

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER

yarn bombed back to school bus...



SEPTEMBER 2024

OUR MEETINGS

Our Guild meetings for the month of SEPTEMBER will be on Friday the 6th and the 13th, 2024. Meetings will be held on the first and second Friday of each month at the Flemington Free Public Library, 118 Main Street in Flemington beginning at 10 am until 12 pm.

Tuesday Evening Meetings are held weekly from 6 pm until 8 pm at the Hunterdon County Senior Center 4 Gauntt Place, Building #1 in Flemington. We will be meeting in Room 2 on September 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th, 2024.

Inclement Weather: Meeting Cancellations will follow the Flemington/Raritan school closing schedule. <https://www.frsd.k12.nj.us/>

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 67 members. As of January 1, 2024, dues are \$25 per year and can be paid during an in-person meeting, sent by check to Shirley Covert at P. O. Box 387, Neshanic Station, NJ 08853, or through our PayPal account "Hunterdon Knitting and Crochet Guild".

OUR OFFICERS AND STAFF TEAM

Linda Zarnett, President	Meredith Higgins, Vice President
Christine Jochem, Secretary	Bertha Gessner, Treasurer
Shirley Covert, Membership	Doris Gullion, Program Chair
Virginia Wodock, Newsletter Chair	Mary Jane Coniglio, Facebook Coordinator

September 2024 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Welcome back one and all!

I am hoping that everyone enjoyed a wonderful summer and had an opportunity to visit your favorite places and people around the globe. I am looking forward to a return to routine life again. Are you?

Well, here we are in September already and lots more to accomplish before the Holiday season starts when we are overwhelmed with chores or in our case projects to finish.

We have one more public showing this month for the Sheep and Fiber show on September 14th - 16th. I will be taking names of anyone who can volunteer to sit at our table this year. This is the Show where I was introduced to the Hunterdon County Knitting and Crochet Guild and became a member! So public appearances do work to our benefit, I am proof of that statement.

I look forward to seeing most of you on September 6th...our FIRST FRIDAY of the month meeting at our new location in the Flemington Library.

See you Soon!

Linda Z.

September 2024 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

It is hard to believe that we are approaching another change in our seasons. As summer draws to a close and Autumn is beginning, we seem to drift back into our routines. Our Friday morning Guild meetings will now be held at the Flemington Free Public Library on Main Street on the first and second Fridays of the month. Our second-floor meeting room at the library appears to allow us access the internet and "big screen" viewing (with the help of our technical advisor Mary Jane.) This will provide us with the opportunities to view designers' presentations and techniques on YouTube as well as looking at patterns on Ravelry and other sites. Please bring items for show and tell to our September 6th meeting. If you won a ribbon at the Fair, please bring your winning item(s)

and your ribbon for photos to post on our Facebook page. Also, bring your ideas for projects or presentations you would find interesting. I will start a list and see if I can put your ideas into our programs.

Doris G.

HUNTERDON COUNTY 4 H FAIR PARTICIPANTS:

Many thanks to all our members that participated in the 4H Needlework Division Show. Special thanks to Rosemary Gelino and Shirley Covert for your many years of service! Thanks also to Meredith Higgins, Marlyn Reuter, Ruth Mania, Laurie Paicer, Keri Siniscalco, Charlotte Dombroski, Jane Gore, Kathryn Vernam for volunteering your time. Without your help, we would not be able to assist the 4H with the Needlework Division Display.

We had several members awarded ribbons!

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Ruth Mania	Charlotte Dombroski
Kathryn Vernam	Meredith Higgins
Rosemary Gelino	Liza Davis
Diane Hutnick	Lois G.
Inger Mont	Doris Gullion
Paulette Luxich	Michelle Pearlman
Bertha Gessner	Francis Gelino
Delores M.	

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 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.

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

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 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. Check our Facebook page for photos of our members Knitting and Crocheting.



HAPPY LABOR DAY!!

Please visit our website at www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com

Facebook page: Hunterdon County Knitting and Crochet Guild

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/HunterdonKnitCrochet>

Ravelry Group: [https://www.ravelry.com/groups/hunterdon-county-](https://www.ravelry.com/groups/hunterdon-county-knitting-and-crochet?s=tab&fbclid=IwAR2se1sxnFroJL-23WptrRbV4MuVrPdQjYbVy9SiFXXpT6kp9-Q_PMbevOA)

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