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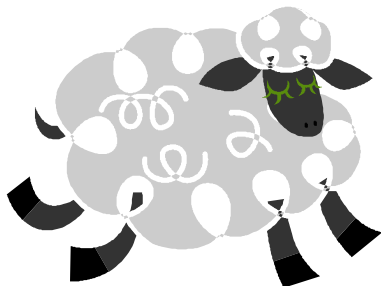
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Program News

I hope you all enjoyed last month's program on felting. March will feature another guest speaker, Karin Maag-Tanchak, from Periwinkle Sheep. The Periwinkle Sheep specializes in kettle dyed, high quality yarns that are dyed in small batches. Her yarns are sold online at Etsy and Dynamic Yarns, and Periwinkle Sheep has a fan group on Ravelry.

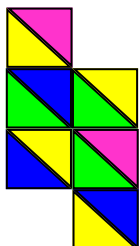
—Melissa Cushman



Yarn Auction

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations to the yarn auction! If anyone would still like to donate, I will be accepting donations until April! Thank you and please contact me at jjcialini35@gmail.com if you have any questions!

—Julia Cialini



Colorful Afghan Time!

All afghan knitters! Remember to bring your 6" squares to the March meeting.

Return square with your "ticket" filled out.

Maybe you'll be the lucky winner of our Very Colorful Afghan.

—Valerie McPherson



2012-13 Calendar

March 11 Guest Speaker

Karin from Periwinkle Sheep

April 8 Fashion Show

May 13 Yarn 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 18

April 22

6:30 pm

Temple B'rith Kodesh, Rm. 106

2131 Elmwood Ave., Rochester, NY

All members are welcome to attend.

Deadline for April '13 Newsletter

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

President's Message

By the time we have our March meeting I will have returned from my visit with my daughter, Natasha, in Cologne, Germany. As I write this, it is two days before my trip and I am trying to get most of my packing done because I have to work all day and have the February guild meeting the night before my trip. This has me pondering what I "as a knitter" make priority when packing for a trip. Clothes seem insignificant. Of course I need them, but I tend to plan the outfits around a variety of my hand knit shawls. Each shawl needs to coordinate with at least 2 or 3 shirts, which will give me flexibility in my wardrobe.

Now for the most important items to pack for any trip: What knitting projects to bring! This has been the hardest thing for me to choose. One project was chosen early on as a perfect trip item. I'm taking two skeins of Rowan Kidsilk Haze Stripe, in beautiful shades of red, orange and pink to make a light and lacy Wingspan. This will be a nice easy brainless, light weight project to take along. The next thing to decide is whether or not to bring 2 or 3 additional projects. I'm only going for 2 weeks, but there will be plenty of traveling on trains, not to mention the flight there and back. So I don't want to run out, or get overly bored with only one project. One that comes into consideration is to complete a second plain jane sock for a birthday present in March. Good item since it's small, but not overly interesting. Or should I take enough yarn to make a small capelet that would be perfect for Natasha as a leave behind gift? However, that's a lot more yarn, and do I want the pressure of finishing an item while I'm away and should be visiting with her and seeing sights? Maybe a nice small fair isle tam, I have the perfect yarn for one, but haven't decided on a pattern. Or maybe a fingering weight lacy shawlette. I have a lot of pretty yarn to choose from but can't decide on the right pattern. Maybe the 280 yd skein of hand dyed worsted weight yarn, could become a lacy tam or maybe a cowl. So many options, and no solutions yet. Stay tuned at the March meeting for the final decisions.

—Tina Turner, President

Community Knitting

Sorry I missed the February meeting! I hear, though, that we received a healthy stock of donations, and I am looking forward to dispersing them. As always, thank you for your time and efforts. It is much appreciated, especially this chilly time of year. Happy knitting and I will see you next month.

—Elaine Hamilton

Calling for Nominations

Can you believe it? It's time to start thinking about nominations for next year's RKG Board. We will take nominations at the March meeting 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.

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? The Treasurer deposits checks, pays the bills and summarizes the year end finances.

Directors

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, Nominating Committee

A new group has been added to our sit 'n' knits. Check it out. It could be near you and something you may be interested in. The group meets on Tuesdays from 10:30-12:30 at Fairways Legacy in Victor. The Legacy specializes in Independent Senior Living and this group is lively and young at heart. Area knitters are welcome to join us. We have many different experience levels and there is always someone to help if you need it. 681 High St. in Victor, NY. Contact Leanne Bossert, Program Director, lbossert@legacyfairways.com; phone 924-7043 x1010 for more information.

Library

The library is continuing to get great traffic on books coming in and out. Please continue to be patient with us as we now think we have a handle on the workings of the library.

We will be looking into doing some purchasing of some new books, and possibly DVD's, so please stop by and let us know your suggestions. Based on one of our member suggestions, we recently purchased "Cast On, Bind Off, 211 Ways to Begin and End Your Knitting" by Cap Sease. We will also be purchasing a book written by JC Briar.

If you have any books you would like to donate for a future book auction, we'll be glad to receive them any time the library is open. Although we don't have room to store most magazines, they go very quickly when put in our Free Bin. It's a great way to share patterns with our guild members.

Please remember to return books after one month of viewing, so others may enjoy.

Thanks

—Marsha Peone, Brenda Mudd

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.

