



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



President's Message

Welcome back to the Rochester Knitting Guild! I hope everyone had a wonderful relaxing summer, and maybe even got some new knitting projects started. I'm sure you all have a long list for your fall and winter projects. Anyone started their holiday knitting yet? I haven't. But there's still time...right?

I would like to thank the former Knitting Guild Board. They have done a wonderful job and turned over the reins to our new group. We have a great group of ladies that are working hard to bring a fun new year to our members. Please feel free to approach anyone on the Board with ideas you have for the guild, we'd love to hear from you. The list of new Board members is in every newsletter, and can also be found on the web site.

We have an exciting new year planned. There is a bus trip to the New York Sheep and Wool Festival planned in October, the Melissa Leapman workshops in November, Shop Night will be coming up in December, and lots of surprises for the new year.

I postpone my New Year's resolutions until September because that signals the true beginning of the year for me. I don't have school age children anymore (only one left in college), but I still work under the school schedule. Not to mention that Knitting Guild starts in September, so it signals the beginning of another furious knitting year. My resolution for this year is to work on my Masters Program from the Knitting Guild of America. By putting this in writing, and making myself accountable to all of you, I figure I have a shot at getting it done. So throughout this Knitting year I will update you on my progress. We already have a few people in our guild that are in the middle of the program, and I will be seeking out their guidance on my journey.

—Tina Turner, President

Festival Bus Trips information on page 5

**Renew your membership by
October 15
to receive the November newsletter**

**Deadline for
October '12 Newsletter**

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

Sept. 10 • Knit Olympic Games

2012-13 Calendar

- Sept 15-16** Finger Lakes Fiber Arts Festival
- Oct 15** Quick Holiday Gifts (1 week later due to Temple conflict)
- Nov 19** Melissa Leapman (1 week later)
- Dec 10** Shop Night

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 24	February 25
October 22	March 25
November 26	April 22
January 28, 2013	

6:30 pm

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

All members are welcome to attend.

Program News

Hello Knitters,

Here is an overview of what we have in store for you this coming year. It sure looks like it's going to be a great year full of wonderful learning opportunities, workshops, show and tell, games, and much more! For the month of



September we will focus on some Knitting Olympic games. Get ready for the games and excitement honoring this past Summer Olympic Games in London. In October we will focus on some quick knits for holiday gifting including my favorite, knitted toys! November is the month of Melissa Leap-

man. I am excited for the classes and learning some great information that I can add to my arsenal of knitting know how! December is our annual shop night which always is a great time. January will bring in the New Year with some games and another activity TBD. February we will be doing some felting workshops. March we will have a special guest from Periwinkle Sheep Yarn and doing some workshops on dyeing yarn. April is our yarn auction. Finally we will round out the year with our Fashion show in May. I can't wait to see you all in September, see the wonderful knitted treasures you have been working on and hear what you all have been up to during these beautiful summer months.

—Melissa Cushman, Vice President

Clicking around the Web

Welcome Back ~ Summer may not quite be over, but autumn is on its way bringing both back-to-school time and back-to-knitting time! The internet can help combine those times with patterns for knitting almost every school supply you can think of, along with some you may not have thought of. From felted knitted brown bags for lunch (<http://knitty.com/ISSUEwinter06/PATTbrownbag.html>), to pencil cozies (<http://kibbles-n-knits.blogspot.com/2012/08/pencil-cozies-back-to-school-knitter.html>) there is a myriad of possibilities out there! Or take your knitting skills back to school to brush up on the basics or learn something new. There are some good (free) knitting basic videos at <http://www.knittinghelp.com/videos/learn-to-knit> to get you started and a quick search on knitting techniques could keep you online for days.

—Deb Scorse, Julia Cialini

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Member Shop Shout Out

Bead and Fiber Fantasy is a member shop in Marion, NY owned by Louise Smith. She began her journey into the fiber world through raising and loving sheep. She now has added beads to her inventory, and is basically a one-stop shop. She has yarn arranged in her store by weight, roving and top (you needle felters will appreciate that!), spinning machines, and buttons and beads in just about any shape, size and color. Her web site is user-friendly (www.beadandfiberfantasy.com) and a calendar showing the days and hours she is open and when classes are being offered can be found under "Events" on the home page.

