

Rochester Knitting Guild

Celebrating 25 Years of Knitting

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



April Fashion Show

Bring any of your finished items for our fashion show. We'd love to see what you've made. PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY (around 6pm). That will give us time to organize the show. Bring hats, mittens, gloves, socks, sweaters, vests, afghans, baby items, even things made by a loved one which have become family heirlooms. You could model your item yourself, or give it to one of our volunteers to model for you. Please make sure to fill out the form on page 5 so that we can accurately describe your hand knit garment/item while it's being shown. The models will walk around the room so that everyone can get a closer look. We are also looking for volunteer models that will help display other people's items. The only requirement is that you wear dark clothes, which will show off the items on a neutral background. Please contact me if you are willing to volunteer at this meeting: president@rochesterknitting.org

Thanks, *Tina Turner*

2012-13 Calendar

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 Meeting:

April 22

6:30 pm

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

All members are welcome to attend.



Yarn Auction

Thank you again to everyone who has donated yarn for the auction! I am still accepting any donations that you may have. Please make sure to bring any donations to the April meeting! Also, anyone interested in being a runner the night of the auction in May, please contact me at cialini35@gmail.com. Thank you, *Julia Cialini*

Colorful Afghan Time!

I'm trying to sew this "puppy" together. But there are still a few lost squares out there.

Please remember to mail your square to: Valerie McPherson, 319 Crosman Terrace, Rochester NY 14620

Thanks, *Valerie McPherson*

Library

There will be many new items at the library in April. The new books and DVDs will be out on the table; one per member, please, and no renewals over the summer. **All books must be returned by the May 13 meeting.** We continue to get lots of traffic; we're glad to be able to share the guild's resources with all our members.

—*Marsha Peone, Brenda Mudd*

Deadline for May '13 Newsletter

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

President's Message

Welcome to, Spring?

My trip to visit my daughter in Germany was wonderful. The sweater I made her fit! In fact she wore it almost every day. It helped that it was awful weather: cold, wet snow, and wind—perfect knitwear weather!

I ended up bringing three different projects to knit on. The light and lacy wingspan out of kidsilk haze, a tam using some hand dyed sock yarn and another yarn held together, and a lacy shawlette out of worsted weight. I started the tam right away in the airport as I was waiting for my flight. I had a four hour lay over in Philadelphia. That project actually got completed by my fourth day in Germany. So I was able to wear it while I was away. The lacy shawlette got worked on here and there, but for some reason it didn't call me as much. The wingspan shawl that I was so sure I'd work on wouldn't even have seen the light of day if my daughter hadn't knitted on it. Once I got home I ended up ripping it out and casting on for a different type of cowl.

You are probably wondering if I bought any yarn while I was away. Of course! I found two yarn shops in two different towns. In the first shop I bought a beautiful skein of lace weight silk and mohair blend. It is a self-striping yarn and I made a cuddly cowl out of it which adds a nice dash of color, and warmth, to any outfit. At the second shop I found some fingering weight wool (similar to Shetland Spindrift) in four different colors that will be used for some sort of colorwork project.

One of the most notable things about the yarn shops that I was in, was that they didn't have yarn much different from what we can get here in Rochester. Also we are very spoiled here to have such a variety of stores, and ours are also so much larger than anything I saw in Germany. So remember to support your local yarn shops, so we can keep that variety of yarn close at hand.

Happy Knitting

—Tina Turner, President

Programming News

Phew! Last month's meeting went over quite well despite the last minute changes. Thanks to everyone who attended and I hope you all had fun. I had a good time. I love when, even as we "mature", that sudden explosion of excitement bursts out when you hear the word games and prizes. April brings our fashion show and May ends the year with our yarn auction. As the planning begins for programming next year's events remember that your ideas are welcome. The programs are for our members and if you have a great idea please share. Thanks for all you do.

—Melissa Cushman

Congratulations

Game Night Winners!

