

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2021

OUR MEETINGS

Our Guild meetings this month will be on Fridays, September 17 and 24, 2021 from 10am until 2pm. Our first meeting will be virtual, via Zoom, and our second meeting will be in person at the Raritan Police Station in Flemington.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 43 paid members. Dues are \$15 per year and they can be sent by check to Shirley C. at her PO Box or through our PayPal account.

SEPTEMBER 2021 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Congratulations to all of our ribbon winners at the 4-H Fair. And a thank you to everyone who submitted items! All of you helped demonstrate the diversity of talents that our Guild represents. And, of course, a big thank you to Meredith, for organizing our efforts, as well as Shirley, Rosemary G and Francis for all of their hard work. To all of those who "sat" at our cases during the blistering

heat, thank you as well. And, thank you to Jean West who stepped up to “sit” at the Fair when another Guild didn’t fulfill their obligations.

September means that we re-start our regular business meetings. I have discussed how to proceed with Guild members at our more informal August meetings. For now, the first meeting of the month will be via Zoom, and the second meeting will be in person. For those folks who don’t or can’t Zoom, if you attend in person at the second meeting, you will hear about the business meeting, and have a vote in any crucial Guild business that is discussed. That seems to be the fairest way to include everyone in the Guild business, although perhaps not the most efficient.

Another possibility is to submit business items to all Guild members via email, and then ask for members to respond in kind with their vote. I am open to that suggestion, or any other ideas as well.

Of course, the most important votes that we have coming up will be in November, when we need to elect a mostly new Executive Committee for all positions except Treasurer (thank you Bertha!), Program (thank you Doris!), Membership (thank you Shirley) as well as our invaluable newsletter editor (thank you Karen K!) Please consider nominating yourself for President, Vice President or Secretary. The future of our lovely Guild depends upon everyone’s participation.

On that note, we could use some more volunteers to sit at our table at the NJ Sheep and Fiber Festival on September 11th and 12th. We just display our work, and have business cards to give to interested prospective members. We have had a suggestion to offer a Fair Special membership: Join at the Fair, and receive your 2022 membership included in the price. I like that idea! Please let me know if you can add your name to the list of attendees.

Sue

SEPTEMBER 2021 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

As the days of summer are fleeting, we welcome the colorful, crisp days of autumn. The beautiful fall colors create a feast for our eyes. For September our first meeting (Friday, September 17) will be a Zoom meeting in which we hope that you will share some of your creative projects. Some might be entries from the 4-H Fair, or perhaps illustrate a new technique or an interesting pattern you happened to come across. We would enjoy seeing what you have been doing. Our second meeting on Friday, September 24 will be an in -

person meeting at the Raritan Police Station in Flemington. Please bring a project and work on it in the company of other Guild members.

As we move into fall, if you have a presenter to suggest, a technique you would like to teach or learn, a favorite pattern or designer you would like to introduce, please feel free to join in the program planning. Collective wisdom is an important part of the Guild's success.

So, gather your projects for our Zoom show and tell on September 17 and give some thought to what you might be interested in teaching or learning at the Guild.

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.

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.

People Helping People in Need: Last December this organization distributed knitted and crocheted hats, mittens and scarves to the children of the working poor in Warren County. I am thinking they would welcome items to distribute this year as well.

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.



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