

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



**APRIL
2020**

OUR MEETINGS

Meetings are held at Raritan Township Police Station multi purpose room. All meetings are on hiatus, until further notice, due to our current health situation. When in session, business meetings occur at the beginning of the meeting on third Fridays. Please note changes to our regular meeting schedule for 2020 listed in our “Administrative Items” section.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 43 paid members. Dues are \$15 per year and Shirley C. will be collecting 2020 dues at our meetings. If you would rather renew your membership by mail, please send payment to Shirley Covert, PO Box 387, Neshanic Station, NJ 08853.

APRIL 2020 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings to all! I truly, truly hope that this newsletter finds all of you healthy and stitching, as well as “Zooming”, Face-timing and Skyping with as many friends and family members as you can. Social media, email, texts and old fashioned telephone calls can really be a blessing during these days. Thankfully, the weather is improving, and we can get outside for fresh air (often) and sunshine (occasionally).

As you might expect, our April meetings are suspended. For all of us, I hope that May brings a return of a bit of “normalcy” as well as our flowering shrubs. We have not heard from the Chamber of Commerce about the Hunterdon Community Day in June. Kathryn has scheduled our Spring Luncheon for Friday, June 19th (thank you, Kathryn). And Denise T has been making progress with plans for a Rhinebeck trip in October.

Here is something that a lovely, independent hand dyer, Lady Dye Yarns, posted on Instagram. Please keep these thoughts with you.



Sue

APRIL 2020 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

As the calendar turns to April, sunny days and bursting bulbs should provide a lift for our spirits. I hope you have found some moments to relax with your needles or hook in hand as we work through our “shelter in place plans.” While I am trying to complete some projects I have started, I am constantly pulled to new patterns to match with the yarn in my stash. Ravelry provides a great distraction as does browsing my collected patterns and ideas from books on my shelf. YouTube has helped me with a few new techniques including the two color cast on. At least it felt new! As you complete your projects, please snap a photo with your phone and send it to Mary Jane (maryjanegma@gmail.com) to post on the Guild’s Facebook Page. Show and Tell is one of the moments we are all missing. Micki posted a bunny cable idea and Lorraine shared her completed Autumn Sky infinity scarf modeled by her daughter. Do your best to stay healthy and make the most of this gift of time. Looking forward to the day we can get back together in person.

Doris

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

We have 3 changes to our regular meeting schedule for 2020. The exceptions are:

July 24th and 31st

November 13th and 20th

December 11th and 18th

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

OUTREACH AND ONGOING PROJECTS

If you know of any local non-profit organizations that would benefit from knitted and crocheted items made by our members, please let us know so we may include them here.

Warm Up America: An ongoing project, the goal of this nation-wide effort is to provide warm crocheted or knitted afghans to anyone in need. They are distributed by The Red Cross and Salvation Army to victims of natural disasters, area homeless, and to families and individuals who have lost their homes and belongings due to fire, flood or tornadoes. Forty-nine blocks that

measure 7" X 9" are joined together to complete an afghan. Use your leftover and stash yarn to make some 7"x 9" knitted and/or crocheted blocks and bring them to a meeting. Myra will continue to collect them throughout the year.

Knitted Knockers: You can find out information about donating knitted knockers for mastectomy patients at www.knittedknockers.org

1898 Seamens' Watch Cap Project: (idea provided by our member Rosemary G.), details for making and sending at:

<http://seamenschurch.org/sites/default/files/sci-1898-hat-kristine-byrnesweb-w-schematic.pdf/>

Wigs and Fun Hats for Children: www.halokkeepers.org

Twiddle Muffs for Cognitively Impaired People: Refer to our recent email with the crocheted and knitted versions of the Twiddle Muff pattern attached, or you can also find the patterns by doing a Google search.

Knitted Nests for Displaced Wildlife: WildlifeRescueNests.weebly.com or CWRescue.org. Find a simple pattern at: [NativeSongbirdCare.org/uploads/How to Make Knit Nests .pdf](http://NativeSongbirdCare.org/uploads/How_to_Make_Knit_Nests_.pdf)

UPCOMING FIBER EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

June 2020

6/19 Guild Spring Luncheon
Location: tbd

October 2020

10/17 – 18 NY State Sheep and Wool Festival
Rhinebeck, NY



Happy Easter! Happy Passover!

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