



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

Getting Ready for Anne Hanson

Just a quick reminder about our November weekend of fun: November 12-14 with Anne Hanson. We have six workshops scheduled with Anne over three days and then she will have a presentation for the entire guild at our Monday night meeting. All the details about the workshops are available on our website at www.rochesterknitting.org. Two of the classes have filled up (we'll add you to the waiting list if you're interested) but there's room in the others, and after our September 12th meeting, registration will open up to new and non-members. If you were on the fence about signing up, now is the time to jump! Send me your registrations! Email me with any questions: tori.reilly@gmail.com or call me evenings at 322-2091.

Save the Date:
Nov 14
Admission is FREE for RKG members;
\$10 admission fee for non-members.

Up and Coming

This year should be great fun! While the programs are rarely set in stone, this year you can look forward to:

- Sept.** Pattern Publishing Lecture
- Oct.** Extreme Knitting
- Nov.** Anne Hanson Lecture
- Dec.** Shop Night (Dessert Night!)
- Jan.** Game Night (different games than last year!)
- Feb.** Knitting Jewelry Workshops
- Mar./Apr.** Yarn Tasting??/Yarn Auction
- May** End of the year Show and Tell!

Please let me know (vicepresident@rochesterknitting.org) if you have any ideas about the upcoming guild year, would like to see any different programs, or would like to teach!

Stay tuned for fun knitting challenges, contests and fun.

—Sarah Blankenship

Membership News

It's that time of year—time to pay your 2011-2012 dues. It is still \$25, something in our personal budgets that hasn't gone up. That's a reason to celebrate and continue to reap the benefits of being a member of the Rochester Knitting Guild (in addition to the great friendships forged and knitting techniques learned, members get a 10% discount at member shops—see list at the end of this newsletter).

As you are filling out the form, please consider one of the many ways that you can help support the guild by volunteering to help on one of the committees. It's a great way to meet people, have fun and make friends.

If you have mailed your membership form and will not be at the September meeting, please let me know if you would like to have your card mailed to you.

—Deb Sprague



2011-12 Calendar

- Sept. 12** Welcome Back—
First regular meeting
- Sept. 17 & 18** Finger Lakes Fiber Arts
Festival
- Nov. 14** An Evening with
Anne Hanson

Regular Meetings:

October 10	February 13
November 14	March 12
December 12	April 16
January 9, 2012	May 14
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:

September 26	February 27
October 24	March 26
November 28	April 23
January 23, 2012	
6:30 pm	
Temple B'rith Kodesh, Rm. 204	
2131 Elmwood Ave., Rochester, NY	

All members are welcome to attend.

Deadline for October '11 Newsletter

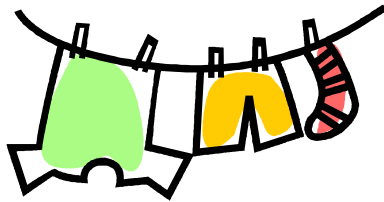
Submit all articles by **Sept. 19** to: newsletter@rochesterknitting.org

From the President

Welcome Back

I truly hope you all had a wonderful summer break!

I seem to be stuck in some kind of unexplainable *Time Warp* because for me the summer has flown by in a blink of an eye and I have not knitted nearly as much as I had planned. Here we are on the verge of September and I'm still wondering what happened to June? And yet, it seems like FOREVER since we last met at our year-end Fashion Show. In either case, I am anxious to see what you all have been knitting in the past few months. Every September I am blown away by how much knitting you all get done in the summer. I just don't know how you all do it! Since May, all I managed to knit was a pair of mittens, a few baby hats, and a single lonely sock! PLEASE bring in your summer creations for Show & Tell and inspire me to get back to clicking!



Your Rochester Knitting Guild Board met over the summer to plan another year full of knitting programs and activities, but we still would love to hear from you. What would you like to learn this year? Is there a knitting instructor or trunk show you would like brought to Rochester? What new Community Knitting goals should we tackle? There are plenty of ways you can become more involved in the guild. Perhaps you could lend a hand at the hospitality table, greet members, shop for door prizes, collect or distribute Community Knitting donations, or sort yarn for the Annual Yarn Auction. I hope you will feel free to approach any of the Board members for more information. They are easy to identify by the blue ribbons on their nametags.

