

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER 2021

OUR MEETINGS

Our Guild meetings this month will be on Fridays, October 15 and 22, 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 45 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.

OCTOBER 2021 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Fall is definitely here, and those of us who love to work with fiber rejoice! Of course, we ply our crafts all year long, but with the onset of the cooler weather, we no longer need to avoid the bigger projects that keep us too warm in the summer months. Smaller projects remain in our knitting bags, saved for road trips, waiting rooms, holiday gifts, and, of course, our charity efforts.

We welcomed 2 new members in September. Because of their input, we immediately learned of new charity projects that we can do, and we will be adding those charities to our list. As always, before starting a project destined as a donation, we will need to verify the areas of greatest need, as well as the type of yarn that can/should be used. Doris has done a great job with keeping track of these projects, and she will keep us apprised.

All of us on the Executive Committee look forward to seeing you at the October meetings, either via Zoom, in person or both!

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OCTOBER 2021 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

The seasons seem to be changing although summer hasn't quite let go yet. Many of us have been trying to use yarns from our stash for projects, but the lure of new colors and textures is hard to resist. Our first meeting in October on Friday, October 15 will be a Zoom meeting to show and tell projects and share experiences from classes or events you have attended. Our second meeting on October 22 will be at the Raritan police station where we will gather in person to share our projects and casually chat. We hope you can join us.

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.

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

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 She will gladly include them in our next Guild newsletter.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

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