Dimity is a member shop that offers internet sales only. Diane Miller will respond to you if you comment on her blog (dianem.wordpress.com), or you can email her at dimity@aol.com. She carries parts for knitting machines, and she also sells yarn in cones. She offers a 10% discount to RKG members (unless the item is already deeply discounted). She is very responsive to email inquiries, and especially if you are a machine knitter, certainly worth chatting with.

I will continue my member shop journey next month. Encourage your friends to support our local yarn shops. We need each other!!

—Pam Knapp, Shop Liaison

Community Knitting

Welcome back all!

At our last meeting in May, Community Knitting held a drawing for those members that donated items during the year. The winners were: Kathleen Iannone and Holly Bauer-Mergen. Congratulations to you both. They each won a gift certificate to a yarn shop of their choice.

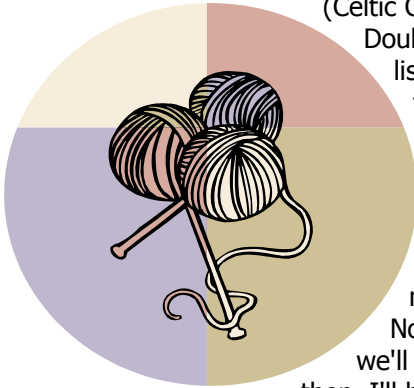
Now that summer is wrapping up and the weather is cooling down, we can get out our needles and begin anew! We are going to be donating to the Mitten and Hat drive again this year. These items will be going to children, so please make sizes to fit young school aged children. Of course, baby items to be donated to Strong are always welcome. Also, Open Door Mission welcomes donations for all ages, baby to adult, and is grateful for intimate use items such as washcloths. Other organizations accepting donations can be found at the RKG website. If you have a particular place in mind for your item, please attach a note that specifies where you would like it to go. If you don't specify, your item will be donated appropriately. Also, remember to sign the form showing that you donated so that you are eligible for the end of the year drawing!

Thank you for your continuing efforts to those in need.

—Elaine Hamilton

Melissa Leapman Workshops

Our Guild is so lucky to have a great designer/author/instructor coming our way in November. And you can be lucky too: just a few spots left in 6 of the 8 workshops (Celtic Cables and 2-Color



Double Knitting are waiting list only) Melissa will be teaching for us on November 16-19, 2012. If workshops aren't your thing, you can still catch her at our regular Monday night Guild meeting on November 19th—I'm sure we'll all have fun with her then. I'll be collecting registra-

tions at our September 10th meeting and will have registration forms available. You can also find the form on our webpage at www.rochesterknitting.org if you'd rather fill it out beforehand. See you in September!!

—Tori Reilly

Hospitality

The 2012-13 RKG Board Members welcome you to the 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. No meat products, please.

—Anita Abrahamson



Library

Welcome back, Knitters! Check out our great resources. We have a wonderful choice of technical books, videos, and pattern and design books as well. 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 us at the library table. We're looking forward to another great year!

—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.

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.

New York State Sheep & Wool Festival



aka: Rhinebeck!
October 20, 2012
 Trailways Bus
 Cost: \$70.00 RKG members,
 \$80.00 non members
 (includes bus, entrance fee,
 & driver tip)
 Full payment due by:
 September 18, 2012

Bus will leave promptly from Eastview Mall at 5:00 am

Arrival at Eastview Mall @11:00 pm
 Limited spots available
 Contact: Deb Santolla
 call for reservation, 585-442-2989
 mail payment to
 Deb Santolla
 2412 East Ave., Rochester NY 14610

D.Santolla@rochester.rr.com

Make checks payable to: Rochester Knitting Guild

FIBER FESTIVAL OF NEW ENGLAND BUS TRIP

Saturday November 3, 2012

Hosted by GVHG

West Springfield, Massachusetts

Indoor Festival
 more than 200 booths & food vendors!

Bus leaves Eastview Mall at 5 am

Returns approx. 11 pm

\$70 pays trip, entrance fee and driver tip

payment due by October 1, 2012

Limited Seats available

contact Julie Lovejoy at 607-522-7840

or email redweld1555@yahoo.com

**To pay the member fare, be sure to pay
 your 2012-13 RKG member dues before
 signing up for a bus trip.**

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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Finger Lakes Fiber Arts Festival

Though humans have been twisting fibers into yarn for millennia, don't assume the spinning stopped when Great-Grandma's wheel got stashed in the attic!! Indeed, crowds of local fiber enthusiasts will converge at this year's **Finger Lakes Fiber Arts Festival** to celebrate the cutting edge of contemporary fiber arts.

