

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



October

2023

OUR MEETINGS

Our Guild meetings for the month of October will be on Friday the 20th at the Raritan Police Station in Flemington from 10 am until 2 pm. Our meeting on the 27th will be held at the Hunterdon County Library on Route 12 in Flemington beginning at 10 am.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 48 members. Dues are \$15 per year and can be paid during an in-person meeting, sent by check to Shirley Covert at her P. O. Box, or through our PayPal account.

OCTOBER 2023 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Ladies,

Our year is coming to an end, and I am hopeful that three special Guild Members will volunteer to take the positions of President, Vice President, and Secretary for our Guild. Please consider one of these positions as your help is needed.

There were 6 members of our Guild that went to the Kraemer Yarn Mill this month. We were shown the making of yarn on each specialty machine from the fiber to the finished product. We walked away with a greater appreciation for the yarn we get to use for our wonderful, finished garments. It really was fascinating and as for me I am very grateful I can buy the "finished" yarn.

See you next month!

Linda Z.

OCTOBER 2023 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Well ladies, autumn is unofficially upon us. The September trip some members took to Kramer Yarns in Nazareth, Pennsylvania was both interesting and informative. Those attending enjoyed the tour (somewhat noisy) and learning about the labor-intensive process of manufacturing fleeces into yarns. Some of their remarks follow. Linda Z. noted the helpfulness of the staff in the yarn shop. "If you liked any of the displayed samples, you received the pattern free with your yarn purchase." Christine's impression was "Everyone at Kraemer Yarns could not have been nicer. Beth took us on a comprehensive behind-the-scenes tour, showing us the process of manufacturing yarn from start to finish, all on vintage carding, spinning, plying, and winding equipment! I'm planning to go back again to do some serious shopping."

At our next meeting Ginny has offered to read her review of the tour. For now, here are a few photos she snapped along the way...

Kraemer Mill and Yarn Shop



Fiber weighed and ready to be carded...our Ladies of HCKCG enjoying their visit!



Roving ready to be spun...



Our meetings on October 20th and 27th will give us time to work on projects, some of which might include one for our charities. Below

please find information from Anita Brady about the Brady Beanie project.

“Your continued support is overwhelming. It means so much to me as well as to those who receive the beautifully created and warm hats.

As a reminder, please note:

1. Our target completion date is November 15th. This gives us time to apply all the labels and distribute the hats in advance of the holidays.
2. Our focus will continue to be on hats for adults, both men and women.
3. Feel free to use the patterns located on www.bradybeanie.org or choose whatever patterns you prefer. If you use your own patterns, please assume a fit for an average size man or woman's head.

I will begin posting hats to Bradybeanie.org in September. In the meantime, feel free to visit the website to see some of the hats from prior years and learn about Brady Beanies.” From Anita Brady’s email which arrived on September 3, 2023. Completed hats may be given to Paulette.

Hope to see you on October 20th at the Raritan police station. Enjoy the coming weeks.

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 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!

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 your finished projects to show members after our business meeting. You may inspire someone to try a new technique or style.



Shirley Covert shared this adorable duck that she crocheted.

**WELCOME FALL
HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!**



Please visit our website at www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com and our Facebook page!