



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

25th Anniversary Celebration

How long have you been an RKG member? Did you ever serve on the Board? Did you attend the very 1st Founders meeting? Have you ever won one of the yearly afghans? What was one of your favorite meetings? We want to hear your stories, please share your fond memories, photos, projects, afghans at the May 14th meeting. We would like to intersperse your memories throughout the Fashion Show. Contact Nina Raqueño .

Entry forms & information for the Bling Jewelry Contest and the Fashion Show are on page 6.

Member Shop News

Please welcome our newest Member Shop, All Tied Up Yarns, located at 14 State Street in Auburn, NY. (315) 258-YARN (9276). This is about an hour and a half from Rochester; and they will be offering RKG members a discount of 10% on yarn, needles, notions, books and patterns. They have a bus to go to Rhinebeck with Cayuga Community College. The bus leaves CCC's Auburn campus at 7am on October 20, 2012 for a day of fiber mania at the New York State Sheep and Wool Festival.

They are planning a Christmas in Summer sale from July 31 thru August 11 and mini ornament workshops on August 4 and 11. Check out their website for more shop news. <http://www.alltiedupyarns.com/>

Please support our Member Shops during your summer travels.

Information & registration form for Melissa Leapman workshops are on page 7.

Hospitality

Happy Birthday to us, Happy Birthday to us...Did you know that the Rochester Knitting Guild has been in existence for twenty-five years? Isn't that awesome? And to celebrate that great feat we are treating our wonderful members (and guests) to snack for the next meeting! Hip, hip hurray!

Thanks to our contributors for last month's goodies; they were terrific as always. Looking forward to seeing you all for our fashion show for next month!

—Peggylee Naas



2012-13 Calendar

May
14

- 25th Anniversary Celebration
- Fashion Show
- Jewelry Contest
- Afghan drawing
- Silent book auction

Sept 10 Welcome Back Meeting

Sept 15-16 Finger Lakes Fiber Arts Festival

Oct 15 (1 week later due to Temple conflict)

Nov 19 (1 week later—Melissa Leapman)

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.*

Deadline for September '12 Newsletter

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

Program News

Thank you all for your participation this year. I've had a great run as the Vice President, and that is due to how amazing this guild is. Thank you all for stepping out of your comfort zones, for taking on classes, for choosing to participate in the programming, and for being guild members. You are a wonderful group of people, and it has been my pleasure to serve you. Have a great summer, and enjoy a/c knitting whenever you can find it!

—Sarah Blankenship

Yarn Auction



**Guest Auctioneer
Carol Ritter Wright**

Thank you to everyone for making the Yarn Auction a success this year. We made a total of \$944.50. I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations and volunteering their time to help. Your donations and help make the yarn auction possible.

A big thank you to Barb Gibson, Marji Robinson, Amelia Templar, Nancy Vandivert and Marcia Weinert who were the runners.

I would also like to thank

Della Cialini, Pam Knapp, Valerie McPherson, Nina Raqueno, Deborah Sprague, Nancy Thomas, and Rosemary Varga who helped to sort and assemble the lots and also an extra special thanks to Nancy for the use of her home to put it all together.

—Julia Cialini

Clicking around the Web

This month I have for you several interesting links thanks to Serena and Sally:

http://www.knittersreview.com/article_yarn.asp?article=/review/product/120401_a.asp

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=DfFVF0BN-RM#%21

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2111518/A-yarn-Olympic-proportions--Mystery-knitter-attaches-50-yard-long-scarf-featuring-woollen-athletes-pier.html>

I'll be updating the website with any remaining newsletters, and the dates for next year. I am still looking for someone to take over the webmistress title, so please let me know if you are interested!

Members only page: username is **imaknitter**, and the password is **knittingisfun**.

—Sarah Blankenship

A New Role for the President...

After our May elections, I will slip into the comfy position of Immediate Past President. My new role will be the chairperson of the Nominating Committee and counsel to the President. So you are not quite rid of me just yet. I'll be working quietly behind the scenes and enjoying every minute watching fresh ideas emerge from the new Board members.

Please join me in thanking all Board members, past, present, and future at the May meeting where we will Celebrate 25 Years of the Rochester Knitting Guild. Over the years so many of you have held leadership roles and have helped form such a thriving organization. I would like to especially thank the current Board members, it has truly been a joy working with you over the past 3 years. These gals made my role as President EZ.

—Nina Raqueño

April Wrap Up

Both the door prize and the raffle this month were beautiful Schaefer hand-painted yarns named Anne. Door prize Anne and a pattern for the Anne Shoulder Scarf went home with June Mangan, while raffle prize Anne, a pattern for an Anne Lacework Circular Shawl, and The Very Easy Guide to Lace Knitting went home with Pat O'Neill. There is a lesson for all of this in this month's drawing—if I had held the door for Pat instead of her holding the door for me and following me in line, Anne would have been MY new friend. Remember, my friends, good manners bring great rewards!

