

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER 2020

OUR MEETINGS

We have resumed our Guild meetings virtually, via Zoom, on the third Friday of every month, and in person at Mine Brook Park in Flemington, on the 4th Friday of the month. Please note changes to our regular meeting schedule for 2020 listed in our “Administrative Items” section.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 55 paid members. Dues are \$15 per year. If you would like to renew your membership by mail, please send payment to Shirley Covert, PO Box 387, Neshanic Station, NJ 08853.

Thank you, Shirley, for maintaining and updating our membership list. An up-to-date copy is being sent along with the newsletter and meeting notes.

OCTOBER 2020 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

We all love this season of changing colors, brisk temperatures, and refreshing breezes. Of course, as we move further into Autumn, the likelihood of continuing our 4th Friday outdoors meetings becomes less and less. Of course, we will continue our 3rd Friday of the month Zoom meetings.

Unfortunately, it is unlikely that our normal, physical meeting space will be available to us any time soon. We have inquired about the Route 12 library rooms, and called several other public facilities. I have sent emails, or telephoned several locations to inquire about availability, and will keep you posted if I find anyplace. Please look around your community to see if there is an indoor spot that can host a group of about 20 people once a month. Perhaps there is a "community-room" near you that could possibly accommodate us. Make any inquiries that you can, and let me know if you meet with any success.

This month, you will be receiving 3 items in your guild newsletter email correspondence:

1. October Newsletter
2. September Meeting Notes from our Show and Tell
3. Updated Guild Membership List

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OCTOBER 2020 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

If you have run short of knitting or crocheting projects, are growing tired of your numerous Covid projects, have finished all (well many) of your unfinished projects, want to use up some of your stash (which is called by Stephen West "your collection and you are curator"), or are just feeling ready for a charity project, here are a few ideas. 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.

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

There are numerous other charities looking for knitters and crocheters to help them meet their mission statement goals. If you have a favorite or favorites not mentioned here, please email me at dgullion48@gmail.com I will gladly include them in our next Guild newsletter.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

We have 2 changes to our regular meeting schedule for 2020. The exceptions are:

November 13th and 20th

December 11th and 18th

Please make a note of these changes on your 2020 calendar.

UPCOMING FIBER EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

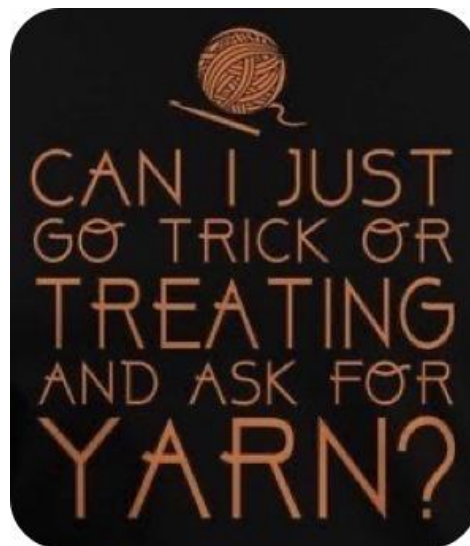
October 2020

10/15 – 18

Virtual NY State Sheep and Wool Festival

For all information, the new website is:

<https://www.virtual.sheepandwool.com/40yearsofrhinebeck>



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!

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