

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



JANUARY 2022

OUR MEETINGS

Our Guild meetings this month will be on Fridays, January 21 and 28, 2022 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 48 paid 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.

JANUARY 2022 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Thank you for your trust in me to serve as your President but after my very first email it should be evident that these next two years are going to be ROCKY. You will probably have several opportunities to laugh with me in my leadership skills and duties. My computer skills are as unsure as my knitting and even though my mind is slowing down my fingers rush in where no healthy brain would go. And so as the membership has voted "WE ARE OFF BUT NOT SURE WE ARE RUNNING" yet!

Sue P. lead us into the future with Zoom and Paypal to meet our needs through the stresses of a "Covid existence". I will try to carry on in her foot steps and add some new steps that will enhance the benefits of being a member of our guild. Keep those fingers busy....

Happy Healthy in the New Year!

Linda Z.

P.S. I look forward to our future as I hope you do also.

JANUARY 2022 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Happy New Year! Here we are, launching another year. Hoping you and your family found ways to celebrate the season. As we continue to strive to stay healthy, many of us may find additional time at home. In spite of more time, and with more than ample supplies, there is sometimes a struggle to find time to work on our hobbies. Our first meeting on Friday, January 21 will be a Zoom meeting. Here is an opportunity to show and tell some of the items you are working on, have completed or received as gifts. If you have a pattern or plan for a project, that would be interesting to learn about as well. Charities continue to gratefully receive items (hats, scarves, gloves, blankets), so please keep them in mind if you want a small project. As we go to publication, it is my understanding that our meeting on Friday, January 28 will be in person at the Raritan police station. As additional information becomes available, those plans may be changed. Please plan to join us through Zoom on Friday, January 21 and bring your projects to show and tell.

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

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.



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