

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



**JUNE
2022**

OUR MEETINGS

Our Guild meetings this month will be on Fridays, June 17 and 24, 2022 from 10am until 2pm. We are so happy to be meeting together at the Raritan Police Station in Flemington and look forward to seeing everyone at the June 17th Guild Luncheon at Al Frescos immediately following our meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 43 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.

JUNE 2022 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings Knitters and Crocheting Members,

It's hard to believe we are halfway through the year 2022. June will be the last business meeting until next September and we will still meet bimonthly in July and August at the Raritan Police Dept.

Worldwide Knit in Public Day will be JUNE 11th which will be at the 4H Fairgrounds in Ringoes. Meredith H. will be our coordinator for this event. We have 7 volunteers (knitters and crocheters) as of this writing and I hope you will consider donating your time to help spread the word "Learning to do Yarn projects is cool". WE NEED NEW MEMBERS!!!!

We have 16 members planning on going to our luncheon on June 17th after our business meeting. Please contact me if you want to go but haven't signed up yet.

Donations for Project Linus are still coming in and I am grateful to all who have participated so far and appreciate those who are still working on their donations (like Me). Our donations for "Hats not hate" started with a bang! And I am working on new knitting patterns for this donation. A small project is a good way to learn and create something new.

One Stitch at A Time,

Linda Z

JUNE 2022 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

How quickly the months roll by. Here we are at midyear. It has been wonderful to visit with some of you during our meetings. Carolyn Compton's husband Warren with the assistance of several Guild members gave us piles of colorful yarn to use for personal and charity projects. Carolyn also had numerous beautiful wooden needle sets and a swift that was a work of art. These items also were distributed to Guild members.

There are so many charities in need. A couple recently added to our list include "**Hat Not Hate.**" Their mission is to rally communities to raise awareness and stand up to bullying. We ask knitters, crocheters, and loomers to make handmade **blue** hats and donate them to our cause. In October, National Bullying Prevention Month, we distribute the hats to schools across the country for students to wear, empowering them to stand up to bullying. Their web address is <https://hatnothate.org/> Micki is hoping to collect all of the Guild hats by our last meeting in June (June 24) so they will be ready for October distribution.

Another charity is "**Knitting for the Ukraine.**" We will be collecting knitted and crocheted hats, scarves, gloves and mittens to be sent to the Ukraine. Blue and yellow are the requested colors.

"Giving is not just about making a donation, it is about making a difference."

Please take some time to support one of the charities on our list, or one that you personally prefer.

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.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

ENJOY A GREAT SUMMER VACATION!!

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