

# HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



## NOVEMBER 2021

### OUR MEETINGS

Our Guild meetings this month will be on Fridays, November 19 and 26, 2021 from 10am until 2pm. Our first meeting will be virtual, via Zoom, and our second meeting will be in person at the Raritan Police Station in Flemington.

### MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 47 paid members. Dues are \$15 per year and they can be sent by check to Shirley C. at her PO Box or through our PayPal account.

## **NOVEMBER 2021 PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

November is the month for us to hold our officer elections. Happily, we have two excellent volunteers to take over the reins of our lovely Guild. Linda Zarnett will be “running” for President, and Micki Connor will be in the Vice President slot. We would still love having another volunteer to take over as Secretary. So, if you feel you could do that, please let me know.

Although this is not a competitive event, we still need to run it as an election. Under separate cover from this newsletter, you will receive a ballot via email. You can vote via any of 3 means: by email (just return the email with your votes), during our November Zoom meeting (11/19), or at our November in-person meeting. Your vote must be recorded by the end of the in-person meeting on November 26th.

**Holiday Party News:** We will only have one meeting in December, as the second meeting would be on Christmas Eve. We will have our meeting, as well as a Holiday Party on **Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, from 10-1pm. The meeting and party will be held at the Main Branch of the Hunterdon County Library on Route 12.** This should be a great way to celebrate finally getting back together after a difficult 18 months. Details are to be worked out, but a coordinator for this would be greatly appreciated. We do plan on a “brunch” format, and we will have our traditional grab bag gift exchange. Gifts up to \$20, a lovely book in good condition or fiber from your own stash, or even a new handmade item. Any gift that is knitting or crocheted specific should be labeled as such.

Enjoy the cooler weather!

Sue

## **NOVEMBER 2021 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES**

It looks like the frost is now on the pumpkin. What a wonderful season to start, finish, or plan projects. The crisp air lures us to find warm, cozy layers. Many are planning handmade gifts for the holidays, and with so many items stuck on cargo ships, this will be a wonderful season for creative gift ideas. While planning gifts for friends and family, it is also an opportune time to make charity gifts. The list of people in need is long, so if you have a favorite charity, please make something to pass on. Some charities and the items they prefer are listed below.

Please note that our guild member Anita Brady, of [bradybeanie.org](http://bradybeanie.org) has requested that all donations be sent to her by November 15 because she photographs and labels each one before they are donated to people in need.

Whether on our Zoom meeting on Friday, November 19 or our in person meeting on November 26 (Black Friday), please share your accomplishments at Show and Tell and come to knit, crochet and chat on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

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. **Please note: Anita has requested that all hats be submitted by November 15. Thank you.**

**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.

**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.

**People Helping People in Need:** Last December this organization distributed knitted and crocheted hats, mittens and scarves to the children of the working poor in Warren County. I am thinking they would welcome items to distribute this year as well.

**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](https://www.craftyarnCouncil.com/files/WUA_brochure.pdf)

**Knitters Unite:** Knitter's Unite is looking for donations of hats, scarves, socks and mittens in support of the Flemington 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](mailto:dgullion48@gmail.com) She will gladly include them in our next Guild newsletter.



***Happy Thanksgiving!***

Please visit our website at [www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com](http://www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com) and our Facebook page!