



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



Yarn Auction

Don't miss the yarn auction at the April meeting—April 16th!!

Thanks to everyone who donated, we have a lot of beautiful yarn that has been bundled into some intriguing lots!

It will be great fun with Carol Ritter Wright as our esteemed auctioneer, and all the lovely yarns to bid on. Come early and check out the different colors, feel the variety of yarns available to bid on, and make your list of those you're interested in. This is guaranteed to be a fun night!

—Julia Cialini

Library

Our final new books of the year will be as follows: *Textured Stitches* by Connie Chang Chinchio, *Knitted Lace: A Collection of Favorite Designs from Interweave* edited by Anne Merrow, and, in celebration of our upcoming guest speaker and teacher, Melissa Leapman's *Stashbuster Knits*.

—Michelle Eichelberger

The library is still accepting donations of gently used books for the silent book auction, which will be held in May.

Hospitality

Thanks to all for the wonderful assortment of goodies. You all did an awesome job, as usual. I am always amazed at how generous you all are!

Just returned from the knitting retreat and I would encourage you to think about attending the next one--what a fun weekend we had. Between the food, fellowship, and teaching, there's just too much to gush about! The facilities were wonderful, the scenery spectacular and we couldn't have asked for better weather. Thanks to my daughter, Sarah, for treating me!

For the next meeting, please contribute a goodie if your last name begins with Q through Z. For May, stand by for future instruction. See you then!

—Peggylee Naas



2011-12 Calendar



Apr. 16

Yarn Auction
with guest Auctioneer
Carol Ritter Wright

3rd Monday!

May 14

- 25th Anniversary Celebration
- Fashion Show
- Jewelry Contest
- 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 Meeting:

April 23

6:30 pm

Temple B'rith Kodesh, Rm. 204
2131 Elmwood Ave., Rochester, NY

All members are welcome to attend.

Deadline for May '12 Newsletter

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

Program News

Thank you all for your participation in this year's Guild! It has been so much fun! Thank you to the i-cord volunteers for last month's meeting—it was a pleasure to have your help! A big thank you to our fearless leader, Nina, for presenting her Year of EZ! What a great presentation, and I really appreciated knowing that I am not the only one who doesn't finish everything she starts :)

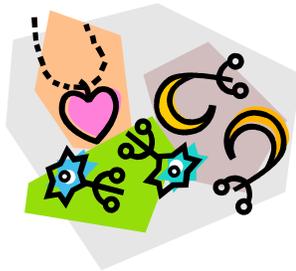
Next month will be the Annual Yarn Auction, and May will be the Annual Fashion Show. However, this year to mix it up, I'd like to do one more contest!

The Knitted Bling Contest

will give you an opportunity to play with knitting and jewelry. Contest details and an entry form are on the last page of this newsletter.

I can't wait to see what kind of knitted treasures this group can whip up!

—Sarah Blankenship



Clicking around the Web

In the coming year, I will be stepping down from the job of webmistress. If you are interested in taking over, please let the Board know, so that I can pass on all the pertinent knowledge I have!

This month I'd like to share an almost silly tip with you. I have a lot of experience with different types of programs, but I have to say that I do not excel in Microsoft Excel. However, a few days ago, I felt like trying my hand at making a knitting chart. I didn't want to have to draw on graph paper, because that can get really tedious. I remembered a conversation I once heard about using excel to make knitting charts, so I looked it up!

http://www.chemknits.com/2010/01/how-to-make-knitting-chart-in-excel_25.html This tutorial has 3 excellent parts that visually discuss how to make charts using excel. If you wanted to make lace charts, you could download one of these free Knitting fonts, and use excel and the knitting font together. <http://home.earthlink.net/~ardesign/knitfont.htm> <http://www.knittinguniverse.com/downloads/KFont/index.html> (and yes, they have a mac version!)

Happy knitting!

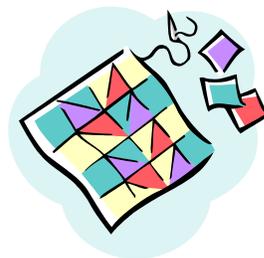
—Sarah Blankenship

Melissa Leapman!

