



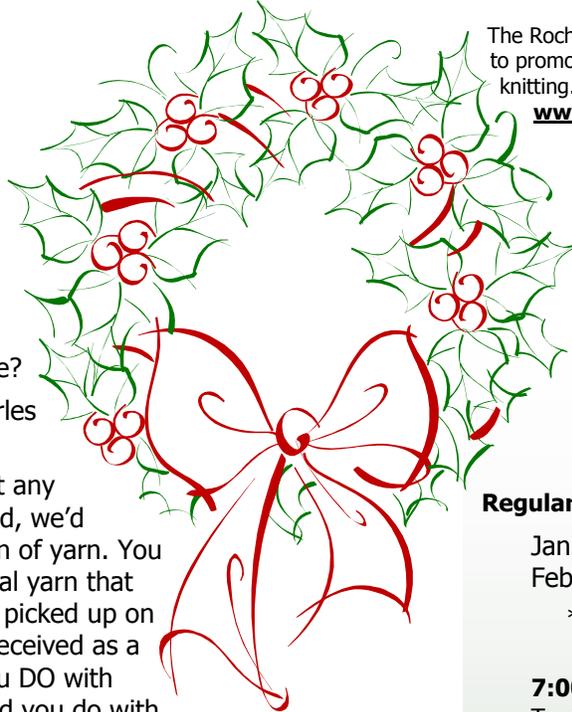
News for Ewes

"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

2013-14 Calendar

Dec. 9 *One Skein Favorites*

Regular Meetings

Jan. 13 Mar. 10 May 12
Feb. 10 Apr 7*

* meeting held one week earlier than usual

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. 27

6:30 pm

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

*All members
are welcome to attend.*

Deadline for Jan. '14 Newsletter

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

One Skein Favorites

One Skein! One Special Skein

One Skein to play with, to knit with, crochet with.

One Skein, what is it going to be-ee-ee?

With apologies to Lee Adams and Charles Strouse, who wrote Bye, Bye, Birdie

If we examined the stash of just about any member of the Rochester Knitting Guild, we'd probably find at least one Special Skein of yarn. You know what I mean, that skein of special yarn that you just couldn't resist, that skein you picked up on vacation, that really pretty skein you received as a gift or in an exchange. What might you DO with that special skein? What the heck could you do with that skein?

Our December program will explore some of the myriad ways to make the most of those magical, special skeins – the One Skein Wonders. We'd like to have a display of members' favorite One Skein projects, as well to further inspire each other. Please share your project—we'll display projects along the stage and provide cards for you to share pattern info, as well.

Don't forget that the December meeting will also feature Holiday project/gift Show & Tell. See you on the 9th.

—Meg Weglarz



Afghan

December is Afghan Time!

Remember, each piece you knit gets you a ticket in the drawing to win the completed afghan. This year's afghan will be made of machine washable Rowan felted tweed Aran wool. Also, there will be fewer squares this time than last, so show up and knit!

Each square will be \$6, including instructions. Join in the fun!

—Valerie McPherson

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President's Message

Welcome to December! Knitting and cold and flu season. What a wonderful pairing. I've been feeling a little under the weather and was thinking that our state of wellness could be determined by our knitting style, and it's probably more accurate than taking our temperature. So here is my sickness gauge. If you aren't knitting at all, aren't even dreaming about knitting and all you can do is sleep; Diagnosis: You are officially sick-as-a-dog. If you're able to sit up and knit about 2 rows before passing out, well that means you are about 5%-10% on your way to being well. If you have rallied and are actually able to knit a simple scarf in garter stitch, no color changes, or pattern to follow; rejoice, you are about 50% closer to being well! Now you may have even mustered a shower, and can successfully knit a simple hat with some increases and decreases. Now you are 75% better, almost there! The day has come that you are sitting down and looking forward to working on that charted pattern that you've wanted to work on for a long time. Hate to say this.....but you are all better and now need to go back to work. This of course means you don't have time to knit that complicated pattern, but at least you know you are healthy again. Hope you all have a healthy holiday season and good health for lots of knitting time. Remember to bring your creations to the holiday show and tell items for the December meeting! Happy Holidays to all!

—Tina Turner

Yarn Auction



Happy Holidays everyone! Just a reminder that we are collecting yarn for the yarn auction. Bring in your donations to the next meeting and help ensure a fabulous selection at the auction! Thank you!

Thank you so much!

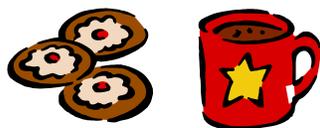
—Julia Cialini

Hospitality

We would like all who are able to bring a snack for the holiday meeting. We will be back on the alphabetical schedule in January. Just remember, please, no meat products.

