



Crochet Guild of America

JOINING CGOA MEANS ALL OF THIS ... AND MORE!

1. The **Crochet Guild of America** (CGOA) is the only national organization dedicated specifically to crochet – your passion!

We serve as a national presence representing you and your stitching art to the world. Anyone across the globe can find us on the World Wide Web, and we regularly provide additional promotions in various media (e.g., National Crochet Month, etc.). We also represent CGOA to the trade groups in the industry, such as The National NeedleArts Association, the Craft Yarn Council of America, etc.

2. We invite CGOA members to consider serving on volunteer committees and eventually as members of the Board. The more you are involved, the more the organization is able to represent you.
3. We show our appreciation for your support and renewal of membership with things like free patterns with your member confirmation or renewal.
4. We've collaborated with publisher DRG to provide each member with a mailed subscription to *Crochet!* magazine in which our *CGOA Chain Link* newsletter is inserted.
5. CGOA members can participate in a member message board – to connect with and keep in touch with other crochet members around the world.
6. CGOA seeks to provide educational material of value for members, which may include such things as a Masters Program for crocheters.
7. The CGOA Web site has more than just a public page. It also provides you with online access to such things as:
 - ~ CGOA Board list, Bylaws, Board minutes, Board reports
 - ~ Patterns for Crocheted Squares
 - ~ Application for recognition as a Crochet Professional
 - ~ Application to be listed as a Contract Crocheter/Pattern Tester
 - ~ CGOA member pins you can order
 - ~ Application for starting a CGOA Chapter
 - ~ Entry form for Crochet Design Contest
 - ~ Online post of *Chain Link Newsletter*
 - ~ Past issues of CGOA e-News
 - ~ List of Teachers for Guilds
 - ~ Member and Chapter Logos
 - ~ CGOA Business Cards
 - ~ CGOA Pattern Line

- ~ List of Members
- ~ List of Contract Crocheters
- ~ List of Professional Members
- ~ A listing where retailers can post their local discounts

8. We're arranged with several national e-retailers to provide you with discounts:
- ~ Annie's Attic 15% discount on *AnniesAttic.com* purchases
 - ~ Interweave *Crochet* Special offer \$19/year subscription
 - ~ Leisure Arts Boutique \$3 off shipping at *theleisureboutique.com*
 - ~ LionBrand.com 15% discount on *LionBrand.com* Internet or phone orders
 - ~ Mary Maxim, Inc. 10% discount by internet, mail or phone
 - ~ ShopCaron.com 15% discount on *ShopCaron.com* orders
9. We hold annual conferences where you can gather with other crocheters and catch up on all that is going on in the crochet world! Make new friends. Take classes and improve your skills. Show off your latest creations.

As a member, you enjoy free entry to CGOA's National Chain Link and Regional Conferences/Knit & Crochet Shows. You also get a member discount on classes and activities at Chain Link and Regional Conferences/Knit & Crochet Shows. And you can participate in the member fashion show at the banquet during Chain Link and Regional Conferences/Knit & Crochet Shows.

12. You have an exclusive right to vote at CGOA Annual Member Meetings.

We are pleased to say that your Board of Directors seeks to upgrade this list of benefits at every opportunity.

We do hope you will become part of this wonderful crochet entity – that lives, breathes and celebrates crochet!