

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2021

OUR MEETINGS

We have resumed our Guild meetings virtually, via Zoom, on the third and fourth Fridays of every month. Our Zoom meetings this month will be on Fridays, March 19 and 26, 2021 from 10am until 2pm.

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 31 paid members. Guild dues are \$15 per year and can be sent by check to Shirley C. at her PO box or through our PayPal account.

MARCH 2021 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The days are getting longer, the snow is disappearing from our south-facing lawn, and, happily, the daffodils and hellebores are beginning to make their annual appearances. All of the colors in our lives are changing on a daily basis. It is one of the wonderful aspects of living in the Northeast!

Thank you to everyone who renewed their memberships. As the weather warms, we can plan get-togethers in the park. But, Zoom will be our home for a while. It is unclear when, if ever, we will be able to resume our meetings at the Raritan Township Police Station, as that room has been converted to work spaces. As infection rates drop, and vaccination rates continue to climb, we can try an indoor meeting or two at the Stangl Factory. I would love to know your opinion on indoor meetings of any kind.

We have a busy schedule for our meetings, as you can read in Doris' program notes. Virtual meetings are not perfect. But these upcoming sessions that Doris has orchestrated will allow us some "inside" looks at dyers' studios and a fiber producer's farm.

Stay well!

Sue

MARCH 2021 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

I saw my first small white crocus blooming in the grass yesterday. It makes me hopeful that spring is on its way. Thank you for bringing your wonderful items, books, websites and ideas to share at our last February meeting. Please be sure to check your email for the list Mary Jane so efficiently summarized for us.

Our first meeting on March 19 will provide an opportunity for you to share the items you have made during these winter months. If it is possible for you to photograph your item and send it to Sue Perri by 8:30 a.m. on meeting day, she can pull it up for you while you describe it. On Friday, March 26, Georgia Muhs is planning to use Zoom to introduce us to her sheep. She will also provide a trunk show featuring yarn spun from her flock as well as a number of patterns she has designed. With muddy roads and limited parking at her farm, this will be a wonderful opportunity to visit her sheep.

Many of you may remember Sandy Anderson and her son from their previous visit to the Guild. In April, Sandy, from Cozy Colorworks, will be returning to the Guild via Zoom. She will be in her studio demonstrating one of her dying techniques and will share her beautiful merino yarns and kits with us.

Hope you will be available to join us during these Zoom gatherings.

Doris

CHARITY KNITTING SUGGESTIONS

The Guild has supported these charities in the past. Many of the following sites have suggested yarns and needles or hooks along with patterns.

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.

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: Knitter’s Unite is looking for donations of hats, scarves, socks and mittens in support of the Flemington 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 ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

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