

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



**NOVEMBER
2022**

OUR MEETINGS

Our Guild meetings this month will be on Fridays, November 18 and 25, 2022 from 10am until 2pm. Our Meeting will be held IN PERSON at the Raritan Police Station in Flemington.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 48 members. Dues are \$15 per year and can be paid during an in-person meeting, sent by check to Shirley Covert at her P. O. Box, or through our PayPal account.

NOVEMBER 2022 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Happy Holiday Season!

I hope you are all organized and not stressed over getting ready to enjoy your families this joyful time of year.

I have been away visiting with my son who I have not been able to spend time with over the last 3 yrs. I have been energized, educated, and nourished with Love, movies and good food which now brings me back home to continue all my obligations here. I was not at any of our programs this past month, but I saw the farm pictures on Facebook and spoke to many of our members who thoroughly enjoyed each one of the programs. One of the Alpaca females will be giving birth soon and we might be able to return to the farm and see the new baby and perhaps purchase the items we were "ogling" on our current visit.

Thank you, Doris G. for your efforts on our behalf and to Shirley Covert for offering her time to educate us on the crocheting techniques that create a Xmas tree.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting and sharing some of the new things I have learned.

Linda Z.

MAY 2022 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

As we roll into November, we will be greeted with a time change (Sunday, November 6th) and later a Thanksgiving feast (Thursday, November 24th). Always lots to do.

Those who visited the Swallow Hill Farm enjoyed a beautiful fall day during which we met "the alpacas" and learned a great deal about them, thanks to the warm hospitality of the farm owners, Pat and John. So glad many of you could visit.

Thank you to those of you who donated hats for the Brady project. They will be selected by those in need and very much appreciated. Also, I just delivered four blankets to the Linus project. These blankets are so very appreciated too and will be put to good use. Thank you for donating your time and expertise to these charities. The need for our donations continues to grow is very much appreciated.

We have postponed Rosemary's presentation on steeking until our January 27, 2023 meeting. It seems as if the holidays create lots of projects to be given to friends, family, and charities so she has kindly agreed to wait until "things settle down" (if they ever do).

During our November meetings you are encouraged to bring your works in progress with you to our meetings in hopes that you will move forward on them. Looking forward to seeing you on Friday, November 18.

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!

Project Linus: <https://www.projectlinus.org> Project Linus is a non-profit organization providing new handmade blankets to children in need. Become a volunteer "blanketeer" and donate a handmade blanket or Afghan to benefit children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need. Handmade blankets provide a sense of security, warmth, and comfort to the children. These gifts of new handmade blankets and Afghans, lovingly created by volunteers like

you are greatly needed and appreciated. Contact Hunterdon & Warren Counties Chapter Project Linus Coordinator: Diane P. at (908) 391-0578.

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.craftyarn council.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 THANKSGIVING!!

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