Here are just a few things to look forward to this upcoming year:

First off, **The Finger Lakes Fiber Arts Festival** is September 17-18th. This is a fabulous festival organized by The Genesee Valley Handspinners Guild in nearby Hemlock, NY. Admission is **FREE** if you sign up to work a few hours for the festival or at the Knitting Guild Booth.

November 12-14th brings a weekend of Knitting Workshops with **Anne Hanson**.

And save the date, March 9th-11th, for a **Spring Knitting Retreat** at Camp Stella Maris.

—Nina Raqueño

Sock-aholic Adventures

—Chapter 1

My name is Marcia, and I am a Sockaholic.

My fascination with socks began 14 years ago, when my (then) 9-year-old daughter asked an adult friend to teach her to knit socks.

I attended the lesson with her in order to be equipped to serve as a (reluctant) teaching support—but when I turned my first heel, I found myself entirely mesmerized by the miracle of soft engineering that it represents. Since then I have essentially never left home without a sock's worth of yarn on my person.

Three years after making my first ribbed-cuff sock, I began experimenting with my own sock designs; two years later, I was awarded first prize at the Finger Lakes Fiber Arts Festival for an original-design entrelac sock. In 2008, a pair of socks I designed--made entirely of individually knitted shell shapes--took the ribbon for "Best Knitted Article" at the NYS Sheep and Wool Festival in Rhinebeck, NY. I began teaching at the Weaving and Fiber Arts Center in Rochester a year later, by introducing a published pattern for those prize-winning socks. . . .

You can follow Marcia's "sock-aholic adventures" in subsequent newsletters. Chapter 2 (October newsletter) brings Marcia to the "Sock Summit".

Finger Lakes Fiber Festival Needs Volunteers

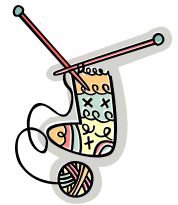
Are you planning on attending the Finger Lakes Fiber Arts Festival on September 17th and 18th? Once again, RKG will host an information booth at this fabulous local festival held in Hemlock, NY. So many people do not know about RKG or how to knit. Please consider spending a few hours at the RKG table to share your knowledge. Work 2 hours at the RKG booth and your admission is FREE! Please contact Nina Raqueño if you can spare a few hours.

Program News

September means Back to School! I hope you are all ready to get back to your needles this fall! Welcome back, knitters! This year promises to be an interesting one, and we'll kick it off with an exciting presentation by Nancy Vandivert! Nancy (a TKG Master Knitter) recently had her "Summer Berry Fair Isle Cardigan" pattern published in Cast On magazine, May-July 2011 issue. She also won 2nd place in a design contest with The Knitting Guild of America for her "Lilac Festival Bag". I don't want to steal her thunder, so I'll let her share the details—she will be talking us through the process of getting a knitting pattern published, and hopefully, showing us her prize winning item!

It should be a promising start to a fun 2011-2012 year!

—Sarah Blankenship



Weaving & Fiber Arts Center Moves to East Rochester

Open House on Wednesday, September 14

In celebration of its 10th anniversary and a new location (Studio 1940, Piano Works Mall, 349 West Commercial Street, East Rochester), the Weaving and Fiber Arts Center will hold an open house on Wednesday, September 14, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. The public is invited.

The fall teaching schedule begins on September 6 and offers 100 courses, including classes on weekdays, evenings, and weekends for all ages and all skill levels.

Details are available online at www.weaversguildofrochester.org

Community Knitting

Welcome back all! To start off our year I would like to both remind everyone of ongoing charitable donations and also mention a few new ones. First, we are going to be continuing to help out our brave soldiers the best we can by providing the helmet liners. Also, though many have been donating premie hats, a member is challenging us to donate hats in honor of her daughter. She was in the NICU for 83 days and is challenging us to donate one hat for every day she was in the NICU.

And don't forget our 5th Annual Mitten Drive! This year our goal is to donate 300 mittens to the Rochester Public Library's "Bundle Up with a Good Book Program." If all 319 guild members donated 1 pair we could easily make this goal.

