for the fourth Friday each month. On June 18 we have an opportunity to join Carole and Kevin Schumann on a tour of their family run Berry Meadow Farm located in the beautiful Champlain Valley of Vermont. In addition to a herd of alpacas, they also are home to a flock of Rambouillet and Romeldale sheep. They produce organically grown and processed yarns, knitting and crochet kits and patterns, and all of their own designs. It should be a wonderful day to visit with Carole and Kevin in Vermont.

On the following Friday, June 25 we will be meeting in person at the Stangl Factory located at 50 Stangl Road in Flemington. Our in person gathering will be an opportunity to exchange ideas, share projects and enjoy one another's company. Please bring a mask with you, as the last time we were there, a mask was required to use the restrooms.

We are looking forward to having you join us this month.

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](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](mailto:dgullion48@gmail.com) She will gladly include them in our next Guild newsletter.



*Enjoy the summer! Safe travels!*

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