



# 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)

## Extreme Knitting

October's program will include a presentation on Extreme Knitting, extreme in size, passion, subject and materials, brought to you by that wacky woman who felts mittens in her Kitchen Aid mixer, Michele Czekala. Join us for an evening of knitting on the silly and sometimes absurd side and learn of some new ways to put an unloved skein of yarn to new use, or discover knitting materials in unusual places, some of which are free! We'll learn how to make yarn out of ordinary household items and discover some two-hour projects that can be found in this fall's hottest decorating magazines.

—Michele Czekala

## September Meeting in Review

Wasn't it great to be back at a guild meeting in September? The room was alive with energy as we gathered after our summer break, and a good time was had by all.

We looked back over the summer with wonderful show-and-tell items from members who were very busy over the summer. Wendy Caffee, Meg Weglarz, Gayle DiSisto, Helen Anderson, Della Cialini and Sandy Rutledge shared beautiful shawls. Betsy Liano and Michele Czekala had sweaters of various sizes. Tina Turner showed her "baby funnels", Betsy Liano, her button scarf collar, Meg her son's (unintended) felted socks, and Debby Abrahams pulled a variety of things out of her Mary Poppins-like tote. Please feel free to email me at [secretary@rochesterknitting.org](mailto:secretary@rochesterknitting.org) if any of these items sparked your imagination or envy. I'll be happy to supply what details I can.

Tina Turner won the door prize this month—yarn for two pairs of mittens (for the guild mitten project, Tina?), and Deb Jaworowicz won the raffle prize—hand-dyed lace weight yarn from Pagewood Farm. Happy knitting, ladies!

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**Renew your membership by  
October 15  
to receive the November newsletter**

## 2011-12 Calendar

- Oct. 10**    *Extreme Knitting*
- Nov. 14**    An Evening with  
*Anne Hanson*
- Dec. 12**    *Dessert & Shop Night*
- Jan. 9**    Game Night
- Feb. 13**    Jewelry-Making workshop
- Mar. 12**    TBA
- Apr. 16**    TBA
- May 14**    TBA

### 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:

October 24	February 27
November 28	March 26
January 23, 2012	April 23

### 6:30 pm

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

*All members are  
welcome to attend.*

**Deadline for  
November '11 Newsletter**  
Submit all articles by **Oct. 19** to:  
[newsletter@rochesterknitting.org](mailto:newsletter@rochesterknitting.org)

## Oh Fiddle-Faddle!



An EZ Year in Review: Sept 1, 2010 - Sept 12, 2011 by [yarnleftovers](#)

*This Journey has been a curiosity... Exceedingly few old women of over twenty-nine would dare go camping in*

*Vermont during Hurricane Flooding. Some of them write picture-postcards, some write blogs, but I'll bet that not one in a thousand tries to navigate through one of Elizabeth Zimmermann's PITHY DIRECTIONS! The experienced sympathy of one who has gone through the same travail is something, then, that I shall probably never receive. I will try to explain..... (paraphrased EZ, 1974)*

So I end my year-long journey through Elizabeth Zimmermann's Knitter's Almanac with her August chapter on Christmas Fiddle-Faddle. This chapter is devoted to a handful of Christmas Ornaments. I'm sorry, but in late August, I am just not inspired to work on Christmas. I forced myself into these projects because I knew if I work through them EZ will indeed teach me some valuable lesson. She always does.

There it was "August 20th" and I had still not started any of the ornaments. I just could not force myself so I went poking around ravelry for more inspiration. I thought I would take a look to see how other knitters worked up the Christmas Fiddle Faddle and get so excited that I would be anxious to CO. Well I was surprised to find out that - IT'S NOT JUST ME! I was disappointed, yet relieved, to see that very few ravelers had posted their Fiddle-Faddle projects. Has anyone out there made these ornaments? In comparison, EZ's Baby Surprise Jacket has over 15,000 projects posted!

OK, now I was inspired to go where few have ventured (or have lived to tell about). I followed through and ended the year by diving into Christmas Fiddle-Faddle. Along the way I unlocked a few new EZ mysteries and gained a little insight on this final jaunt.

After an entire year with EZ, there were many Lessons Learned and many UFOs. Lesson #99: You should always set goals for yourself no matter how utterly unrealistic! Lesson#100: I could write a book on EZ PITHY Directions!