In no particular order

Bingo

Jessie Kringstein
Judy Pratt
Marie Brate

Knitting in Literature

Erin Ellis
Nancy Vandivert
Sue Sayre

Word Ruffle

Amy Ells
Eileen Vito
Susan MacPherson

Famous Knitting Celebrities

Diane York
Elizabeth Driscoll
Marcie Shapiro

Contents of Purse/ Knitting Bag

Jackie Cushman
Nancy Andrus
Anita Abrahamson



On June 21, honor the strength, endurance and passion of those facing Alzheimer's disease. From sunrise to sunset, gather your friends and do something you love, whether it's knitting or running, to make a difference. The funds you raise will help to advance Alzheimer's research, care and support. Join us on The Longest Day to show you're in it until Alzheimer's is finished.

alz.org/thelongestday • 800.272.3900, option 3



Community Knitting

Thank you all for your donations. I have received a great number of hats and mittens this year, and they are greatly appreciated. I would like to also remind everyone that hospitals, such as Highland Hospital, could also use afghans and lap blankets, gloves, hats and scarves which would be useful to patients who are receiving chemo for colorectal cancer because the chemo makes them very sensitive to the cold. There is a lot of yarn to choose from so come over and pick out a few skeins and help out those in need.

Also, if there is anyone that makes a regular trip to Strong or Highland, please come to the Community Knitting table if you wouldn't mind helping out in dropping some of these items off.

Thank you!

—Elaine Hamilton

On the Web

It's **Spring**!! Ask any astronomer or meteorologist. And spring and knitters go together like... well, like winter and knitters do (and autumn and knitters, and summer and knitters, for that matter!). **Spring** is: 1) a device, such as a coil of wire, that returns to its original shape after being compressed or stretched. http://www.clover-usa.com/dyn_prod.php?k=64439&p=CLV3122 . **Spring** is also: 2) the time of year birds build their nests using many types of materials, including scraps of yarn—<http://www.fiberfarm.com/2011/03/the-first-day-of-spring>. **Spring** can be: 3) used to describe an elastic-y cast-on— <http://techknitting.blogspot.com/2008/01/provisional-tail-method-of-1-x-1.html>. Or describe an elastic-y: 4) cast-off—<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=abBhe-JYmgI&feature=channel>. However, **Spring** is perhaps most well known for being the season of the year between winter and summer—and it's here! (in spite of any snow and cold that might still be hanging around, it is Rochester after all) .

—Deb Scorse

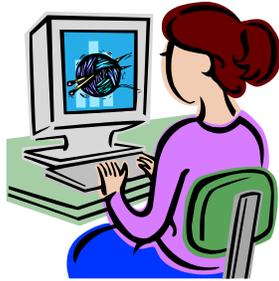
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Hospitality

You have all been so generous this year with your contribution to our "goodie table". Thank you so much. For April, folks whose last names begin with Q through Z, it is your turn to bring our treats; and in May anyone and everyone may bring.

Please remember we are guests of the Temple and be respectful. Bring no meat products, please. Also, please remember to bring your own mug for your drink. It is a help, not only to the environment, but also to our guild in saving money on foam cups.

—Anita Abrahamson



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 knitknapp@gmail.com or 733-8805.

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349 West Commercial Street
East Rochester, NY 14445
585-377-2955

www.weaversguildofrochester.org/center

• tapestry • shibori • marbling • needle arts •

October Workshop News

In October 2013 the Rochester Knitting Guild welcomes JC Briar of Oregon to teach four days of workshops followed by a Monday evening presentation at our monthly meeting. JC offers a wide variety of classes and has published a book entitled "Charts Made Simple". For more information on her classes, you can visit www.jcbriar.com/classes. Watch for workshop registration forms in your May newsletter. We will be accepting registrations at the May meeting. Please register early to guarantee your class of choice. In September, workshop registration will be opened to non-members as well.

—Michele Czekala



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!

