

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



**MAY
2021**

OUR MEETINGS

Our Guild meetings this month will be on Fridays, May 21 and 28, 2021 from 10am until 2pm. Our first meeting will be virtual, via Zoom, and our second meeting is scheduled for Stangl Pottery, 50 Stangl Road in Flemington.

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 43 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.

MAY 2021 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

“Oh the month of May. The Merry Month of May”!

Life is beginning to feel a bit merrier, and certainly a bit greener and much more colorful. We are beginning to take deeper breaths, which despite our allergies, seem to be calming us. Personally, I really am appreciating the freedoms of movement that we are (cautiously) taking.

Last month's “in-person” meeting at the Stangl Factory went very well. It is a nice, very large space, with the coffee shop and clean bathrooms. Masks are still required, and even though there are some chairs and sofas available, we do recommend that you bring a chair to make sure that you are comfortable. As the weather is unreliable, the consensus from the Guild members was that we would continue to meet at that location for one of our meetings each month. The other meeting each month will continue to be held via Zoom for the foreseeable future. I look forward to seeing everyone in person, virtually, or both!

Enjoy all of the lovely colors of May!

Sue

MAY 2021 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

We are rapidly moving through the month of May. Gardening season is here with colorful plants and interesting foliage to see, feel and sometimes bring home from the garden center. There are times when one hobby seems to eclipse another.

This month we will be having our May 21 meeting via Zoom and our May 28 meeting is scheduled for the Stangl Pottery building where the farmer's market is held on Saturdays. It is located at 50 Stangl Road in Flemington. We will be gathering to chat, to share our projects and to catch up with one another on a missed 12 months. Unlike our court room meetings, you may bring drinks and snacks and the “in house” coffee shop has a variety of coffee/tea drinks. Hope you can join us.

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.

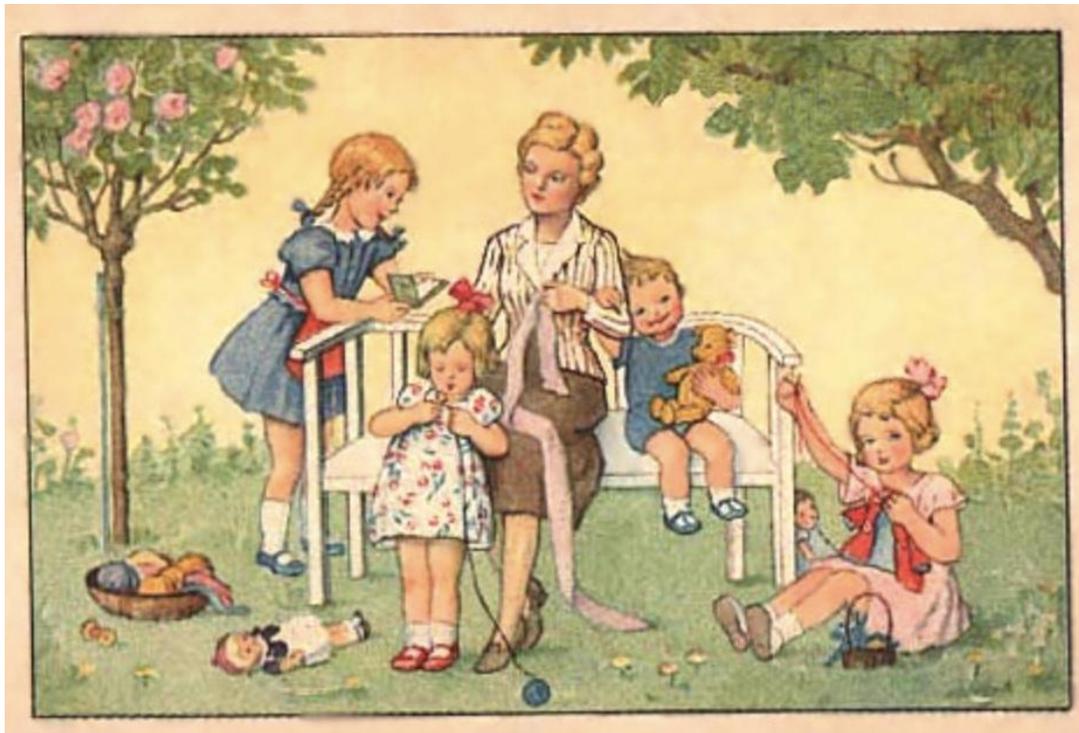
Warm Up America: The following link will connect with a brochure describing the Warm Up America organization mission and project specifications for baby blankets, lap blankets and friendship shawls.

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 Mother's Day!

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