

Rochester Knitting Guild

Celebrating 25 Years of Knitting

News for Ewes

"all the news that's fit to knit"

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The Rochester Knitting Guild is an organization to promote interest, appreciation and skill in knitting. Visit our website at www.RochesterKnitting.org

Program News

Wow, hasn't this Guild year flown by? Last month we had some awesome workshops, with fabulous teachers. I'd like to thank Marcia Weinert, Sally Kuehl, Maggie Carlisle, Pam Knapp, Lynne Sherwood, Brian Blankenship, Pat Regan, and Tina Turner, our teachers from February Workshop night!

In March we have something a little different for you! Our fearless leader, Nina Raqueno, will be presenting her Year of Knitting with Elizabeth Zimmerman, taking us through her progress in completing her personal challenge of 2010. Afterward, she will be leading the group in some nifty EZ learning.

Please bring some double pointed needles and yarn that is an appropriate weight. You won't need much, so grab some yarnleftovers, and come learn with us!! See Nina's blog at <http://yarnleftovers.wordpress.com/>.

If you are going to the retreat, I'll see you there! If not, I'll see you at the March Knitting Guild meeting!

—Sarah Blankenship

Submit your nominations for next year's officers at the March meeting.



Afghan Squares

All afghan squares should be returned at the March meeting. Please remember to fill out the information card and include it with your square. Thank you to all participants who returned their square in February which will allow me to get an early start on the afghan assembly.

—Michele Czekala



Yarn Auction

LAST CALL for yarn donations for the yarn auction! Please look at your stash. I am sure you have yarn sitting there and you can no longer remember why you bought it!

Please contact Julia Cialini at jcialini35@gmail.com or call 585-747-3731 if you have yarn to donate.

Also, consider helping sort and label the donated yarn. Contact Julia if you are willing to help.

—Julia Cialini



2011-12 Calendar

Mar. 12 *A Year in Review:
EZ's Knitters' Almanac*

Apr. 16 Yarn Auction
with guest Auctioneer
Carol Ritter Wright
3rd Monday!

May 14 25th Anniversary Celebration
Fashion Show
Silent book auction

7:00 pm
Temple B'rith Kodesh
2131 Elmwood Ave., Rochester, NY

*Doors open at 6:30, business and
announcements at 7:00. Program
starts promptly at 7:30 pm. The
HelpTable with Lynne Sherwood
is available until 7:30 pm.*

Board Meetings:

March 26 April 23

6:30 pm
Temple B'rith Kodesh, Rm. 204
2131 Elmwood Ave., Rochester, NY

*All members are
welcome to attend.*

Deadline for April '12 Newsletter

Submit all articles by **Mar. 19** to:
newsletter@rochesterknitting.org

From the President

Time flies when you are having fun...

I truly believe this when I look back on how much enjoyment I've experienced during the past 3 years of leading the RKG.

To set the tone of my term, I started off with this Ben & Jerry's slogan, "If it's not fun, why do it?"

And thanks to all of the ambitious Board Members and volunteers, we've had a blast dreaming up new programs, community service projects, and honing old traditions. As much fun as it has been, it is time to hand the reins over to new leadership. I for one can't wait to see what new ideas the next Board will explore.

At the March meeting we will be taking nominations for the elected officials, a slate will be presented at the April meeting, and elections will take place at our year end May meeting.

President

The main tasks of the President are to preside over the monthly meeting, facilitate the Board meetings, and propose a budget to the Board. However, I have found that the true role of the President is to master the art of delegation. I have been very fortunate to have such willing and able Board members. They have made this job EZ.

Vice President

The Vice President's responsibility is to arrange the monthly programs. While many of the programs are set by annual tradition, there are a few months where the sky is the limit! In the past, monthly programming has ranged from guest lectures, game night, to the ever favorite mini-workshops. Again, delegation is key. The VP does not need to present the programs but merely propose program ideas to the Board, and ask for help from the fiber community.

Secretary

Can you take notes? The main task of the Secretary is to summarize the minutes of each Board meeting. This is not a huge level of commitment and it's a great way to learn about how the Guild operates.

Treasurer

Are you good with numbers? For the past 3 years Nancy Harrington has been our Treasurer. The Treasurer deposits checks, pays the bills and summarizes the year end finances. Nancy is willing to work with the new Treasurer to show them the ropes.

The Directors shall hold office for two years, being elected on alternate years.

However, this year we have a vacancy in Director 2, so we will need to elect TWO Directors: Director 1 year term & Director 2 year term. The role of a Director is not clearly defined, which makes this position very flexible. If you have a special talent the Board will put you to good use. In past years the Directors were appointed to special committees, explored new initiatives, and organized the year end Fashion Show.

So please look around the room and make some nominations. Perhaps you might even catch a glimpse of yourself in a mirror?!?

—Nina Raqueño



February Wrap Up

We had some great prizes at the meeting this month! The lucky winner of the door prize was Karla Kates—a skein of Lorna's sock yarn and a pattern to play with. The raffle prize, a cute ditty bag with knitting sheep on it, filled with stitch markers, darning needles, a knit tally set, and The Knitter's Companion—a boon to all knitters everywhere—was won by Pat Regan.

