



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

January Program

I've always wanted to try that

How often do we knitters say that very thing? Well, it's January and time for Mini-Workshops and we're going to have plenty of things for you to try, learn, and master.

Two methods of Beaded Knitting, Knitting Back Backwards, Garter Stitch Tab Cast On for shawls, Jogless stripes in circular knitting, Knitting Simple Lace from Charts, Short Rows—how, when & why.

Please note that some workshops require homework to be done in advance for HANDS ON participation. Anyone is welcome to watch, listen & learn but teachers in those workshops will not be providing samples to work on at the meeting. Please keep an eye on the Rochester Knitting Guild Ravelry group and our Facebook page for updates to requirements.

Knitting Back Backwards - bring a swatch of 24 stitches and knit about an inch in smooth, light colored yarn, weight and needles of your choice.

Jogless stripes knit in the round -bring two smooth, solid-colored yarns of the same weight with high contrast between their colors. With one color, cast on 40-80 stitches (depending on yarn size and how big a sample you want to make), join, and knit in the round for about an inch. The sample will be easier to handle if there are 3 or 4 ridges of garter stitch to start; you'll need that in addition to the inch of stockinette. Your needles can be double points, 2 circulars, or a small circular in a size appropriate for your yarn.

Garter Tab Cast On - bring light colored smooth yarn with appropriately sized double pointed needles or 1 circular needle.

Lace Knitting From Charts - 300 yards worsted yarn and appropriate needles (8 or 9)

Short Rows - swatch of 24 stitches, worsted weight yarn & appropriate needles. Knit about an inch.

Beaded Knitting with Gayle - fingering weight yarn & size 5 needles.

—Meg Weglarz

A Little Help?

Our librarian will be out of town this month, and we need a second set of hands at the library table. We need a volunteer. Please see Dawn at the library table. Thank you.

—Jo-Ann Hussion

2015 Calendar

Jan 12

Mini-Workshops

Feb 9 Colorwork

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.*

Next Board Meeting:

Jan. 26

6:30 pm

The Knitting Circle
1501 East Ave., Suite 103
Rochester, NY 14607

*All members
are welcome to attend.*

**Deadline for
February '15 Newsletter**
Submit all articles by **Jan. 15** to
newsletter@rochesterknitting.org

On the Web



Happy New Year! The calendar has rolled over, 2014 is a recent memory but a memory none the less and 2015 stretches out ahead, a brand new year full of potential knitting projects just waiting for us! The start of a new year is a good time to (or attempt to anyway) get organized ~

including organizing your projects to track what you've knit, how you knit it, and how it turned out. Keeping track of your projects in a journal manually, or digitally, rather than relying on your memory is helpful and fun to review at the end of the year. It's good to keep notes on what worked, as well as what didn't work! Adding pictures of what didn't work is pretty fun too.

Organizing your project notebook can be as simple as keeping a list of what you knit, what needle size, and yarn you used. A spiral notebook is a good place to start for that approach. Here is an example of "how to" for simple knitting journals: <http://www.wikihow.com/Keep-a-Knitting-Journal>.

You can see a sample of another technique of building your own journal, starting with blank pages, at http://eunnyjang.com/knit/2006/06/the_notebook.html. There are some very cute blank notebooks on CafePress: <http://www.cafepress.com/+knitting+journals>.

You can also download templates for projects, ideas, and yarns, to make your own knitters notebook with the free .pdfs you'll find at <http://kathrynivy.com/patterns/extras/knitting-journal/> and a 3 ring binder.

Or you can buy already made knitting journals just waiting to be filled in ~ check out your local yarn shops, or online, for example at amazon http://www.amazon.com/Knitting-Journal-Char-Loving/dp/1931543380/ref=pd_sim_sbs_b_2?ie=UTF8&refRID=00MC6KRM1H843SD1KYBC, for selections.



Wouldn't it be nice to get your "significant other" out of the house a couple nights a month?

Suggest they join the
Rochester Woodworkers Society

(RWS) A fun group where you can

learn various woodworking skills, share ideas and learn how to make that coffee table you've always wanted.

Check out www.rochesterwoodworkers.org/ for details and meeting locations.

There are all sorts of apps for mobile devices to keep your projects and ideas organized on the go too! A quick google for "tracking knitting projects" will get you to a range of them for Android devices such as <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=androiddeveloperjoe.knittingbuddy&hl=en> or for your iPhone such as http://www.vogueknitting.com/shop/vogue_knitting_iphone_app.aspx (neither of these are meant as recommendations, they are simply examples).

You can of course track your projects online with Ravelry ~ by going to the mynotebook tab and selecting projects ~ if you are a member. (There are also apps available for your mobile devices that give you access to your Ravelry project notes wherever you are <http://www.ravelry.com/about/apps>)

Happy Knitting in the New Year!

—Deb Scorse

There is a NEW USERNAME AND PASSWORD on our Members Only page of our website www.rochesterknitting.org. The NEW username is: **stockinette** and the NEW password is **s1k1pss0** ~ We're on facebook too ~ <https://www.facebook.com/rochesterknittingguild?ref=hl>

Hospitality

Hope you had a wonderful and relaxing holiday, and are ready to get to the knitting you put aside in order to finish gift projects. The January mini-workshop meeting should inspire you for the coming year.

Our snack schedule resumes with the January meeting with last names beginning with Q-Z. The alphabetical rotation will begin again with the February meeting.

Don't forget to bring your own mug, and also please bring no meat products. Thank you; and Happy New Year!

—Anita Abrahamson

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President's Message

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season, and is getting back to knitting for yourself. Or are you still finishing gifts that you had to give and then take back to finish? Either way it's time to relax and recover from the holidays.