—Peggy Hagen

Community Knitting

Thank you all for your generosity this year! We have had quite a full year with the preemie hats, the book and mitten drive, Boys and Girls Club, Open Door Mission and many more. With this summer's heat small projects like mittens, washcloths, booties and hats are ideal. Please stop by and pick up some yarn to take with you to create some great donations for next year. Thank you to the two women who bravely decided to tackle the unfinished projects left. They have no pattern or even a picture of what the finished project is supposed to look like. Good luck to you! For ideas on any summer projects, please see our website for suggestions. I hope everyone has a safe and fun summer!

Don't forget that at the May meeting we will draw a name from those who have contributed knitted objects to Community Knitting this year for a raffle prize.

—Elaine Hamilton



Marcia Loomis displayed her felted bunnies.

Library

May Library Events: All library items will be due back at the May meeting. Thanks in advance for getting your items back on time. We'll be holding the annual silent book auction in May. We've received generous donations from guild members and have almost 100 items for your bidding pleasure. Also, feel free to stop by the library table to admire the recent large memorial donation from Paula Tibbe of knitting CDs, DVDs, and books to be added to our collection in memory of H. Jean Bennett. The items won't be available for loan until September, but you can get a sneak preview in May.

Thanks to all of the library volunteers, borrowers, and those of you who donated items this year. You make the guild library the great resource that it is! Please note that I'll be stepping down as the librarian at the end of this guild year. Being the guild librarian has been a wonderful experience, but it's time to give someone else the opportunity to help the library grow and evolve. Please let the guild president know if you're interested in becoming the guild's new librarian.

—Michelle Eichelberger

• weave • spin • knit • felt • bead • dye • braid • surface design • jewelry

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

• kumihimo • paper arts • tapestry • shibori • marbling • needle arts •

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.

Finger Lakes Fiber Art Festival Seeking Volunteers

Save the date, September 15th and 16th, for this Fabulous Fall Festival held in nearby Hemlock, NY. Once again, RKG will host a learn-to-knit table. So many people do not yet know about RKG. Please consider taking a break from all that shopping and sit for an hour or two at the RKG table. Remember that volunteers are needed for the overall success of this festival. Sign up in advance and your admission is FREE! Please contact volunteer coordinator Carole Clark, carolem@yahoo.com if you can help.

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

2012-13 Board Election

In May we will vote for the 2012/2013 Board Officers. The following guild members have been nominated:

President	Tina Turner
Vice President	Melissa Cushman
Treasurer	Judy Pratt
Secretary	Peggy Hagen and Ginny Voit
Director 1 year	Anne Westcott and Margaret Clark
Director 2 year	Patty Payne

Thank you to everyone who made these thoughtful nominations.

These are just the elected officials, there are still many opportunities for you to chip in. Here are just a few: Librarian, Webmistress, Hospitality, Membership, Community Service, Workshop Instructor...

—Nina Raqueño



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.

RKG 2011-12 Board of Directors

President	Nina Raqueño	president@rochesterknitting.org
Vice-President	Sharah Blankenship	vicepresident@rochesterknitting.org
Secretary	Peggy Hagen	secretary@rochesterknitting.org
Treasurer	Nancy Harrington	treasurer@rochesterknitting.org
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Shop Liaison	Julie Yacono	shopliaison@rochesterknitting.org
Auction Chair	Julia Cialini	auction@rochesterknitting.org
Publicity	Tori Reilly	publicity@rochesterknitting.org
Knit-Out Chair	YOU?	
Nominating Committee	YOU?	
Workshops	Tori Reilly	

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 7:00pm
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 7:15. Please get your work into the Jewelry contest table before 7:00.

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

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 _____

RKG has permission to display/ publish my picture

RKG Member Shops

Please remember to call ahead to check hours

Alfred Knitting Studio

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

All Tied Up Yarns

Andrea Coscachov
14 State St.
Auburn, NY
(315) 258-YARN (9276)
<http://www.alltiedupyarns.com/>

Dancing Goat Yarn Shop

Mara & John Rooney
11 W. Buffalo St.
Warsaw, NY 14569
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Rochester, NY 14620
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Hours by appointment only
Cash and Checks only

Pollywogs

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The Knitting Connection

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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
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
www.villageyarnandfiber.com

Woolly Lamb

Sharon Kabel
712 Main St.
East Aurora, NY 14052
716-655-1911
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Yarn Boutique

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

Rochester Knitting Guild welcomes Melissa Leapman

Four Days of Workshops on November 16, 17, 18 & 19, 2012

A widely published designer, Melissa has published patterns in every premiere needlecrafts publication in the country. As a freelance designer, she has worked with leading ready-to-wear manufacturers and design houses in NYC. She is a frequent instructor at events such as Stitches, Vogue Knitting Live, TKGa conferences and many more. Melissa is also the author of several bestselling knitting and crocheting books (we have several in our Guild library).

Melissa will teach 8 different workshops (please see the other side of this sheet) and will also join us for our Monday night guild meeting (at Temple B'rith Kodesh) for a presentation.

Please note this is one week later than usual.

