



News for Ewes

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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



2012-13 Calendar

Nov 19 **Melissa Leapman**
(1 week later than usual)

Dec 10 Shop Night

Jan 13 Sock Show & Workshops

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:

November 26	March 18
January 28, 2013	April 22
February 25	

6:30 pm

Temple B'rith Kodesh, Rm. 106
2131 Elmwood Ave., Rochester, NY

All members are welcome to attend.

November Program

Guest Lecture by *Melissa Leapman*

Melissa Leapman will showcase her new book, KNITTING THE PERFECT FIT, Fully Fashioned Shaping Techniques for Designer Results.

This book delves into techniques that can be used to adapt and customize any project. Knitting the Perfect Fit is an invaluable guide for anyone interested in learning and perfecting shaping details in their knitting. Acclaimed designer and knitting instructor Melissa Leapman distills one of her most in-demand workshops into this authoritative guide.

So if you miss Leapman's weekend workshops, you will NOT want to miss the November program where she will present a trunk show of many samples.

Come join us for a presentation by Melissa Leapman, knitwear designer on Monday night, November 19th.

Doors open at 6:30.

Membership will be checked at the door. Non-members may attend for \$10.

Shop Night is Coming!

Did you know that individual RKG members as well as RKG member shops may reserve a table for Shop Night (December 10th) at no charge? The deadline for reserving your table is **November 20th**. Space is limited.

Please contact Pam Knapp at 585-733-8805 or shopliaison@rochesterknitting.org, or knitknapp@gmail.com

Upcoming Program News:

For the sake of time there will be no show and tell for our November meeting. Please save your show and tell items for our December meeting.

I am looking for sock knitters to help me and another member organize a sock trunk show and small workshops for different types of heels for our January meeting. I was hoping to have some people help teach different types of heels. For example one workshop could be on the afterthought heel; along with this meeting we will also have some games.

Thanks to those of you who helped with our October workshops. Tina, Eileen, Katy, Cindy, Sarah, Marji, and Marie, your quick knits were beautiful and so appreciated.

—Melissa Cushman

Deadline for December '12 Newsletter
Submit all articles by **Nov. 19** to newsletter@rochesterknitting.org

Member Shop Shout Out

A longstanding member shop, **Miki Mand*Fibres**, will be closing its doors at the end of this year. Miki has many personal demands, and has decided she can no longer keep her business running properly. Miki's shop is in her home on South Goodman Street and is easily accessible. Her shop area is filled with mostly natural fibers from Drop Spindle. Miki offers a 25% discount on yarn and 10% on books, etc. If you have a tax exempt id, she will give a 40% discount. From now until she closes she is accepting cash only. Nearly everything in her store is natural fibers. She carries non-pre-packaged wools, silks, cottons, and also skeins and cones. Much of what she carries is good for machine knitting. Call her to arrange a time to come by and see what she has to offer. She is friendly and accommodating and will tell you over the phone if she has something specific you are looking for.

If you are interested in a day trip while the leaves are still colorful, **Finger Lakes Fibers** is an easy (and gorgeous) drive down Route 14 to (the quaint main street of) Watkins Glen. Walking in the door one is immediately struck by the colors in wall cubbies waiting to be caressed. We knew ahead of time that FLF carried Schaefer yarns, but were pleasantly unprepared to see such a variety of Cascade yarns -- gorgeous yarns of all weights, fibers and colors. The shop was preparing for a Cascade yarn tasting and so their stock was at a peak (also peeking from baskets and bins.) The staff welcomed us like old friends, and we poked around for considerable time before making our purchases.

—Pam Knapp, Shop Liaison

Membership News

We welcome these new members to the Guild:

Susan Ackerman	Jodi Houlihan	Sarah Reilly
Mary Anderson	Carol Kolb	Bonnie Santora
Janet Blaser	Darlene McElroy	Edna Sayers
Janet Finch-Levy	Linda Nally	Marcie Shapiro
Barbara Hall	Pam Pickett	Mary Stucki
Noreen Halpern	Lee Reed	Terry Tice
Robin Hey	Linda Reilly	Diane York

We currently have 285 members, with 60 new members.

Congratulations to all the lucky prize winners Monday Night. Both of the door prizes and the raffle were tied to the theme of this month's meeting "Quick Knitted Gifts". Door prizes were awarded to; *Rosemary Johnson*, *Aisha Gadson*, and *Susan Ackerman*. Raffle prizes were won by: *Kelly Waldock* and *Christine Arnone*.

