

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



Yarn with Flowers by Canadian artist, Katrinn Pelletier

JUNE 2024

OUR MEETINGS

Our Guild meetings for the month of June will be held from 10 am until 12 pm on Fridays the 21st and the 28th at the Hunterdon County Main Library on Route 12 in Flemington in the media room on the lower level.

Tuesday Evening Meetings will be held weekly from 6 pm until 8 pm at the Hunterdon County Main Library on Route 12. We will be meeting on June 4th, in the upper level room to the left as you enter the main lobby. June 11th, 18th and 25th, 2024 will be held in the media room on the lower level.

REMINDER: World Wide Knit in Public Day will be held at the Hunterdon County Main Library on June 8th from 9 am until 1 PM. The HCKCG Luncheon will be held on June 28th following our general meeting. Lunch will be in the upper library meeting room. A \$5.00 donation is requested.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 58 members. 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 "Hunterdon Knitting and Crochet Guild".

OUR OFFICERS AND STAFF TEAM

Linda Zarnett, President	Meredith Higgins, Vice President
Christine Jochem, Secretary	Bertha Gessner, Treasurer
Shirley Covert, Membership	Doris Gullion, Program Chair
Virginia Wodock, Newsletter Chair	Mary Jane Coniglio, Facebook Coordinator

June 2024 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello ladies!

Summer is approaching as our rainy spring is leaving behind the most beautiful, lush vegetation I have ever seen. I have cut the grass and weeded my gardens and within an hour it's time to start all over again. I wish my knitting and crocheting projects were as prolific.

I will be away June 12 - 19 and most of July. Hope you will all be enjoying your summer as well.

I will be sending out an email about our summer schedule and where we will be meeting.

Linda Z.

June 2024 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

As summer approaches, we hope to have a little more time to relax and hone our crafts. The next Guild meetings will give you time to work on your own projects and share them with our members.

The upcoming programs for the Autumn will include a Group Afghan project incorporating both crochet and knit squares. Details will be provided later. Another project being planned is one involving 2 handed, 2 color knitting. Rosemary has a hat pattern suggestion for this project.

When in between projects, please keep in mind the many charities listed below, all of whom would welcome our donations. Enjoy the warm and relaxing days ahead. Watch for the various meeting venues as the summer progresses.

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, 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/progrms/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 ourselves, family members, or for donation. Please bring your finished projects to share with 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 SAFE SUMMER!



Happy Days...Two Guys knitting and crocheting!

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