After last month's article I'm sure you are all wondering if we decided on getting a dog.

We did! Lucy is a rescue from Scottsville Vet. She is a King Charles Cavalier Spaniel mix, and is either 2 or 3 years old. Getting to know her and finding out what she already knows brings me back to knitting.



Sounds like a bit of a stretch, but don't doubt me now! When starting a new project we read over the pattern and do some research. How much yarn? What size needle? Do I have enough in my stash or do I need to buy more supplies? The same can be said for getting a new dog. I researched various places that had dog adoption, and then we had to figure out what type of dog food, leashes, etc.—

similar to the search for a new project. Sometimes we have to replace a broken needle in the middle of the project. Lucy has already chewed through a harness and a leash. So I needed to go out and buy new ones. I'm ready for the next chewed-through leash, I got a metal one as a back-up this time!

Then there are the little quirks of a pattern. Many times we make little changes to the existing one. Maybe we lengthen the sweater, change a neck line, or turn a scarf into an infinity cowl. The same goes for owning a dog. She comes with a certain amount of quirks, and then you need to change them for the better with training. Lucy seems to dislike joggers, and other dogs, but loves to pull and run on the leash.

Those are some behaviors that need tweaking. Tweaking a knitting pattern is easier than changing dog behaviors. Actually both of those can be helped with taking classes.

A skilled knitting teacher can help you adapt a pattern to suit your needs, and taking dog obedience classes with a trained individual will make your life much easier.

Happy Knitting

—Tina Turner, President

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, 681 High St., Victor, NY. from 10:00-12:30. Contact 585-924-7043

Wednesdays—Knit Clique, 12-2 pm at Brighton Library, 2300 Elmwood Avenue. Contact the library at 784-5300 or visit their website: www.Brightonlibrary.org/library/Adults_prog.htm.

Wednesdays—Sit 'n' Knit, The Woolery, 3127 Main Street, Caledonia, NY 14423, 6:30-9 pm. Contact Libby Davis, 538-9898

Thursdays—Informal Knit Together. Penn Yan Library, 1-3 pm, 214 Main St., Penn Yan, NY. Contact: Pam Ells, 585-526-5327.

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.

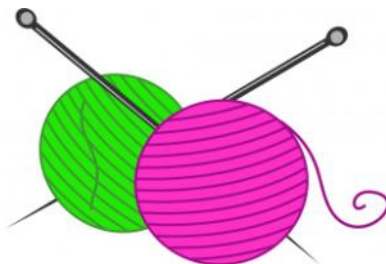
4th Tuesday—Monthly Prayer Shawls group—7 pm at Panera Bread on Hylan Dr. near Marketplace Mall in Henrietta. Open to all fiber arts. Contact is Mary Ellen Arden, 334-1906 (evenings), 321-9479 (days).

1st Wednesday (except during Lent)—6:30-8 p.m. at 1st Congregational Church, 65 Church St., Spencerport (makes lap robes for charity from 8" squares). Come join us. Call Holly Bauer-Mergen at 352-4548 with questions.

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!

3rd Saturdays—of each month, 10 am—1 pm at the 12 Corners Starbucks in Brighton, NY. KAPS for KIDS, a knitting group sponsored by the CURE and the Yarne Source





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Yarn Auction Needs

Not only do we need someone to chair the yarn auction this year, but we also need to find an inexpensive storage unit for the donated yarn. Please contact Tina Turner, president@rochesterknitting.org if you can help.

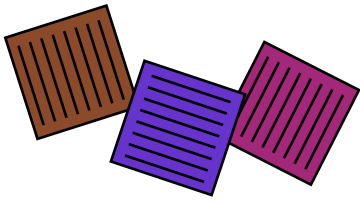
A small reminder: we are very privileged to be guests at the home of our host, Temple B'rith Kodesh. The Temple provides us with a wonderful place to meet each month and enjoy all our Guild has to offer. In order for us to continue to enjoy this location, please remember to be mindful of our surroundings. 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.

—Tina Turner, President

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There is Room for You! There are VACANT positions—please consider volunteering!



Afghan

Afghan squares will be available for sale at our January meeting for \$3 each. They are available in 3 different skill levels. Choose the one you are comfortable with.

Return finished squares at the March meeting.

—Amelia Templar

Membership

Happy New Year to everyone! Our membership is at 282. Laura Nelkin was overwhelmed by how many knitters attended the December meeting and attendance that night was around 170. Imagine her reaction to a full house.

Raffle/Door Prize Tickets – Make sure to pick up your tickets by 7 pm when the program starts. We need to shut down selling/giving out tickets so we can get them and the prizes up to Tina for the drawing.

Dues – Membership forms are online; please fill out and bring along with your payment (cash or check) of \$25.00 to the next meeting. You can also mail the form and a check to Membership, RKG, PO Box 92264, Rochester, NY 14692. Include a stamped, self-addressed envelope if you want your card mailed.

New Member Table - The New Member table is a way for new members to meet other knitters. Feel free to take a seat there and enjoy getting to know your fellow knitters. Just look for the New Member table sign.

Thank you Carol Klinger and Louise Shadowski for volunteering in November!

—Heather Foti



**Knitting Circle
First Anniversary Celebration!**
February 7, 2015, 11am-4pm

Save the date! Come celebrate the Anniversary with an Artisan Market Extravaganza!

10 local vendors, some that you have already seen at past Artisan Markets, and some new ones. Included are: **Longmeadow Farm, Stone Edge Fibers, Firefly Farm, gnarledpaw, Yarn Culture,** and more! There will be raffles and birthday cake for all to enjoy.

Note: This event will be held at the Century Club of Rochester.
566 East Ave. Rochester NY 14607. Corner of East Ave and Strathallen Park. Free parking.

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