We would like to thank our greeters this month, Helen Anderson and Marion Thompson. You were so helpful in directing members to various quick-knit project tables, and making our new members feel welcome. Your help is greatly appreciated!

—Jackie Cushman, Eileen Vito, and Nancy Harrington

On the Web

Melissa Leapman, guest teacher for the upcoming workshops, has both a Facebook page and a Ravelry page ~ which you can find online at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Melissa-Leapman/148040601875933> and at <http://www.ravelry.com/designers/melissa-leapman>, as well as finding her in person at our November meeting!

November also means politics are in the air and, interestingly, knitting has been in that fray for quite some time. An article on the Politics of Knitting, in Vogue Knitting a few years ago, can be read in their online archive: http://www.vogueknitting.com/magazine/article_archive/the_politics_of_knitting.aspx.

Just this past September the Textile Society of America held a Textile and Politics Symposium in D.C. which included a session called "Unraveling Political Knitting". One of the presenters, Tove Hermanson, has a blog called Thread for Thought and recently posted there on the subject of Subversive Knitting <http://www.threadforthought.net/2012/09/18/subversive-knitting/>. Chair of the session was cultural knitter and activist Adrienne Sloane, who started the *Lobby Congress with Art* project <http://www surfacedesign.org/newsblog/knitting-political-lobby-%20congress-with-art>.

Whether your politics lean to the left or to the right, it's important to know the slant your knitting will take as well. To make informed decisions, we should all be sure to understand both sides of the issue. To help with that the technical aspects behind a couple of your choices are clearly explained here ~ <http://techknitting.blogspot.com/2007/03/two-handy-knitted-increases-one.html>

—Deb Scorse

UPDATE: The Members Only page username is **imaknitter**, and the new password is **purlaway**.

Community Knitting

Thank you all for your lovely donations. Please keep in mind that if you donate yarn and want to make sure it isn't going to go to the RKG auction then pin a note on it that says so. Next month the library representative, Shelly, is coming to pick up our Hat and Mitten Drive donations. Also, the Boys and Girls Club will be collecting anything child size this winter. Please come over to the Community Knitting table and pick out some yarn from our many boxes. We also have needles. If you need any, please ask. I don't put them out because they tend to roll around. Happy Knitting and we will see you all next month!

—Elaine Hamilton

From the President

The meeting this month will feature a program by Melissa Leapman. She is a very talented knitter, and author of 15 books. We have such a large selection of classes to enjoy, and then we get to finish her visit with a wonderful lecture and take a look at some of her designs. I'm really looking forward to meeting her.

Now for an update on my progress with The Knitting Guild of America Masters Program. Making myself accountable to you all is starting to work. So I have now pulled out my folder and seen how far I got before I put everything in a holding zone. I made the first three swatches. The first three swatches are K2P2 ribbing with Garter stitch, K1P1 ribbing with Stockinette stitch, and seed stitch. So far so good, my goal will be to knit more swatches (or at least three) in time for the next newsletter article. They are very particular about how they want these done, certain yarn, each swatch needs to be worked a very specific way. Then you need to put together a folder with all your swatches neatly placed inside with lots of descriptions. I'm not the most diligent with detail things like this, but when forced to I'm up to the task.

Let us welcome the (over 50) new members that have joined our guild since September! (They sport yellow ribbons on their nametags.)

—Tina Turner, President

Save the Date

for the 3rd Spring Knitting Retreat

Camp Stella Maris
March 8, 9, 10 2013

We are busy planning another fun filled week-end and already have one instructor signed up to teach us how to make a knitted spiral beaded bracelet and other beaded jewelry techniques.

Registration will begin at the December meeting. Hope you can join us this year.

FMI Contact: nina.raqueno@gmail.com



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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Library

Please remember that books are on loan for one month. If you are unable to return in that time frame, please contact us through the RKG guild web site, or via e-mail and the overdue fee will be waived. Some cleaning up has been done in the "free" box. The box will be comprised of magazines and community knitting project patterns. Please let us know if there are books or DVDs that you might be interested in having added to our library. Thanks for your support.



—Marsha Peone, Brenda Mudd

Hospitality



November snacks will be provided by members whose last names begin with K-P. The December meeting (shop night) is deemed Dessert Night, and everyone can bring!

Please remember to bring your own mug for coffee or tea. This not only saves the environment from all those foam cups, but also helps the guild financially. Also, please remember that we are privileged to be guests at the home of our host, Temple B'rith Kodesh. No meat products, please.

—Anita Abrahamson

Reminder

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.

—Tina Turner, President

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