Location: The workshops will be held at the **Cornell Cooperative Extension**, (which is handicap accessible), 249 Highland Avenue, Rochester, just off of South Avenue. Directions supplied if requested.

Registration: Registrations for 2011-2012 members will begin at the May 14th Guild meeting, following this procedure:

- Select your top four classes and submit payment.
- If you are interested in more than four, please list those in priority order but do not include payment.
- Registrations for the top four will continue until July 31st, and after that date, registrations for the alternate classes will be processed and payment will be requested at that time.
- Any remaining available classes will then be open to new 2012-2013 members at the September 10th meeting.
- Registrations for non-members will begin at that point if all the workshops have not been filled.
- If not registering in person, please send registrations with payment by mail to Tori Reilly at the address on the form after the appropriate date. No phone or e-mail registrations or "reservations" accepted.
- Confirmation of registration, a supply list, and any homework involved will be emailed to you .

Class Size: Each workshop is limited to 20 participants.

Lunches: Lunch breaks will be one hour long. You may brown-bag it or go out to eat. Beverages and snacks will be provided for morning and afternoon breaks. All workshop fees include the cost of handouts, beverages and snacks.

Waiting list: If a workshop is full by the time your registration is received, you will be contacted either by phone or email to ask if you wish to be on a waiting list for that workshop, and hold your registration.

Cancellation: You may cancel your registration subject to a \$15 fee until *October 1st*. Due to our commitment to the teacher, no cancellations can be accepted after *October 1st*, unless there is a waiting list for the workshop. The cancellation would still be subject to the \$15 fee.

Reminder: Only registered attendees are permitted in the classroom.

Inquiries: Any inquiries should be made to Tori Reilly by email to tori.reilly@gmail.com or by phone at 585-322-2091 (evenings) .

The workshops are listed below with date, times and fees for members (\$35) and non-members (\$40). Please select your top **FOUR** classes and number them accordingly, and submit this form with your payment. If you are interested in additional classes that may be available after July 31st, please number those in priority order, and you will be notified in August if those classes are available.

Friday 11/16 **Basic Pattern Drafting:** Learn how to custom design sweaters for you and your family. Master drop-shoulder sweater design, and then add refinements such as indented armholes or saddleshoulders. Using your choice of yarn, stitch pattern, and silhouette, free yourself from written knitting patterns forever.
There will be homework required.
 \$35.00 / \$40.00 nm

Friday 11/16 **Stashbuster Magic:** Learn from Melissa's newest book on making the most of your stash.
Participants in this class should be comfortable knitting in the round on double pointed needles, even if there are only 8 sts total. There will be homework required.
 \$35.00 / \$40.00 nm

Saturday 11/17 **Cable Variations:** Thinking about adding a new "tier" to your "basic cable package"? Expand your options! In this workshop, you'll knit up several fun and unusual cable stitch patterns and motifs, including some that utilize color and lace techniques.
There will be homework required.
 \$35.00 / \$40.00 nm

Saturday 11/17 **Celtic Cables:** Learn how to use basic cabling techniques to create Celtic inspired panels and motifs. (Shhh, don't tell anyone but these gorgeous cables are much easier to knit than they look!)
There will be homework required.
 \$35.00 / \$40.00 nm

Sunday 11/18 **2 Color Double Knitting:** With this fascinating knitting technique, both sides of the knitting appear to be stockinette stitch. In just a few fun hours, learn how to knit—and design!—these beautiful reversible fabrics.
There will be homework required.
 \$35.00 / \$40.00 nm

Sunday 11/18 **Crocheted Shawl Workshop:** Learn fun and easy ways to create shawls. While in class, you'll crochet several mini shawls which illustrate all techniques involved, including how to work increases in pattern stitches and how to finish off your projects with beautiful edgings.
 \$35.00 / \$40.00 nm

Monday 11/19 **Fully-Fashioned and Fabulous:** It's all in the details! Explore fun and easy ways to work garment shapings with style and finesse. Discover designer tricks which use full-fashion techniques with figure-flattering results.
There will be homework required.
 \$35.00 / \$40.00 nm

Monday 11/19 **Knitting on the Edge—Beautiful Borders:** Jazz up your knitting with extra-special edge treatments! Discover unusual textured borders, pretty hems, scalloped edges, knitted-in fringe, and more in this hands-on workshop. These additions can transform even simple knits into eye-catching sweaters.
There will be homework required.
 \$35.00 / \$40.00 nm

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Day _____ Evening _____

email address: _____

(Please print clearly. Confirmation and supply list will be sent by email when possible.)

Please select the desired workshop(s) and send it with a check payable to the **Rochester Knitting Guild** to:

Tori Reilly
 1165 Whitney Rd East
 Fairport, NY 14450

If you would be interested in helping organize this weekend, please check this box and we will get in touch with you. Thanks!

—Yes, I'll help

*Non-members: Non-members may register before September 10th by completing a 2011-2012 membership form (available as a PDF on the Guild website at <http://www.rochesterknitting.org/membership.html>) and enclosing it with a separate check for \$25.