Sponsored annually by the Genesee Valley Handspinners Guild, the 2012 festival is slated for Saturday, September 15 from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday, September 16 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Hemlock Fairgrounds, located just 25 miles south of Rochester on Route 15A in Livingston County. The Finger Lakes Festival is the largest of its kind west of the Hudson Valley in New York State, drawing almost 3,000 visitors each year.

Featured at the fest are exhibits, workshops, competitions and free demonstrations of the latest trends in the fiber arts, including handspinning, knitting, crocheting, weaving, felting, lacemaking, rug hooking and basket-weaving. Almost 100 vendors will offer supplies and equipment to support all these crafts and more, in addition to freezer lamb, fiber processing, lotions, soaps, and exquisite gifts for every taste!

Local fiber artists will exhibit their very latest handcrafted masterpieces in the festival "Skein and Garment" competition. In-depth workshops for all levels are offered at the festival for knitters, weavers, spinners, dyers, and felters alike; to register, visit GVHG.org/fest.html. Local shepherds will offer their finest wool fleeces and goat fiber for judging and sale.

The family-friendly event features something for everyone, from free horse-drawn wagon rides to daily demonstrations of sheep shearing and working sheepdogs. Or take a break from fiber and enjoy the delectable edibles for sale: refreshing beverages, snacks, and vegetarian fare, as well as heartier choices, including lamb burgers (of course!).

Admission to the Finger Lakes Fiber Arts Festival is \$5 per day; children 12 and under are admitted free. Parking is also free; however, *NO PETS are permitted anywhere on the fairgrounds, including the parking lot.* For further information on the festival, visit www.GVHG.org/fest.html.

SPECIAL NOTE: Admission to the fest is FREE for those willing to offer a couple of hours to volunteer. For further information, please contact Carole Clark at [585-729-2151](tel:585-729-2151), or email carolemk@yahoo.com.

RKG Booth at Fiber Festival

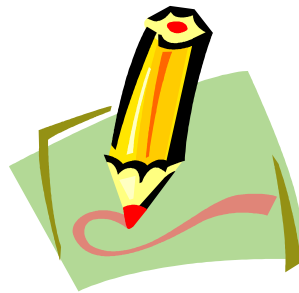
Calling all volunteers!

Are you planning on attending the Finger Lakes Fiber Arts Festival on September 15 and 16(Saturday 10-5; Sunday 10-4)? 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 some time at the RKG table to share your knowledge. I have some free admission tickets to those of you who get back to me quickly! I am going to be there both days to help out also if you need anything. It is a great time, plus afterwards you can shop around and see some beautiful fiber and maybe travel home with some too! Bring a buddy and talk to others about how wonderful our guild is and have fun too.

—Melissa Cushman

Membership News

Plan ahead to mail your 2012-13 Rochester Knitting Guild membership form & dues to the address at the top of the form on page 6. Doing so would help you avoid waiting on line at the Membership table at the first meeting. Membership is still only \$25.00, the best deal around. It gives you access to some of the best teachers in the industry, both local and across the country, and members get a 10% discount at RKG member shops.



As you are filling out the form, please fill out everything as your information may have changed over the past year and we want to make sure that we have your correct information. Also, since this guild is operated entirely by volunteers, we are always in need of help for the various committees. What is your specialty? Greeting members and guests as they come in the door? Taking money for the door prizes? Serving refreshments? Teaching? Helping others with their knitting questions? Please let us know how you can help.

Membership cards can be picked up at the membership table at a meeting. We will not mail out cards unless requested.

—Eileen, Jackie, and Nancy
Membership Committee

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

All Tied Up Yarns

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

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Rochester, NY 14620
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Hours by appointment only
Cash and Checks only

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The Yarn Shop of Geneva

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Geneva, NY 14456
315-789-7211

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Village Yarn and Fiber Shop

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& Van Black-Winhaber
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East Rochester, NY 14445
585-586-5470
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www.villageyarnandfiber.com

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East Aurora, NY 14052
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woollylambyarnshop@aol.com
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Yarn Boutique

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

Support our local yarn shops !

2012–2013 RKG Membership

The Rochester Knitting Guild invites you to join or renew your membership for the coming year, which runs from **September 2012 to September 2013**. 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.

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



2012–2013 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 _____