We had a lively show and tell again this month too. If any show-ers and tellers want to be included in the newsletter in the future, remember to give me your name and a description of what you shared. That way your knitting feats will be captured forever in our archives.

—Peggy Hagen

Library

Our first new book for March is Ann Budd's *Sock Knitting Master Class*, which includes an instructional DVD. The book contains information on sock theory and techniques, and also showcases 18 new patterns from designers Cookie A, Nancy Bush, Cat Bordhi, Priscilla Gibson-Roberts, Anne Hanson, Meg Swanson, and Anna Zilboorg.

Our second new book is *Craft Activism*, by Joan Tapper, photos by Gale Zucker. This book looks at the growing DIY movement and explores how crafting can build community. It includes a number of knitting patterns and provides information on knitting philanthropy projects. See you at the library table!

—Michelle Eichelberger

Members' Fashion Show

Come one, come all! Be part of the fun. Show us your stuff on the guild stage.

Bring one or two favorite projects to the RKG meeting on Monday, May 14. Be prepared to tell us about the pattern and yarn. See you there!

—Sally Kuehl

Membership

Many thanks to Cheri Switzer and Carol Sherbinski for selling Door Prize and Raffle tickets.

—Nancy Vandivert and Deb Sprague

Community Knitting

Once again, thank you all for your continuing efforts. Some of the donated hats and mittens are being held for next year's hat and mitten drive. The infant and preemie hats will be going to Friends of Strong. We also received some personal items, such as washcloths—items that would be much appreciated at the Open Door Mission.

I would like to thank the person that donated the beautiful white and purple sweater. Someone down on their luck will not only appreciate the warmth it will provide, but also its beauty. I would like to remind everyone to sign the sheet at the Community Knitting table when you donate items. This will enter you into a drawing at the end of the year. I apologize that there isn't always a pen available at the Community Knitting table. It seems to wander off every week. So if you have a pen, please bring it up with you and sign your name on the list!

—Elaine Hamilton



Support our local yarn shops—
a list of our guild-associated shops
is on page 5 of this newsletter.
Check them out!

Come Knit with Us...

Are you getting together with another group of knitters and would welcome a few new faces? Please contact Pam Knapp (see the Board listing) to have your group listed here.

Mondays—Sit and Stitch, 3:30-5 at Webster Public Library, 980 Ridge Road, Webster. Contact the library at 872-7075.

Wednesdays—Knit Clique, 11 am-1 pm at Brighton Library, 2300 Elmwood Avenue. Contact the library at 784-5300 or visit their website: www.Brightonlibrary.org/library/Adults_prog.htm.

Thursdays—Informal Knit Together. Penn Yan Library, 1-3 pm, 214 Main St., Penn Yan, NY. Contact: Pam Ells, 585-526-5327.

Fridays—Creative Hands—1-4 pm at the Lutheran Church of Concord, 485 Holmes Rd in Greece. Contact is Judy Trost, 436-3321.

Fridays—Volunteers needed for Legacy Clover Blossom Senior Living Community women. 11 am in the Sun Room. Contact Carol D'Agostino, 478-4960

4th Tuesday—Hilton-Parma Knitting and Needlework Group—6:30-9 pm at Hilton Community Center Senior Lounge on Henry St. Contact is Noreen DeBruycker, 352-6611.

4th Tuesday—Monthly Prayer Shawls group—7 pm at Panera Bread on Hylan Dr. near Marketplace Mall in Henrietta. Open to all fiber arts. Contact is Mary Ellen Arden 334-1906 (evenings), 321-9479 (days).

2nd Thursday—Fun & relaxing, self-directed program 6:30-8 p.m. at the Gates Public Library. Bring your own snack or beverage if you wish. Contact: Mary Jo C. Smith, Librarian, 585-247-6446

2nd Thursday—of each month. 2:00 pm at the Ogden Farmers' Library, 269 Ogden Road, Spencerport, NY 14559. For more info or questions, call the library at 617-6181 and ask for Kate (Adult Librarian). Bring your projects and socialize while you work!

The **TKGA Knitalong/support group** is for knitters working through the Master Hand-knitting program administered by The Knitting Guild of America. We will find a convenient time and place to meet with anyone who is interested. Contact Pam Knapp at knitknap@gmail.com or 733-8805.

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Hospitality

Thanks so much to all who brought in munchies and sweets for our mini-workshop night. I had a blast and learned a lot—I had a great teacher—thanks Pam!

If your last name begins with K-P, please bring treats, munchies and goodies to the March meeting; Q-Z for April, and everyone please bring in for May. Thank you so much.

—Peggylee Naas

Clicking around the Web

My favorite kinds of knitting stories are the stories that touch my heart. I saw this, and wanted to share with all of you!

http://www.stumbleupon.com/su/8Mjs2G/www.good.is/post/prisoners-transform-through-knitting-behind-bars?fb_ref=rightrail/

The Members Only page username is **imaknitter**, and the password is **yarnisfun**.