Now I am just left wondering, shall I start the whole year over again or try to finish up some of those UFOs?

—Nina Raqueño

## Sock-aholic Adventures

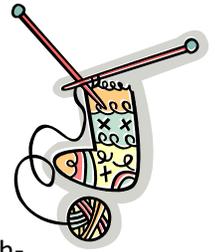
—Chapter 2

A little less than two years ago, I learned about an entire symposium dedicated to the sock-aholic, and wondered in dismay how any event called a "Sock Summit" could have taken place without my even hearing of it in time to attend! Many of the most gifted and creative knitting teachers from around the world gather at Sock Summit to improve both the craftsmanship and creativity brought to the art of knitting socks. From the website, SockSummit.com: "Socks are practical, beautiful, historical, engaging and symbolic. Socks are circular, portable, structural and a perfect tiny canvas for almost any hand knitting technique you'd like to put on them. No matter what you're interested in when it comes to knitting, there's a way that it has to do with socks."

I put my name on the e-mail list of the organizers (Stephanie Pearl-McPhee, better known as the "Yarn Harlot," and Tina Newton of Blue Moon Fiber Arts)--and when I learned that the Weavers Guild of Rochester offers scholarship funds to broaden the skills of fiber artists in the greater Rochester area, I crossed my fingers and sent in an application. (For more information, visit [WeaversGuildofRochester.org](#) and click on "About Us," then on "Membership Benefits.") I was honored to be a recipient of a Horace Lethbridge Scholarship to cover four full days of instruction at the second-ever Sock Summit, held in Portland, Oregon in late July.

*(next month Marcia finds herself with other "sock-aholics".)*

—Marcia Weinert



## From the President

Last year we had a record breaking 319 members and if the attendance at our September meeting is any indication, we will probably surpass last year's record. Each year the Board discusses the delicate balance of serving such a diverse group. Over the past few years we have tried to accomplish this through a variety of creative outlets such as: hands-on programs, inspiring guest lectures; weekend workshops; a monthly help table; and advertising your smaller knitting gatherings.

If you have a suggestion on how to improve the guild, how the guild can serve you better, or what techniques you would like to learn, then please contact any board member. You can clearly identify us by the blue ribbons on our nametags or send us an email.

—Nina Raqueño

## September Meeting, *continued*

The evening ended with an inspiring program by Nancy Vandivert, who spoke about the process of having a pattern published. She wrote an extensive article that you can find on the website at [www.rochesterknitting.org/presentation](http://www.rochesterknitting.org/presentation). She discusses how she published a pattern, and what guidelines to follow, the importance of following directions carefully, and lists resources for planning, building and preparing patterns for publishing!

Here are the links that she included:

The Knitting Guild of American [www.tkga.com](http://www.tkga.com)

Pantone [www.pantone.com](http://www.pantone.com)

Craft Yarn Council of American [www.craftyarncouncil.com](http://www.craftyarncouncil.com)

Knitty [www.knitty.com/subguide.pho](http://www.knitty.com/subguide.pho)

KnitPicks [www.knitpicks.com](http://www.knitpicks.com), Independent Designer Partnership Program

Knitter's [www.knittinguniverse.com/knitters/callfordesigns](http://www.knittinguniverse.com/knitters/callfordesigns)

Vogue Knitting [www.vogueknitting.com/design\\_submissions](http://www.vogueknitting.com/design_submissions).

Interweave Knits <http://www.interweaveknits.com/contact/guidelines.asp>

Congratulations on having your sweater design published, Nancy, and thanks for encouraging and guiding us as you did.

—Peggy Hagen

## Fiber Fest Recap

What a glorious Fall Fiber Full weekend! The weather turned cooler which reminded us all how soon we will need our Winter Woolies.

The RKG had an information booth at this year's festival. We taught several people how to knit, advertised upcoming workshops, and highlighted many of our ongoing Community Knitting projects. The premie hat project stole the show with nearly everyone stopping to admire the adorable hats you all brought in.

Thank YOU to everyone who helped 'man' the booth: Sarah Blankenship, Peggylee Naas, Michele Eichelberger, Anne Wescott, Kathleen King, Judy Rose, Chris Vincent, Suzanne Till and Jan Delles. Special Thanks goes to Karla Kates who stopped by late Sunday afternoon so that I could get out and make a few last minute purchases!

