

# **HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER**



**2023**

## **OUR MEETINGS**

Our Guild meetings for the month of November will be on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> at the Raritan Police Station in Flemington from 10 am until 2 pm. Our meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> will be held at the Hunterdon County Library on Route 12 in Flemington beginning at 10 am.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Our membership stands at 54 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 387, Neshanic Station, NJ 08853, or through our PayPal account at [hunterdonknitcrochet@gmail.com](mailto:hunterdonknitcrochet@gmail.com).

## **OUR OFFICERS AND STAFF**

Linda Zarnett, President  
Mary Jane Coniglio, Secretary  
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Doris Gullion, Program Chair  
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## **NOVEMBER 2023 PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Hello Ladies,

I do hope you are enjoying the beautiful weather we are having and are inspired by the color changes in nature to create new projects.

Elated and Excited to tell you...

We have a new project that has me very excited, our Tuesday night meetings at the library! We had a wonderful turn out and a group of women who are very excited to be part of our organization. We had 15 people on our first night, 5 current members, 10 guests and 9 ladies who are NOW MEMBERS of our Guild.

I am overwhelmed with JOY and very grateful to Denise T. for taking on this project and starting us out with a BANG! Denise will be the coordinator between our Tuesday and Friday meetings. We will meet during the next 5 weeks on Tuesday nights and determine what the group hopes to achieve for their future meetings. The meetings are open to the public and the library will post it in their announcements.

Our goals are for the future of our Guild, and I hope this is a step in that direction.

Linda Z.

## **NOVEMBER 2023 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES**

As the beautiful fall colors emerge and leaves flutter to the ground, we find ourselves preparing for a season filled with holidays. Many of you make gifts for friends and family and, with the gardening season complete, this is a wonderful time to snuggle in and work on projects.

Many of you have been knitting and crocheting for our charities. Many blankets have been donated to the "Linus Project" as well as approximately 75 hats made and donated to Anita Brady's "Brady Beanie Project" from our members.

We have two new requests for donations to the following charities: Lindsey Mottley from the Hillsborough Middle School is collecting blue knitted or crocheted hats for students to wear during #nonamecalling week. These

hats will be collected until December 31, 2023. Please bring your hats to the Guild meeting, and I will see that she receives them.

The other donation request is for “Stitched Together ~ Handmade Mutual Aid”. Sharren Bates is collecting handmade, community-contributed cold weather gear for neighbors in New Hope, Lambertville, and the surrounding communities. She would like to collect items for distribution with Thanksgiving meals the group provides to the above locations. Please bring your items to the Guild, and I will see that she receives them.

On Friday, November 17 Alisa Hartzel will be joining us to present her step-by-step process for designing knitwear from inception to completion. There will be time for questions at the conclusion of her talk. Our second Friday meeting on Friday, November 24, will provide an opportunity to work on your projects while exchanging conversation and ideas with other members.

Hope you will join us at our first meeting in November—November 17, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. at the Raritan Police Station. Enjoy the autumn colors.

Doris G.

## **CHARITY KNITTING SUGGESTIONS**

The Guild supports these charities and suggested yarn, needles or hooks are provided at these sites 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 former 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 appreciate all of you and the difference you are making in so many lives! It is truly stunning what together we are accomplishing!

**The Peyton Heart Project:** <http://www.thepeytonheartproject.org>  
The Mission of the Peyton Heart Project is to help raise global awareness about suicide, bullying, and to help end the stigma surrounding mental health issues. The Peyton Heart Project was inspired by a 13-year-old boy named Peyton James who died by suicide in 2014. Delicate hearts are crocheted, knitted, made by simply wrapping yarn around cardboard hearts, or made with fabric. Each heart has a special tag attached with an inspirational saying sharing hope, kindness, and love. There are patterns to make the hearts, tags and information within the Peyton Heart Project link noted above. To donate hearts, contact Ginny Wodock at [piecedtogether4u@gmail.com](mailto:piecedtogether4u@gmail.com).

**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. Doris Gullion will collect and deliver your donations for Project Linus at our monthly meetings. You are welcome to contact Hunterdon & Warren Counties Chapter Project Linus Coordinator: Diane P. at (908) 391-0578 for more information.

**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](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 [dguillion48@gmail.com](mailto:dguillion48@gmail.com) She will gladly include them in our next Guild newsletter.

## SHOW AND TELL

Many of us are working on items for ourselves, family members, or for donation. Please bring in your finished projects to show members after our business meeting. You may inspire someone to try a new technique or style. Look at the beautiful items our members are working on and have completed...thank you for sharing!

Shirley C. Breast  
Cancer scarf



Mary Jane C. Scarf



Paulette L. Pumpkin



Sammi S. 2 Sweaters...



Linda Z. Baby Blanket



Rosemary G. Sweater  
& Peyton Hearts



Marlyn R. Hat on a Loom Meredith H. Sweater



Laurie P. Crocheted Pumpkin, 3 Blankets...



Thank you, "Peyton Heart Ladies" of Hunterdon County for your help in making hearts! Over 12,000 Peyton Hearts have been scattered throughout Hunterdon County by Ginny Wodock... Walkers & Associates of Flemington received 1,000 Peyton Hearts donated by the Peyton Heart Project. 1,000 hearts in 1,000 Food Bags...donation to the Flemington Food Pantry and Fisherman's Mark for Thanksgiving!



*HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!*



Pumpkin by Shirley Covert



Wishing everyone a safe and healthy...



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