Get ready for a fantastic weekend of workshops in November. We're shaking things up a bit this time. The fee for each workshop with Melissa will be \$35 and we've added 2 more classes on Friday—that makes 4 glorious days to interact with this very talented author, instructor, and knitwear designer (best place to see all her designs is on Ravelry). Melissa will be here Friday through Monday, November 16-19, and will give a presentation at the November Guild meeting the evening of the 19th. This makes our meeting one week later and it is the weekend before Thanksgiving.

Another change we've made is with the registration process. In order to ensure everyone has the opportunity to sign up for a class (and we're so sure you will all want to take all the classes), we've changed to a two-step process. If you are a current Guild member, you can select your top 4 classes to register for with payment. If you are interested in more than 4 classes, list them in priority order and your name will be added to the alternate list for those classes. After July 31st, if there are still spots left in your alternate classes, you will be moved up and sent a confirmation email with a request for the additional payment in August. Any remaining spots will be open to new 2012-2013 members after the September 10th Guild meeting. If you have any questions about the change in this process, please contact me at tori.reilly@gmail.com.

—Tori Reilly



Afghan Squares

Completed afghan squares were due at the March meeting. If you have not yet returned your square, please email me at afghan@rochesterknitting.org for the address to mail it. A sneak peek of assembled squares can be found in the forums on Ravelry in the Rochester Knitting Guild group.

—Michele Czekała

Lost Sweater

Green/brown V-neck pullover worked in Noro yarn in an entrelac pattern. Original design, tremendous sentimental value. REWARD for safe return.

—Marcia Weinert

February Wrap Up

The prize table for this month was great for sock knitters! The door prize, a skein of Cascade Heritage sock yarn and a pattern for Twin Diamond Spiral Socks, went to Pam Knapp. One of the raffle prizes, another skein of Cascade Heritage sock yarn and a copy of Ann Budd's Sock Knitting Master Class, went home with Dolly Williams. The second raffle prize included a copy of EZ's Knitter's Almanac and a catchy bumper sticker that read "Armed with pointy sticks.. and I know how to use them." Diane Baker is the one who will flash that warning around town. Additional EZ-related door prizes were awarded throughout the evening for those who enjoyed Nina's presentation.

Babies did well in the show-and-tell portion of the meeting. Nancy Thomas shared a little "sheepie" sweater, Patty Payne will dress a little one in a tuxedo sweater, and Barbara Ryan-Covill-Gay has knitted a lovely baby blanket. Sarah Blankenship and Marcia Weinert are warming heads with the hats they made, Marcia's being spun and knitted with Serena Rachels in a "batts to hats" challenge. Marcia also donated a collection of books to our library from her dear friend Jean Bennett who passed away this winter. Peggylee Naas showed her shawl, and shared that a bath in hair conditioner softened the mohair—something for us all to remember. And something else to remember—keep a lock on your laundry room! Nina was wearing the first sweater she had made for herself, now a little on the short side after a laundry mishap by an unnamed trying-to-be-helpful member of her family. Beware the laundry helper!!

—Peggy Hagen

Community Knitting

Thank you all for your donations. If you are in the mood for some community knitting, you can always check the RKG website for organizations in need.

—Elaine Hamilton

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

• weave • spin • knit • felt • bead • dye • braid •

Weaving & Fiber Arts Center

offering classes for adults and youth

Piano Works Mall, Studio 1940
349 West Commercial Street
East Rochester, NY 14445
585-377-2955

www.weaversguildofrochester.org/center

• tapestry • shibori • marbling • needle arts •

kumihimo • paper arts

surface design • jewelry

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 knitknapp@gmail.com or 733-8805.

Membership

Many thanks to Suzanne Till and Tina Turner for selling Door and Raffle Prize tickets.

Please welcome our new member Adena (Leelah) Shoshan who joined this month.

—Nancy Vandivert and Deb Sprague



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

2012 Spring Knitting Retreat Campers...
 This year 20 stayed overnight, 2 came just for the Saturday workshops, and 3 shops participated.
 Hope you can join us March 8,9,10 2013!

