

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 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 45 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.

SEPTEMBER 2020 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hopefully this newsletter finds you and your loved ones in good health. Each change of season brings a little bit of hope, a feeling of “restart”, as well as anticipation of what good things might come. Even in these stressed times I find myself looking forward to the changing weather, cooler mornings, and more opportunities to have long walks in the afternoons. Of course cooler weather also means that knitted and crocheted garments will emerge from their summer storage. Those drawers and storage bins open up, and we find the treasures that we put away in April and May. Those garments bring us memories of the stitches that we made, where we were when we made them, and who we were with while we were stitching. They are the old friends that we welcome back onto our shoulders, heads and hands. Enjoy them, as you enjoy those loved ones around you.

Trudy Grimm's Memorial Service

A memorial service for Trudy Grimm will be held at 1:30 pm on Saturday, Sept. 26 at Sarah Dilts Farm Park (17 Buchanan Road, Stockton, NJ) at the pavilion rain or shine. Prayers and good thoughts for nice weather the day of and the week leading up to it are appreciated!

For the service Tammie Grimm is collecting two things you might be able to help out with.

First, if you have a sample of Trudy's tatting work (maybe a card or other piece of stationary) she shared with you, would you be willing to loan it for the service to be displayed that day?

Secondly, if you have a memory you would like to share, please email it to Tammie that it might be included in the service whether or not you will be able to attend.

Finally, if you are planning to attend, please let Tammie know - she can be reached by email at tammiemg@icloud.com.

Sue

SEPTEMBER 2020 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

It is hard to believe that Labor Day and the beginning of fall are rapidly approaching. Time certainly flies! We can look forward to the beautiful colors of autumn.

I have emailed Toby of Toby Roxanne Designs to postpone our date for her visit. As soon we have a meeting room and can fulfill the guidelines for gathering a large group indoors, I will reschedule her visit.

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 dgulllion48@gmail.com I will gladly include them in our next Guild newsletter.

Doris

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.

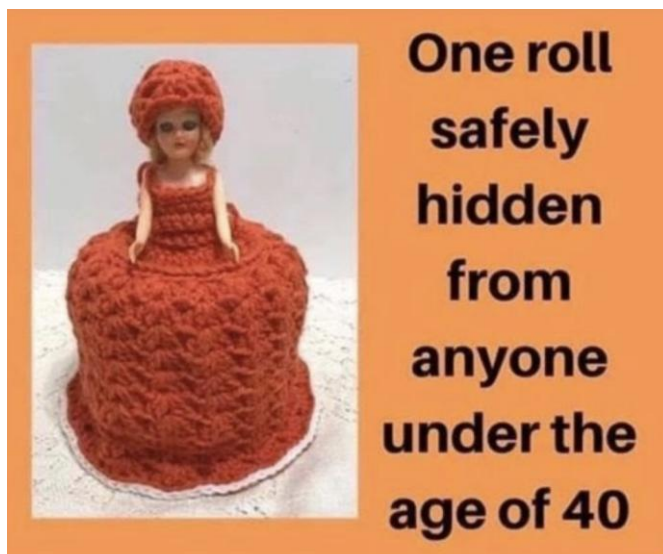
UPCOMING FIBER EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

October 2020

10/17 – 18

Virtual NY State Sheep and Wool Festival

(Please check sheepandwool.com for further information as it becomes available)



Stay safe and keep knitting/crocheting!

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