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Member Shop Shout Out

I finished my tour of our out-of-town member shops this month, and next month I will turn my attention to our great local shops. But for now . . .

If you have attended our Shop Nights or any other fiber festival in New York or Ohio, you have probably seen *Pol-Iywoogs* in attendance. They usually have a large amount of yarn displayed. They also have a shop located in the back of their home in Wayland, NY where they are open by appointment only. If you are a Brown Sheep Company yarn lover, you will find their wares irresistible. They carry "seconds" of the Brown Sheep Company yarns, which means mill ends and excellent prices.

Embraceable Ewe can be found in Hamburg, New York, which is down the thruway south of Buffalo. The shop is very inviting and intriguing from the road as it is in a gorgeous Victorian home complete with a carriage house out back. The owner, Erin, is bubbly and an enthusiastic knitter and shop owner. The shop has a good variety of yarn, and schedules many learning opportunities, including numerous classes and also regular "help" sessions. The shop is a drop off point for Project Linus Blankets, and a charity knitting group meets there on a regular basis as well.

Do I have a road trip for you yarn lovers! Who knew East Aurora was such a lovely quaint village south of Buffalo? Or that an old-fashioned yarn shop, *The Woolly Lamb*, is just a couple of doors down the street from Vidler's? (Please tell me you know Vidler's—the old-fashioned five and dime reminiscent of Woolworth's—ask your mom if you don't know what I am talking about!) The Woolly Lamb is a large shop packed with gorgeous yarn, buttons, books and notions. It is fun to shop in—glass-fronted drawers are filled with yarn in addition to the well-organized and fully stocked shelves. They carry many popular brands of yarn such as Noro, Schaefer, Araucania, Sublime, Debbie Bliss, and Madelinetosh. We found Sharon (the owner) and Alice to be very helpful and friendly.

—Pam Knapp

Membership

We now have 330 members. Our newest member is Vernessa Mitchell—welcome!

If you still want a copy of this year's membership directory, please let us know at membership@rochesterknitting.org.

Congratulations to our March Prize winners!!

Patty Macauley and Erin Ontiveros won our door prizes; Marlene Davidson and Diane Seely were the winners of the raffle prizes.

—Jackie Cushman, Eileen Vito, Nancy Harrington

Knitting Retreat Recap

Each year this retreat has grown by leaps and bounds, with many veteran campers returning with a friend or even two! This year 26 guests enjoyed the cozy weekend accommodations at Camp Stella Maris and 9 more joined us just for the Saturday workshops.

We kicked the weekend off right with a Wine, Cheese and Chocolate Tasting. Then Friday Evening's Show & Tell hour turned into an evening full of Stand Up Comics. I do not think I have ever laughed so hard, well, at least not since last year. Many campers brought in inspiring works of art but we could all relate to the many knitting disasters that stole the show.

Saturday was jammed packed with workshops. We had three workshops to choose from Saturday morning: Knitted Beaded Necklace, Fiesta Mittens, and the Spanish Dancer Shawl. Jane's necklace students proved to be quick learners and before they knew it they had a new piece of jewelry. Grammy led many through the challenging, but fascinating, Fiesta Mitten Pattern and Erin got her students started with the Spanish Dancer Shawl. In the afternoon, some of us relaxed by the fireplace while others continued on the shawl or ventured into another beading technique with Jane's spiral bracelet.

Saturday evening we enjoyed a few rounds of a Yarn Swap, which led to a wrestling match and a little exploration of everyone's creative Notion solutions. On Sunday we sadly sprung ahead with the time change, but still managed to fit in a few more Knitting and Crochet Tips & Tricks.

We hope to see YOU at a future retreat, so Save the Date March 7-9, 2014!

Additional Photos can be found at yarnleftovers.wordpress.com/spring-knitting-retreat-recap/

—Nina Raqueño

Fashion Show Entry

Name of maker _____

Name of item _____

Pattern _____

Yarn used _____

Additional information _____

RKG Member Shops

Please remember to call ahead to check hours

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