Each year the Rochester Knitting Guild sponsors the Excellence in Knitting Award. This year Ron Tyler was the proud winner with his handspun, hand-dyed, and of course, hand knit red shawl. Ron's wife is the lucky recipient of this prize winning shawl.

—Nina Raqueño



## 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 Handknitting program administered by The Knitting Guild of America. We meet one Friday each month at Village Yarn & Fiber, E. Rochester, from 10:30-12 noon. Interested? Contact Pam Knapp at [knitknapp@gmail.com](mailto:knitknapp@gmail.com) or 585-733-8805 for the next meeting date.

## Library

New books for October will be *Vintage Modern Knits* by Courtney Kelly and *Family Knits* by Debbie Bliss. Thanks to everyone who donated books and magazines at the September meeting. Donations are always welcome. I'll either add your items to the collection or save them for the library's silent auction. Donated items added to the collection in September were Ann Budd's *Knitting Socks*, *Comfort Knitting & Crochet Afghans*, and *Denim People*.

—Michelle Eichelberger

**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

## Website Access

This month, I was happily using a FireFox add-on called "Stumble Upon"\*, and I stumbled upon this amazing tutorial! <http://lusciousgracious.com/koolaid.htm> I really love dyeing my own yarn, so this tutorial had lots of new knowledge to share. I particularly appreciate that the group used recycled bottles to contain and maintain the dye amounts!

\*I'll be writing an article about StumbleUpon, and blogging for a future newsletter!

Members only page: username is **elizabeth10**, and the password is **zimmermann10**.

—Sarah Blankenship

## Found:

A blue fleece jacket was left at our last meeting. Please claim at the Library Table.



## 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 two 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>Nominating Committee</b>	<b>YOU?</b>	
<b>Workshops</b>	Tori Reilly	

## Membership News

Welcome to the following new members. Their nametags will have a yellow ribbon at the next meeting, please welcome them to the guild and answer any questions they may have.

Michele Bello	Alisson Goldberg	Tara Saucier
Verona Bennetto	Donna Goldberg	Susan Schmitt
Susan Braverman	Norah Howland	Sarah Shepard
Barbara Clements	Mary Krueger	Monika Skerker
Joyce Dalton	Maggie Lincoln	Chris Vincent
Susan Dimpfl	Katy Mulvey	Susan Vitek
Gayle DiSisto	Patti Odinak	Sharon Ward
Pamela Foye	Barbara O'Hare	Elizabeth Yockel

Thanks to Michele Czekala and Marguerite Green who helped with the Door Prize and Raffle tickets at the September meeting. And a huge thanks to Pam Knapp who helped with the membership table, and thanks for your patience as you stood in line.

Please remember, if you have not renewed by the October 15th deadline, you will not receive the November newsletter. Don't delay—renew today. You may renew your membership at the monthly meeting or by mailing your registration to Membership, RKG, P.O. Box 92264, Rochester, NY 14692

—Deb Sprague, Nancy Vandivert

## Hospitality

At each meeting, you are invited to have a snack along with some freshly brewed coffee or a cup of hot tea. Help yourself!! Bring your own mug to "Go Green" and save on paper supplies. We suggest you participate by bringing snacks according to the following schedule. We have divided the membership by last names so that everyone has an opportunity to contribute at some point during the year. Don't feel limited by this schedule. If you miss your assigned month, bring something another month. Snacks are always appreciated! October: Last names from A-J; November: Last names from K-P; December: Holiday Dessert Extravaganza EVERYONE brings dessert!; January: Last names from Q-Z; February: Last names from A-J; March: Last names from K-P; April: Last names from Q-Z; and May: Anyone. Snacks can be home-made or store-bought. Examples are cookies, brownies, cheese & crackers, nuts, carrot sticks, etc. There have been requests for sugar-free snacks, so keep that in mind too. Please note: We do not have access to the kitchen and do not have knives or utensils, so we are unable to slice pies and cakes or provide serving pieces. Please pre-slice everything and bring necessary utensils from home. At the end of the meeting, please pick up your extra food and containers. I'm looking forward to meeting you, and for a wonderful year of knitting with you!