—Sarah Blankenship

A small reminder: we are very privileged to be guests at the home of our host, Temple B'rith Kodesh. The Temple provides us with a wonderful place to meet each month and enjoy all our Guild has to offer. In order for us to continue to enjoy this location, please remember to be mindful of our surroundings. Should you wish to smoke, please remember smoking is only appropriate outside in an area not directly in front of the entrance. Thank you for your consideration.

—Nina Raqueño, President



You can donate any gently used books to the library for our silent book auction to be held in May.

RKG Board Who's Who?

There is Room for You & You!

But wait, are you feeling left out? There is still room for YOU! We have VACANT standing committees and another committee needing a helper. Please check the list of committees and see where you fit in.

RKG 2011-12 Board of Directors

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Please remember to call ahead to check hours

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Extreme Knitting I-cord Hat Pattern

by Michele Czekala

[Pattern can also be found on ravelry at <http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/leftover-sock-yarn-hat>]

Gather all your 50 yard leftover balls of sock yarn (fingering weight) in complementary colors and begin cranking through the Caron Embellish-Knit! Machine (i-cord maker). When you reach the end of your remnant or just wish to change colors, using a complementary color tie a square knot and trim the ends off at about 1/2 inch. Continue until you have created 60 yards of unstretched i-cord. Don't bother weaving in the ends of your tied together remnants. Most of them will get knit into the inside of the i-cord by the Embellish-Knit!

Size 19 straight or circular needles

Smooth waste yarn

Note: If you need to make your i-cord in more than one piece, the ends of the i-cord can be sewn together flush and the sewing yarn hidden inside the i-cord tube. You won't see it when the hat is finished.

Note two: When knitting the wrapped stitches, do not knit the wrap along with the stitch. It will not show because you are knitting garter stitch and would make the stitch much too bulky anyway.

Leaving a one yard tail of i-cord and using the waste yarn provisionally cast on 16 stitches.

All rows are knit (garter stitch)

Knit 16 stitches

Knit 15 stitches, W&T (wrap and turn) last stitch

K15 stitches

Knit 14 stitches, W&T second from last stitch

K14

Knit 13 stitches, W&T third from last stitch

K13

Knit 12 stitches, W&T fourth from last stitch

K12

Knit 11 stitches, W&T fifth from last stitch

K11

Knit 10 stitches, W&T sixth from last stitch

K10

Now begin adding a stitch every other row.

Knit 11 stitches, W&T next stitch

K11

Knit 12 stitches, W&T next stitch

K12

Knit 13 stitches, W&T next stitch

K13

Knit 14 stitches, W&T next stitch

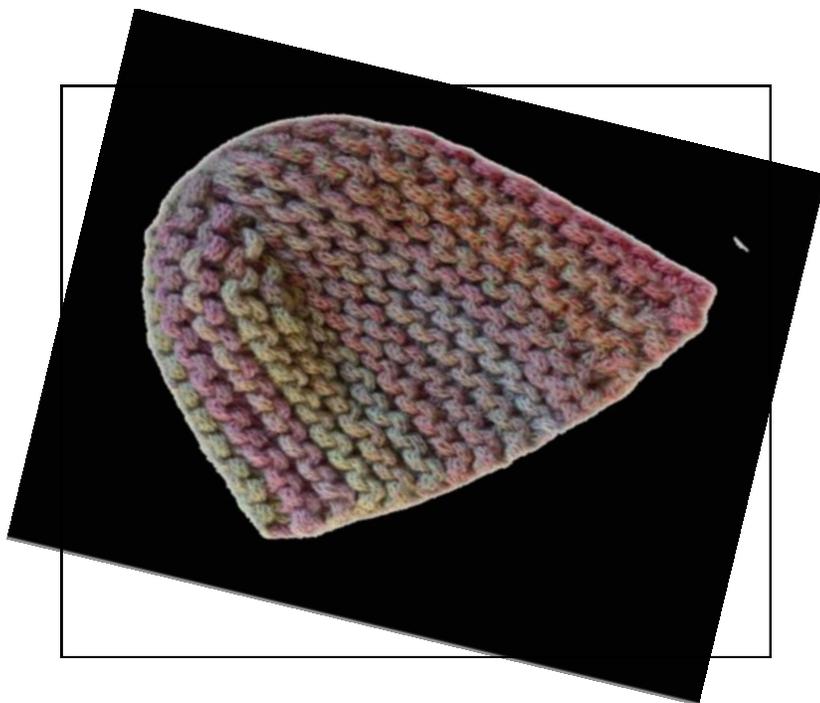
K14

Knit 15 stitches, W&T next stitch

K15

You will notice you have created a wedge. Repeat this process two more times. Knit an additional row knitting the 16th stitch and ending at the peak of the hat. Using the cast-on tail, graft the provisional cast-on stitches together with the last knit row. Weave in ends.

To make a smaller hat for a child reduce the number of stitches cast on and knit proportionately (approximately 14 cast-on stitches for a 4-5 year old. For a man-sized hat cast on 17 stitches and wrap 7.





3rd Annual
Yarn Crawl
April 21-22
2012

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Sale: All stores 20% off yarn.

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