Tuesdays—Fairways Legacy in Victor on Tuesdays from 10:30 - 12:30. 681 High St., Victor, NY. Contact Leanne Bossert, Program Director, lbossert@legacyfairways.com; phone 924-7043 x1010 for more information.

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 Handknitting program administered by The Knitting Guild Association. 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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Membership

Congratulations to the fortunate winners of our felting-themed prizes!

Door Prize winners: Esther Waldman and Vicki Beighley

Raffle winners: Debbi Gorczyca and Maureen Murphy

Enjoy!

Our membership is up to 328. We have 4 brand new members: Linda Favata, Laurie Jaquin, Elizabeth Ripton, and Ann White—welcome!

—Jackie Cushman, Eileen Vito, Nancy Harrington

Hospitality

Thank you to all who are bringing snacks to our meetings. We all appreciate having a little something while we catch up with our knitting friends each month! Also, please remember to bring your own mugs. It helps not only our budget, but also the environment. Please bring a snack to share if your last name begins with K-P in March; Q-Z in April; and anyone/everyone in May. Remember no meat products please.

—Anita Abrahamson

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



RKG Board

Who's Who?

There is Room for You!

But wait, are you feeling left out? There is a VACANT position—please consider volunteering for PUBLICITY!

RKG 2012-13 Board of Directors

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Member Shop Shout Out

The owner of **Finger Lakes Yarn Shop** in Watkins Glen is retiring, and a group has formed a cooperative to consider purchasing the inventory in order to keep the shop open. If you are interested in this possibility, or just want to know more about it, there is an informational meeting Wednesday, February 27 at 6pm. The meeting is at the shop.

There has been a nasty rumor floating around that the Woolly Lamb Yarn Shop is closing. I have heard from the shop and am pleased to tell you that this is FALSE. The shop is NOT closing and will continue to bring you great yarns at a great value. Contact at woollylambshop@aol.com

—Pam Knapp

Since I have been side-lined from my shop travels by knee replacement surgery, here is an article (reprinted with permission) that first appeared in the Greater Buffalo Knitting Guild newsletter in September.

Buy From Your Local Yarn Shop

A locavore is a person interested in eating food that is locally produced. This growing movement has resulted in greater awareness not only of food that is more fresh and healthier to eat, but of the local farms that produce a variety of wonderful edibles! We are so lucky to live in Western New York, where there are still a number of locally owned and operated farms that care about the land, the animals, and the people who consume their harvest.

Our local yarn shops are an asset we are equally lucky to have here in our community. This very newsletter includes a list of our “bounty” of yarn shops, and it is an impressive one. Do you need help selecting a project? The yarn to use for it? Having a problem mid-way through the pattern? Good luck finding someone to ask at a big box retailer that happens to have a section in the store in which yarn is displayed. Ask at your local yarn shop, however, and the experts who are in business to promote and service our craft are there for you. The owners share our passion for knitting and understand what drives us.

Visiting a local yarn shop is so inspiring: The books, magazines, colors, and fibers! Have you ever ordered yarn online and been shocked to find that eggplant is brown, midnight blue is black, and brick is orange...? Well, you get the idea. At your local yarn shop, “what you see is what you get.” No unwelcome surprises, and your purchase comes with the knowledge that your satisfaction is important, and the completion of your project will be celebrated. Classes held there not only teach new skills to knitters already practicing their craft, they bring new knitters into our community of fiber fanatics, passing on our passion to the next generation of knitters, and the next, and the next... So be a locavore of more than food. Be a locavore of your local yarn shops, and ensure that they not only survive, but thrive.

—Peg Lynch

On the Web

Whatever the weather, whether March comes in like a lamb or a lion—you can be ready. There is a great pattern at the Victoria and Albert Museum site, for a knitted lion. It is in their Vintage Patterns section from the 1940's. [http://](http://www.vam.ac.uk/images/image/13090-popup.html)



www.vam.ac.uk/images/image/13090-popup.html (with a link there for a free download of the pattern in either a .doc or .pdf version). The other vintage patterns are fun to view as well, along with the wealth of information they have for ‘knitting enthusiasts’ at <http://www.vam.ac.uk/page/k/knitting/>

Not surprisingly, knitted lamb patterns abound (or is that bound about?) out on the web—a particularly cute one can be found at Petite Purls http://petitepurls.com/Winter09/winter2009_plamb.html. With a long haired Masham sheep pattern available at <http://www.knitrowan.com/designs-and-patterns/patterns/miranda-masham-sheep>

For both lions and lambs, knowing how to do the loop stitch can be quite handy. If you are new to the loop, an excellent video instruction is available from <http://www.knittinghelp.com/video/play/loop-stitch-english>—that will have you getting loopy with your knitting in no time.

Lion Brand Yarns had a lot of information on its site, as well as a free file for beginners on getting started with knitting. You can download it from here—<http://www.lionbrand.com/learntoKnit.pdf>. And the makers of Lamb’s Pride yarns have free patterns on their site—<http://brownsheep.com/patterns/downloadable-patterns> for trying out your newfound skills or favorite old ones.

And while March is deciding if it wants to roar or gambol into, and then out of, view, don’t forget to have your clocks Spring Ahead on Sunday March 10th so you won’t be late for our March Guild Meeting on March 11th.

—Deb Scorse

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RKG Member Shops

Please remember to call ahead to check hours

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