



# 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](http://www.RochesterKnitting.org)



## Yarn Auction

Don't miss the yarn auction at the April meeting—April 16<sup>th</sup>!!

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](mailto: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 :)

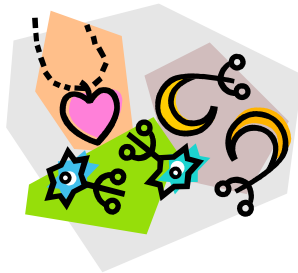
Next month will be the Annual Yarn Auction, and May will be the Annual Fashion Show. However, this year to mix it up, I'd like to do one more contest!

### 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](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!

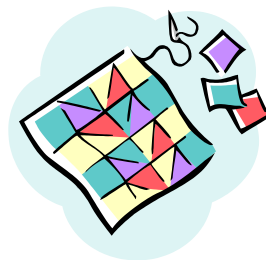
—Sarah Blankenship

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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

**4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**4<sup>th</sup> 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).

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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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<b>Workshops</b>	Tori Reilly	

## RKG Member Shops

Please remember to call ahead to check hours

### Alfred Knitting Studio

Lynne and Frank Bunke  
569 Main St. Rt. 244  
P.O. Box 247  
Alfred Station, NY 14803  
607-587-8002  
607-587-8006 Fax

### Dancing Goat Yarn Shop

Mara & John Rooney  
11 W. Buffalo St.  
Warsaw, NY 14569  
[dgyarnshop@yahoo.com](mailto:dgyarnshop@yahoo.com)  
Find us on Facebook

### Dimity

Internet sales only  
Diane Miller  
389 Dewey St.  
Churchville, NY 14428  
585-293-1468  
[dimity@aol.com](mailto:dimity@aol.com)  
[www.dianem.wordpress.com](http://www.dianem.wordpress.com)

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[www.embraceableewe.com](http://www.embraceableewe.com)

### Expressions in Needleart

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Canandaigua, NY 14424  
585-394-4870  
[expressionsinneedleart@yahoo.com](mailto:expressionsinneedleart@yahoo.com)  
[www.expressionsinneedleart.com](http://www.expressionsinneedleart.com)

### Fiber Cafe

Michelle and Jennifer Berdych  
426 Ridge Rd.  
Webster, NY 14580  
[fibercafe@gmail.com](mailto:fibercafe@gmail.com)  
[www.fiber-cafe.com](http://www.fiber-cafe.com)

### Fine Fibers

Carole & Paul Woodgate  
665 Colby St.  
Spencerport, NY 14559  
585-352-5538  
[finefibers@aol.com](mailto:finefibers@aol.com)  
[www.FineFibers.com](http://www.FineFibers.com)

### Finger Lakes Fibers

Mary Jeanne Packer  
311 Franklin St.  
Watkins Glen, NY 14891  
607-535-9710  
[fingerlakesfibers@gmail.com](mailto:fingerlakesfibers@gmail.com)  
[www.fingerlakesfibers.com](http://www.fingerlakesfibers.com)

### Miki Mand \* Fibres

Miki Mand  
761 Goodman St. S.  
Rochester, NY 14620  
585-244-3827  
Hours by appointment only  
Cash and Checks only

### Pollywogs

Diane and Walter Jezewski  
7 Bush Ave  
Wayland, NY 14572  
585-728-5667  
[pollywog@frontiernet.net](mailto:pollywog@frontiernet.net)  
[www.mypollywogs.com](http://www.mypollywogs.com)

### Bead and Fiber Fantasy

Louise Smith  
4849 Cory Corners  
Marion, NY 14505  
315-926-5765  
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### The Knitting Connection

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Syracuse, NY 13206  
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[www.theknittingconnection.com](http://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](mailto:yarne@rochester.rr.com)  
[www.yarnesource.com](http://www.yarnesource.com)

### Village Yarn and Fiber Shop

Karen Petito, Sarah Reilly, Linda Nally  
& Van Black-Winhaber  
350 West Commercial St.  
East Rochester, NY 14445  
585-586-5470  
[comments@villageyarnandfiber.com](mailto:comments@villageyarnandfiber.com)  
[www.villageyarnandfiber.com](http://www.villageyarnandfiber.com)

### Woolly Lamb

Sharon Kabel  
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East Aurora, NY 14052  
716-655-1911  
[woollylambyarnshop@aol.com](mailto:woollylambyarnshop@aol.com)  
[www.woollylambyarnshop.com](http://www.woollylambyarnshop.com)

### Yarn Boutique

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

[Amelia@myyarnboutique.com](mailto:Amelia@myyarnboutique.com)  
[www.myyarnboutique.com](http://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](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

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585-586-5470

**Yarn Boutique:**

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

**Yarne Source:**

7 Schoen Place, Pittsford, NY 14534  
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