Also, please bring your own mug to save money and the environment.

—Anita Abrahamson



Community Knitting

A huge thank you to all those dedicated and generous members who donated 119 items at the November meeting: scarves, hats, mittens, baby & preemie caps, socks, knitting needles, yarn, and children's books. During the past month, items have been distributed to the neonatal unit at Strong; Craft Bits & Pieces, a craft shop in Fairport that sells supplies to benefit Senior Options for Independence; the Helmet Liner Project; Healthy Moms Program; the Parkridge Family Birthplace; and the Girl Scouts. We received gracious thank-you notes from Strong and Saint's Place.

Our drive for mittens, hats, and books for elementary school age children (grades K-4) living in the city continues through this month. The representative from the Rochester Public Library will attend our December 9th meeting to pick up these items. We already have a large collection of hats and some mittens, but we could use many more mittens, more hats, and either new or gently used books for this age group. In addition, we can use scarves to support two scarf projects: the local Red Scarf Project for Trillium Health (scarves must be entirely red or variegated red) and the national Red Scarf Project for young people who have grown up in foster care and receive a scarf on Valentines Day of their freshman year in college: scarves should include red but may also use other colors). Baby hats, sweaters, and blankets are a continuing need. Finally, Jimmy Beans Wool (a retail and online supplier in Reno, NV) is sponsoring a drive for knit or crocheted hats in red, white, and blue to donate to American athletes taking part in the winter Olympics in Sochi. These are quick and fun to make and may be donated at the December meeting or sent to Jimmy Beans on your own by January 1st.

Please stop by the Community Knitting table to browse through patterns and help yourself to yarn.

—Pamela Miller Ness



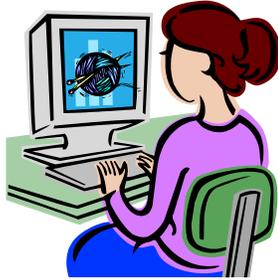
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On the Web

Last month at Shop Night a wonderful skein of handspun bulky adopted me. I was content just to have it to carry around and pet, but was challenged to actually make something with it. The hunt was on and the search began for ideas and for just the right pattern. I started the search with 'patterns handspun bulky' and spent more hours than I probably should have looking at the results.



The pictures and colors alone make it a fun journey and a worthwhile quest. At <http://parallaxknitting.com/category/handspun/> I concurred with the knitter that I want to make something, large enough to be useful, but that shows the artistry in the yarn, and there were several great suggestions. A quick to knit bulky weight hat was also very tempting at <http://www.thetwistedpurl.com/quick-knit-with-bulky-handspun-yarn/>, and the shawl at <http://www.handspunart yarn.com/2012/07/handspun-art-yarn-shawl.html> will cheer you up just to look at it (bookmark the page for future cheering up when needed!).

Wandering the web is always a great way to get ideas and to spend a cold windy afternoon dreaming ~ the shawl on the <http://happyfuzzyarn.com/what-to-do-with-one-skein-of-bulky-handspun/> site caught my eye and also led me to the Debbie New book called *Unexpected Knitting* which is now on my Christmas list! If you haven't seen it you can read about it here: <http://www.knitty.com/ISSUEwinter03/FEATwinter03stuff.html>.

So take a break from the holiday rush, make yourself some hot chocolate and watch the ideas fly by inside while the snow (we hope) falls by your windows, outside!

Have a great Holiday Season ~

—Deb Scorse

NEW USER NAME AND PASSWORD:

The Members Only page username is **lacygauge**, and the new password is **luvtofywd**

Shop Night in Review

A big thank you to all who participated in Shop Night. It appeared to be very successful. We had a wide variety of items for sale, and approximately 200 shoppers. Personally, I have never been very good at starting my shopping before December, but this year I managed, thanks to some great ideas for the "impossible to shop for" (which is just about everyone on my list).

So, please let us hear from you about whether you liked having Shop Night in November, and what worked for you or what didn't work for you.

—Pam Knapp

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, 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).

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 knitknap@gmail.com or 733-8805.

Library

Thanks to everyone who volunteered and everyone who bid on books! We had a successful Silent Auction side by side with Shop Night. We found new homes for all the books put out. That leaves us with more room in the cabinet, and more \$\$\$ for our programs!

—Marsha Peone



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!

Membership

Our membership now totals 316. We welcome our newest members:

Judy Brovitz, Beth Garrisi, Ophelia Kilbourne, Dawn Lepard, Carol Manuel, Barbara Ryan-Covill-Gay, Janice Stewart, Emily Vinocur, Mary Anne Young, and Susan Zuris.