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.



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RKG Member Shops

Please remember to call ahead to check hours

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Rochester, NY 14620
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Hours by appointment only
Cash and Checks only

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www.mypollywogs.com

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louise@beadandfiberfantasy.com
www.beadandfiberfantasy.com

The Knitting Connection

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3056 Burnet Ave.
Syracuse, NY 13206
315-437-7313
judyknitco@hotmail.com
www.theknittingconnection.com

The Yarn Shop of Geneva

Kathy DeMaria
513 Exchange St.
Geneva, NY 14456
315-789-7211

The Yarne Source

Susie Zanni
7 Schoen Place
Pittsford, NY 14634
585-334-5350
yarne@rochester.rr.com
www.yarnesource.com

Village Yarn and Fiber Shop

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350 West Commercial St.
East Rochester, NY 14445
585-586-5470
comments@villageyarnandfiber.com
www.villageyarnandfiber.com

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716-655-1911
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Bret & Amelia Templar
Brighton Commons
1855 Monroe Ave.
Rochester, NY 14618
585-413-1123

Amelia@myyarnboutique.com
www.myyarnboutique.com

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The Knitted Bling Contest!

Number _____ (do not fill in)

My jewelry should be worn on the " _____ ."

I used _____ .

for inspiration a pattern to learn a new technique!

I think that my jewelry should be considered for the following categories!

- Most interesting technique(s) Most interesting materials Most Elegant Craziest Piece
 Silliest Most creative Most multi-useful

PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON THE BACK OF THIS SLIP

Knitted Bling Contest!

This contest will give you an opportunity to play with knitting and jewelry.

**SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE AT 6:30pm
AT THE MAY MEETING.**

**SUBMISSIONS WILL BE JUDGED AND RETURNED
AT THE MAY MEETING.**

You may submit any form of knitted jewelry. You may use any materials you like. You must hand knit at least 60% **of the exterior of*** the submission. You may embellish with crochet or any other non-knitting technique, but the work should be 60% or more knitted. Feel free to use beads, jewelry notions or any other tricks you may have in your bag!

Judging will be done through audience participation. Because of the evening's busy schedule, judging will begin promptly at 6:35. Please get your work into the Jewelry contest table before 6:30.

You may use patterns, and reference any material. If possible, bring a list of references to share with the

group. It may be necessary to indicate what kind of jewelry your submission is, i.e. headpiece, earrings, bracelet, necklace... etc.

*This means that if you choose to make something with a form underneath that is covered with knitting, the size and shape of the form will not count against you. If you have questions, email me!

vicepresident@rochesterknitting.org

Categories may include, but are not limited to:

- ★ Most interesting technique(s)
- ★ Most interesting materials
- ★ Most Elegant
- ★ Craziest
- ★ Silliest
- ★ Most creative
- ★ Mystery category!

Members' Fashion Show

One item on the May agenda is the "Members' Fashion Show". You will be able to wear, or have someone model, up to 2 items that you have made, and to describe those items. There is no advanced sign-up. Participants are asked to fill out the form found in this newsletter, or on the website, and to turn it in after they have shared. We are also asking permission to display photos taken at the meeting either in future newsletters or on the website. There is a place for that on the form.

—Sally Kuehl

RKG Members' Fashion Show

May 14, 2012

Name _____

Article _____

Source of pattern _____

Materials _____

RKG has permission to display/ publish my picture



3rd Annual
Yarn Crawl
April 21-22
2012

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• Yarn Boutique • Yarne Source •

Sale: All stores 20% off yarn.

Fiber Cafe:

426 Ridge Rd, Webster, NY 14580
585-787-0072

Village Yarn & Fiber Shop:

350 W. Commercial St. E. Rochester, NY 14445
585-586-5470

Yarn Boutique:

1855 Monroe Ave, Rochester, NY 14618
585-413-1123

Yarne Source:

7 Schoen Place, Pittsford, NY 14534
585-334-5350

Visit all the shops, have your passport stamped, and receive an entry to win a beautiful gift basket.