

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



**MAY
2022**

OUR MEETINGS

Our Guild meetings this month will be on Fridays, May 20 and 27, 2022 from 10am until 2pm. The meetings will be held IN PERSON at the Raritan Police Station in Flemington.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 50 members. Dues are \$15 per year and can be paid during an in-person meeting, sent by check to Shirley C. at her PO Box, or through our PayPal account.

MAY 2022 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Happy May Days Members!

April was the Wool walk month and I took a trip around New Jersey to visit as many of the Shops that were included in the Walk as possible. Bertha G and Keri S joined me to explore some of those shops. Keri was the photographer who posted pictures on Instagram and Facebook, thank you Keri. I was able to visit 20 of the 22 shops listed and to gather information for our members as well as spreading our name across the state and reintroducing Project Linus to the shop owners.

May is the Maryland Sheep and wool festival if anyone is interested in going to see new products and designs.

May is also the N.J. Fibershed Barn Crawl on May 14-15, 21-22. There are ten farms participating with raffles and prizes being offered to participants. More information can be found out at:

<https://njfibershed.com/barncrawl>.

Please don't forget MAKE A BLANKET DAY is being held at Project Linus on May 13,2022 at the Bloomsbury Firehouse at the East Street entrance Bloomsbury N.J. Lots of activities have been planned for participants. If you have made a blanket to be given to them but are unable to attend on the 13th, please contact me and I will see that it arrives on time.

For more information contact:

HUNTERDONWARRENNJ@PROJECTLINUS>NET

I look forward to seeing you all next month at our meeting and seeing all the projects you have made from Carol's stash.

Busy hands make for continued contentment.

Linda Z.

MAY 2022 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

It looks as if spring is officially beginning to take hold. We enjoyed our in-person gatherings in April and look forward to in person meetings again this month on Fridays May 20 and 27.

I know many of you are working on charity projects. If you would, bring the projects you have completed using Carolyn Compton's yarn to either May meeting, I will take photos to send to her family to highlight how her love of knitting and crocheting lives on! I still have some of Carolyn's yarn and will bring it to the Guild meetings if anyone would like to have more yarn. After our May meetings, I will donate the remaining yarn to the Linus Blanket project.

If you know of additional organizations looking for handmade knit or crochet items, please let me know, and we can add them to our list. At the moment, there are so many needy individuals.

Enjoy your month.

Hoping to see you at our meetings in May.

Doris

CHARITY KNITTING SUGGESTIONS

The Guild has supported these charities in the past. Many of these sites have suggested yarns and needles or hooks 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.

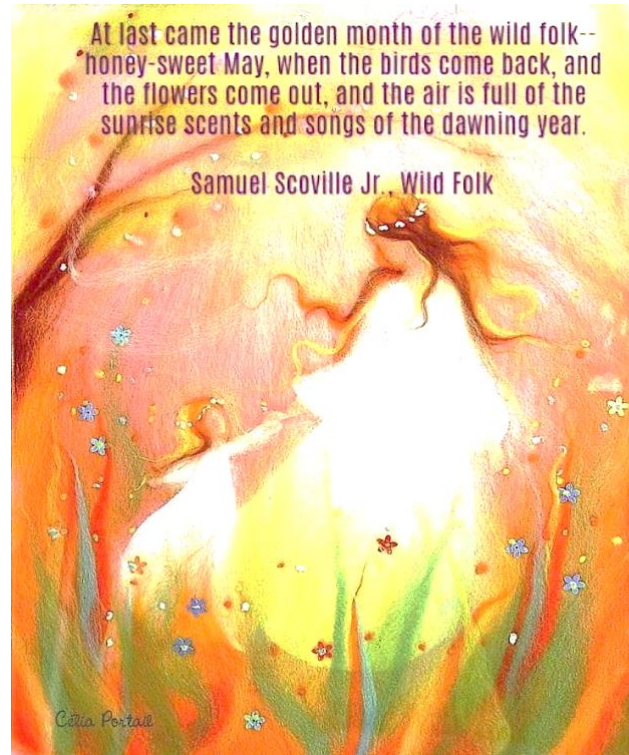
If you still want to send to us, please knit or crochet up what you have making pairs of neutral and dark colored D and DDs as we have an abundance of all other sizes. Before purchasing more yarn check back periodically to see when we can use more. Please know we really appreciate you and are not saying 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!

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 MOTHER'S DAY!!

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our Facebook page!