Also, another member is asking we donate small blankets for the charity called An Angel's Love. For more information here is a website: www.anangelslove.org. I would also like to mention the lap blankets for those confined to chairs. There have been a lot of questions about exactly the right size. I think generally 36"x40" are the measurements agreed on, but as long as they can cover a lap and wouldn't tangle in the wheels, it would be greatly appreciated.

—Elaine Hamilton

May 2011 Show, Tell and Sell

Our grand finale of the 2010 - 2011 year was the Show, Tell and Sell Event. It was the perfect ending for a busy year of knitting. There were about 30 brave people who "strutted their stuff" across the stage and through the audience following a brief description of the item, pattern and materials. Members were also treated to one stop shopping during the evening. A variety of items were for sale by our Local Yarn Stores and individuals. Perhaps the yarn purchased that night will become a feature at next year's Show and Tell. Stay tuned!

—Marcia Loomis

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.

Thursdays—Knit and Crochet at the Garden Café, 1:00-3:00 pm at the Pieters Family Life Center, 1025 Commons Way, Rochester, NY 14623. Contacts are: Catalina Johnson at the Pieters Family Life Center, 487-3500 or Gerri Foos at 944-4888.

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 of America. We meet one Friday each month at Village Yarn & Fiber, E. Rochester, from 10:30-12 noon. Interested? Contact Pam Knapp at knitknap@gmail.com or 585-733-8805 for the next meeting date.

Website Access

I'm looking for a fall themed knitting image to update the website banner. Please let me know if you have one that you would be willing to share. The one that is currently on the site was generously shared by Michelle Eichelberger. Thank you, Michelle! You can send any images to webmistress@rochesterknitting.org
Members only page: username is **elizabeth10**, and the password is **zimmermann10**.

—Sarah Blankenship

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

Library

Welcome back, Knitters! New library items for September will be Lucy Neatby's *Sock Techniques* DVDs, volumes 3 and 4 of her Learn with Lucy series. If you're interested in volunteering for the library this year, either at the library table, or during the book auction, please stop by and see me at the library table. We're looking forward to another great guild year!

—Michelle Eichelberger

Fiber Festival Volunteers

Volunteers are still needed for Sept 17 and 18. There is less than a month left to sign up as a volunteer. Your assistance is important. Everyone that volunteers helps make this event possible. You will get into the festival for free. I have plenty of spaces available. Please email Wendy at largewhitedogs@yahoo.com OR call 585-398-3079 (leave a message and I will call you back). Thank you for your help.



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 several VACANT standing committees and committees needing another helper. Please check the list of committees and see where you fit in.

RKG 2011-12 Board of Directors

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Knit-Out Chair	YOU?	
Nominating Committee	Michele Czekala	
Workshops	Tori Reilly	

* Elected by guild members at the last meeting in May.

Preemie Hat Project

(a/k/a knit some sock toes)

Guild member Kristin Coon gave birth to a premature baby girl in November 2010. Julia was three months early and weighed just 11b 9oz. Although she had a rocky start, Julia is doing very well today.

Kristin is requesting our members to knit preemie hats to be donated to Strong Children's Hospital NICU on Julia's first birthday. Kristin is hoping we can donate 83 hats, one for each day Julia was in the hospital, but you and I know our knitters can do better than that. Hats are essential for premature babies since most body heat escapes through the head.



Julia, 7 months old



Julia, 3 days old

sizes knit from fingering weight. Elizabeth Zimmermann describes the K2P2 rib as the most elastic of the ribbings which will allow the hat to stretch and accommodate more than one size head.

Don't forget to cast on or bind off the cuff edge very loosely and please use a soft, washable fiber yarn because the hats will be washed in very hot water before being placed on a precious head.

Let's show Kristin and Julia what our knitters can do and keep the NICU supplied with hats for a long time.

Here are a few more links to free preemie hat patterns:

<http://carissaknits.blogspot.com/2007/07/preemie-hats-for-charity.html>

<http://randomstitches.wordpress.com/2008/01/11/hello-world/>

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/swirl-hat-3> (Ravelry Link)

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/preemie-baby-beanies> (Ravelry Link)

Hats will be collected at the October and November guild meetings, as well as at the Finger Lakes Fiber Festival in Hemlock, NY (September 17 & 18, 2011).

