

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



MAY 2023

OUR MEETINGS

Our Guild meetings this month will be on Fridays, May 19th, and May 26th, 2023, from 10am until 2pm. The meetings will be held at the Raritan Police Station in Flemington.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 44 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.

MAY 2023 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hi!!!

Spring is in the air...and so are all the activities we will be participating in during 2023.

The wool walk was a success and shops were ready for our purchases. Many Suppliers have given the shops lovely new kits for our pleasure, and I have once again "shopped".

The Barn Crawl will be coming up on May 13 - 14 and May 20 - 21. We have two county farms for you to visit: Hardscrabble Farm in Stockton and Windswept Acres in Pittstown. I do hope you will be able to support their efforts with a visit and a peek into their shops.

We will be holding our Friday, May 26th meeting at the Main Branch of the Hunterdon County Library on Route 12 this month. We are hoping this will become our new location.

I look forward to seeing you all soon,

Linda Z.

MAY 2023 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Let's hope all these April showers will result in lots of May flowers. This spring there are many festivals, yarn walks and yarn crawls coming up. Please check the minutes from the April Guild meeting for other events coming up. Next weekend (May 6 and 7) is the **Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival**; May 6 & 7, 2023; Rain or shine! Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD.

<https://sheepandwool.org>

Spring is a busy time of year with many celebrations as well as new gardening tasks. I hope you find some time for your knitting and/or crocheting projects. Please continue to keep charity projects on your list. I see how appreciative these organizations are of your skills and generosity. Looking forward to seeing you at the May 19 and May 26 meetings.

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!

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. Hearts can be knitted, crocheted, made by simply wrapping yarn around cardboard hearts, or made with fabric. Each heart has a special tag attached with an inspirational saying. There are patterns to make the hearts, tags etc. within the Peyton Heart Project link noted above. Ginny Wodock will be collecting hearts for distribution and can be contacted for more information.

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.



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