—Peggylee Naas

## Rochester Knitting Guild presents



### An Evening with **Anne Hanson**

Monday, November 14, 2011 7:00pm

Anne will present a trunk show & lecture with many of her lovely designs, which can be seen at [www.knitspot.com](http://www.knitspot.com)

Guild members: free admission

Non-members: \$10 at the door

(doors open at 6:30pm)

## Community Knitting

There is a need for many helmet liners for the 2000 men and women being deployed from the Rochester area at the beginning of 2012. We have a local contact person who will deliver them, and they will use as many as we can provide. The pattern is on page 7 of this newsletter.

Please don't forget our mitten and book drive for the public library. They are also happy to take hats as well!

And, we still need preemie hats for our preemie hat project. Check our September newsletter or our web site for information and patterns.

—Elaine Hamilton

## Member Shop News



**The Yarne Source** has moved from Henrietta to Pittsford, and is now located at 7 Schoen Place—across from the Aladdin's and Coal Tower restaurants on the canal.

They now offer coffee and a seating area while you browse, and a new gift emporium featuring handmade gifts and accessories.



**Fiber Café**— Take note of the new web address (under Member Shops)



**Yarn Boutique:** Thursday, October 20th from 6-8pm – book signing featuring local writer Peggy Rosenthal and her recently released book, "Knit One, Purl a Prayer: A Spirituality of Knitting".

Local knitters are quoted in the book and have patterns included as well. Light refreshments will be served.

## RKG Member Shops

Please remember to call ahead to check hours

### Alfred Knitting Studio

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

### Dancing Goat Yarn Shop

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Cash and Checks only

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### The Yarn Shop of Geneva

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### The Yarne Source

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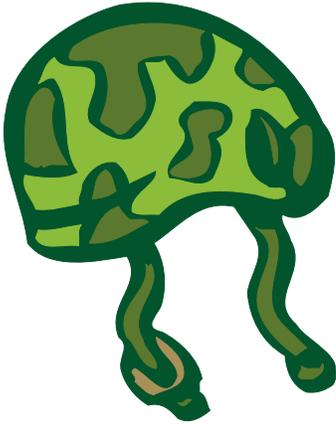
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585-413-1123

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# KNITTED HELMET LINERS



## Materials

Cascade 220, Paton's Classic Wool or any soft wool yarn that will knit to gauge. Approx. 175 yards. 100% wool yarn is required because the military issue headgear is made of synthetic fiber; it's not as warm as wool, which absorbs sweat better. Our troops are subjected to sub-zero wind chills and are still cold in synthetic headgear.

Colors allowed by the military are black, charcoal, brown, tan, drab olive (Black is the preferred color—no camouflage yarn.)

**IMPORTANT- 100% WOOL MUST BE USED – NO WOOL EASE.**

## Needles

- Size 8 – 16 inch circular needles
- Size 8 double point needles
- Size 6 – 16 inch circular needles for ribbing
- One Stitch Marker

## Gauge

4.5 sts./inch in stockinette stitch

## Directions

Neck: With smaller circular needles, cast on 84 stitches loosely. Place marker. Join in round and knit in 2x2 ribbing for 6 inches.

Hat portion: With larger circular needle, knit 32 stitches off smaller needle. Leave smaller circular needle with remaining stitches. Cast on 59 additional stitches on larger needle for a total of 91 stitches. Place marker to mark beginning of round. Knit even for 4 inches.

1st decrease row – “Knit 11, K2 tog” (repeat to end of round)

Next row – Knit even

2<sup>nd</sup> decrease row – “Knit 10, K2 tog” repeat to end

Next row – Knit even

Continue decreases as established until K2, K2tog. Change to DP needles when necessary. After this, decrease every row until 7 stitches remains on needle. Cut yarn 8-9” long, feed through remaining stitches and weave in.

Ribbing around face: With the 52 stitches on smaller needles still in neck portion, pick up 60 stitches around the face opening for a total of 112 stitches. Join in a circle and knit in 2x2 ribbing for 1 inch). On last row of ribbing, decrease a total of 4 purl stitches by P2tog evenly around face opening. Bind off in ribbing and weave in tail.

Bind off around face should be snug.