

# HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



## **SEPTEMBER 2022**

### **OUR MEETINGS**

Our Guild meetings for this month will be on Friday, September 16th, and September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, from 10am until 2pm. The meetings will be held in person at the Raritan Police Station in Flemington.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

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

## SEPTEMBER 2022 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hi everyone,

This hot steamy summer has gone by very fast and I for one am happy that cooler weather will be with us soon. But the weather hasn't stopped our progress on projects, nor has it stopped our members from volunteering for the 4H festival. Many thanks to all of our members for giving up their precious time and sitting in the hot barn to share our love of YARN! This was another great learning experience for me. When you see the effort that goes into preparing for these events you become even more grateful for those members that are always in the front lines. We only grow our membership if we are seen! Thank you ALL!

We only had 22 people from our community participate in our display. I hope each and every one of us will think about our Library display in February and our 4H festival and plan a project to show off our skills for next year.

I personally want to thank Paulette L. and Shirley C. for offering to help me use my limited crochet skills and teach me to read and understand patterns. Thanks to them (especially Paulette) my Cowl won a blue ribbon for first in class and a blue ribbon for best of division.

We will be attending the NJ Sheep and Fiber show on Sept. 10-11, and we do need volunteers to sit in the booth both days. Saturday 9-5, Sunday 9-4. Please contact me if you are able to help fill in a time slot.

I hope to see you all at the end of the month!  
Stay Healthy and keep those fingers busy,

Linda Z

## **SEPTEMBER 2022 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES**

It is hard to believe that August has just morphed into September with cooler weather and fall colors just around the corner. Many of you have found time for projects, some new and some started a while ago. For some of us the yarn donations have provided additional stash, some of which is being made into charity projects. Should you want to add to your stash, there are several opportunities coming up. The New Jersey Sheep and Wool Festival on September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at the Hunterdon County Fairgrounds and the New York Sheep and Wool Festival on October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> in Rhinebeck, New York. Of course, all the lovely yarn shops you visit are also great stash enhancers.

During September, please join us to knit, crochet and chat. Bring along any items you are working on or have completed for our Show and Tell.

October looks like a busy month with a visit to meet the Swallow Hill Farm alpacas in Hillsborough on Friday, October 21. Our visit will include meeting the alpacas, visiting the store filled with alpaca products and enjoying light refreshments. On Friday, October 28 Shirley will be demonstrating how to crochet trees. While you are welcome to observe, the supplies you will need to join her in making this project include a skein of white and a skein of green yarn. Shirley suggests Red Heart super saver white and hunter green. Also, please bring pom poms and one sheet of white oak tag. Shirley will make copies of the pattern. This project will take longer than one meeting, so please plan to finish it at home.

Looking forward to seeing you at our September meetings, on Friday, the 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday, the 23<sup>rd</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.

**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!

**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](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](mailto:dgullion48@gmail.com) She will gladly include them in our next Guild newsletter.

A special thank you to Linda Z for sharing her creative spirit and designing our HCKCG Logo which graces our Newsletter this month!



***HAPPY LABOR DAY!!!***

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