—Michele Czekala and Kristin Coon

If you are a toe-up sock knitter, think of it as knitting a couple of sock toes. Cast on 32 stitches using the Turkish cast-on or your favorite method, increase every other row to 60-64 stitches, and knit for three to three and a half inches. Cast off very loosely, I suggest using Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind-off <http://knitty.com/ISSUEfall09/FEATjssbo.php> and let the edge roll. This allows the nurses to roll the brim up a wee bit to fit different-sized tiny heads. Or follow this Ravelry link <http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/f006-dreambaby-4-ply-ribbed-baby-hat> for a K2P2 ribbed preemie hat in three

• 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

• tapestry • shibori • marbling • needle arts •

— FOR SALE —

Vario knitting machine that can use both thick and thin yarns. Also, books, extra parts and a table are included in the sale price. Used only twice. Interested parties can call Rollie Abkowitz at 585-872-7168 for additional information and price.

Hospitality

The 2011/2012 RKG Board Members welcome you to our 1st meeting of the year by providing snacks. In October, we'll resume our suggested snack schedule, as follows: October snacks provided by members with last names beginning with letters A-J; November, K-P; December—dessert night—everyone brings; January, Q-Z; February, A-J; March K-P; April, Q-Z; May— anyone.

Please remember to bring your own mug. 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. Kindly respect their food policies. Shellfish and pork may not be served on temple property. Dairy and meat products are not to be served together. Let's just keep it simple and do not bring any meat products.

—Peggylee Naas

RKG Member Shops

Please remember to call ahead to check hours

Alfred Knitting Studio

Lynne and Frank Bunke
569 Main St. Rt. 244
P.O. Box 247
Alfred Station, NY 14803
607-587-8002
607-587-8006 Fax

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Cash and Checks only

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2011–2012 RKG Membership

The Rochester Knitting Guild invites you to join or renew your membership for the coming year, which runs from **September 2011 to September 2012**. Benefits of being a Guild member include monthly meetings, discounts at member shops, discounts at Guild functions, early registration at Guild functions, Guild Newsletter and access to library materials. Dues are \$25.00 per year and are due at or before the September meeting. Bring your dues to the September meeting or mail them to Membership, RKG, PO Box 92264, Rochester, NY 14692.

The Guild's success depends on the participation by **ALL** members of the Guild. How will **YOU** help this year?

Programming

Help plan guild programs, prepare samples and handouts if needed, arrange chairs and tables at meetings, etc.

Membership

Accept membership forms, hand out raffle tickets, sell door prize tickets, set out name tags, hand out new member packets

Publicity

Distribute flyers and press releases about meetings or events, identify new avenues for publicity

Community Service

Help collect and record donations at membership meetings

Library

Help open and pack up the library, check out books, accept returned books and help organize the books

Auction

Help gather yarn for the annual Yarn Auction, transport the yarn to the Temple on the night of the auction, prepare the auction display and act as runners during the auction

Hospitality

Bring a goodie, help set up and clean up the refreshment tables

Newsletter

Contribute an article, fold, label, stamp and mail an issue

Greeters

Welcome members and visitors to the meeting, help newcomers get oriented

Nominating Committee

Help prepare a slate of nominations-talk to the nominees to be sure they are willing and understand the position



2011–2012 RKG Membership Form

New Member _____ Renewal _____ If new, how did you hear about us? _____

Name _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____ Work Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____ Ravelry ID _____

Would you be interested in receiving the newsletter as an Adobe Acrobat document via e-mail? ___ Yes ___ No

Occasionally, photos may be taken at Guild events, please check if you do NOT want your photo published ___

Committee(s) you would be willing to help with:

___ Programming ___ Membership ___ Publicity ___ Community Service ___ Library
___ Auction ___ Hospitality ___ Newsletter ___ Greeter ___ Nominating Committee

___ Are you willing to help others learn how to knit?

Are you willing to share a special talent or demonstrate a technique at a meeting? Please specify if possible

Any suggestions for programs or comments? _____

OFFICE USE:

Date _____ Amount _____ Check No: _____ Cash _____ New Member Pack? _____ MemCard _____