

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2023

OUR MEETINGS

Our Guild meetings will be held on Fridays, March 17 & 24, 2023 from 10am until 2pm. The meetings will be held at the Raritan Police Station in Flemington.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 39 members. Dues are \$15 per year and can be paid during an in-person meeting, sent by check to Shirley Covert at her PO Box, or through our PayPal account.

MARCH 2023 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Well! The Sun is shining, and the Birds are singing. I guess we can assume spring is around the corner! Time has a way of flying by quickly and am thinking about my gardens and daydreaming over the yarn projects I hope to accomplish this season. I hope your thoughts are as pleasant as mine.

Now is the beginning of our commitments to our community. We have Makers Day coming up this month, the N.J. Fiber shed Barn Crawl and the N.J. wool walk and let us not forget about Worldwide Public Knit Day. I'm exhausted just thinking about them. Please consider your time and plan with us to support these events.

Volunteers are needed for the Makers Day Program. Makers Day will be held on March 25th at the Hunterdon Library on Route 12 from 10 am until 2 pm. Please contact me with the hours you're available to help out at the library.

I want to thank all members who shared projects for the Hunterdon County Knitting and Crochet Guild Library Display. The cases were full, and the projects expressed the beauty of our efforts. I hope you had an opportunity to see the display last month.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting.

Linda Z.

MARCH 2023 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Some say that if March comes in like a lion it goes out like a lamb. We will see.

During our last meeting there was some interest in learning one technique for helix knitting a hat in the round with two or more colors. Perhaps, as these hats are completed, there will be a few more hats for charity. I realized the crochet hat pattern I included with last month's newsletter required sewing up a side seam. The attached pattern might be more appealing. I do believe the entire construction is crocheted.

The month of March has 5 Fridays, so our meetings this month will be on the 17th (St. Patrick's Day) and the 24th. I hope you will find time to work on both your personal knit or crochet projects as well as taking time to contribute an item to your favorite charity. I have a box of items I have been filling for the Seamen's Church Institute in New York. I would be glad to include your donations as well. Next week I will deliver a couple more blankets to the Linus project and I am always happy to collect and deliver any blankets you complete.

Show and Tell is a wonderful opportunity for you to share what you are or have been working on. Many of us gather new color, pattern, and technique ideas from these items. Books, notions, newly found yarns and patterns also make wonderful show and tells.

Enjoy the weeks ahead. I am looking forward to seeing you in March.

Doris

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 can always send you unstuffed knockers to supplement your supply. Just request the "Supplemental Knockers" under the 'Contact Us' link at the top right-hand corner of our website.

If you still want to send to us, please knit or crochet up what you have making pairs of neutral and dark colored D and DDs as we have an abundance of all other sizes. Before purchasing more yarn check back periodically to see when we can use more. Please know we really appreciate you and are not saying don't make more knockers! Due to covid and the challenges of distributing them we just find that we have more than enough for now. 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...Your Life Matters: The Peyton Heart Project was inspired by a 13-year-old boy named Peyton James who died by suicide in 2014. 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 by spreading delicate handmade hearts. Patterns and information about The Peyton Heart Project can be found here: <http://www.thepeytonheartproject>. For more information and to donate hearts for distribution throughout Hunterdon County, contact Ginny Wodock @ 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/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.

HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY!!!



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