

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



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MAY
2024

OUR MEETINGS

Our Guild meetings for the month of May will be on Friday the 17th and the 24th, 2024. May 17th meeting will be held at the Hunterdon County Main Library on Route 12 in Flemington in the media room on the lower level beginning at 10 am until 12 pm. **Our May 24th meeting will be held from 11 am until 1 pm.**

Tuesday Evening Meetings are held weekly from 6 pm until 8 pm at the Hunterdon County Main Library on Route 12 in the media room on the lower level. We will be meeting on May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2024.

Inclement Weather: Meeting Cancellations will follow the Flemington/Raritan school closing schedule. <https://www.frsd.k12.nj.us/> and for closures at the library: <https://hclibrary.us/about/closures>

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 68 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

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| 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 |

MAY 2024 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Happy Spring Dear Ladies!

Time is flying by too quickly and I can't seem to get ahead with all I have to do. I hope this isn't happening to you. Yet somehow, I do manage to knit and/or crochet every day.

Our carpools for the New Jersey Wool Walk were great. We were able to visit about 10 different "wool walk "shops and spend money in every one of them. So, we did support the yarn industry in New Jersey again this year. I hope some of you were able to get to the farm in Pittstown to support the New Jersey Fibershed Barn Crawl as well. Looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

Linda Z.

MAY 2024 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Looks as if spring may have arrived! I have planted a few petunias in my yard so I have my fingers crossed that there will be no more frost.

Our meeting on Friday, May 17 will be an opportunity to visit with fellow members and share any show and tell items you might have. Show and tell includes both completed projects and works in progress. We always enjoy seeing what you are working on.

At our last meeting a couple of members brought beautiful crochet afghans, each with an interesting story. Please plan to bring a handmade item with a memory or a story to our second meeting on Friday, May 24. It is interesting to learn the history of your items. Please continue to remember the many charities we contribute to. Hats, scarves, hearts, and blankets are welcomed by the organizations listed below.

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, 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 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/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.

SHOW AND TELL

Many of us are working on items for ourselves, family members, or for donation. Please bring in projects you are working on and finished projects to share with members after our business meeting. You may inspire someone to try a new technique or style. Also, check out our Facebook page for photos of our members projects.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!

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