Many thanks to the volunteer greeters and ticket handlers and membership helpers at the November meeting: Sue Ackerman, Rosemary Johnson, Sarah Southgate, Carol Boyer, and Kathy Stavish.

Congratulations to the 5 winners of door prizes and raffle tickets who received gift certificates for shopping that evening: Cindy Salow, Lee Reed, Deena Rodriguez, Ann Marie Graham, and Liz DeCastro.

—Nancy Harrington



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Cat Bordhi Retreat

Knitting teacher and designer Cat Bordhi is known for her quirky insights. She was the first to discover that socks could be worked using a pair of circular needles rather than double-pointed needles. She not only self-published a book on that subject (a highly unusual undertaking at the time), but followed it with a work of fantasy fiction. After publishing another two volumes exploring the single-faced fabric known as the Moebius strip, Cat's three most recent books continue her discovery of numerous inventive ways to knit socks.

Yet Cat is a warm, humble and infinitely curious person, as eager to learn from her students as they from her. Each year she holds six week-long "knitting retreats" on her stunning, remote island home in the San Juan Islands of the Pacific Northwest, just miles by boat from British Columbia. Thanks to a scholarship from the Weavers Guild of Rochester, I was able to attend one of these retreats in early October.

Cat managed to create an instant sense of community amongst her 18 students by asking us to tell (in two minutes or less) how we came to knit. She taught us, in our first 3-hour class, how to make the fun and easy garter-stitch felted slippers she calls "felfs," which are the subject of her newest book, due out in early November. As usual, she revolutionizes old and obvious techniques through the application of whimsy and experimentation. In addition, she has pledged the *entire* profits from this digital publication <felfs.com> to support the clinical trials of Dr. David Krag, who is seeking to grow "smart" antibodies drawn directly from cancer patients themselves.

Over just three days of 3-hour instruction, Cat introduced us all to the breadth and width of her Felf and Moebius designs, as well as her "Sweet Tomato Heel" for socks and some basic "recipes" to improvise custom-shaped teapot cozies. All this was accomplished while she also spent time offering guidance to individual knitters (of a wide variety of skill levels and experience, from all across the country), many of whom were working on projects by other designers.

In the evenings, Cat told us stories of her first trip (in June) to Peru, where finely spindle-spun yarn is worked in complex stranded and intarsia designs which are handed down orally from generation to generation. Cat made this trip with her friend Jim Petkiewicz of Frog Tree Yarns <frogtreeyarns.com>, which is a supporting arm of Community Links International—a non-governmental organization whose goal is "To provide meaningful and continuous work to talented and hard-working artisans, providing them with just wages." Nilda Callañaupa, the Director of the Center for Traditional Textiles of Cusco, has requested Cat's assistance to collect and record the multitude of traditional indigenous designs before they are lost, and to help enhance international understanding of (and demand for) excellence in traditional Peruvian handcrafts, including weaving.

Spindling expert Abby Franquemont, who grew up in Peru, hopes to aid Cat in her efforts by introducing spinning techniques appropriate for sock yarns, while Cat will work to develop sock designs incorporating indigenous patterns for use by native Peruvian knitters. To this end, Cat is leading a knitter's tour to Peru this November, and hopes to make at least two such journeys annually for the next several years. I very much hope that the Rochester community of fiber artists will take an active interest in supporting Cat's research of the stories and techniques of the ancient tribes of South America.

—Marcia Weinert



Spring 2013 Knitting Retreat

Each year this retreat has grown by leaps and bounds so please make sure you save the date now and register early to save your bunk!

Registration began at the November Guild meeting. Find the registration form on page 7.

What a wonderful way to beat the winter doldrums by attending this weekend long slumber party. I can't believe this will be our 4th retreat and I am anxious to be reunited with old friends and meet new crafty gals.

However, this year will be bittersweet as we lost one feisty camper, Judy Pratt. For the past few years Judy, our past RKG treasurer, has helped me organize the retreat registrations and it is through her many glowing reviews that we were able to grow the retreat attendance. That is why the RKG Board unanimously approved to honor her by forming the Judy Pratt Memorial Knitting Retreat Scholarship. One lucky camper will be selected randomly for a FREE Knitting Retreat registration.

Workshop descriptions can be found on the guild's website using this link:

[www.rochesterknitting.org/
workshop_descriptions.pdf](http://www.rochesterknitting.org/workshop_descriptions.pdf)

For more information contact nina.raqueno@gmail.com

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Spring Knitting Retreat
At Camp Stella Maris, Livonia, NY
March 7,8,9 2014

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A weekend full of knitting.



The 2012 Gaggle

Scenes from the 2013 Retreat



Friday Evening: Show & Tell, Leftie Shawl Yarn Swap

Saturday Workshop Choices:

- *Springtime Embellishments*
- *Traveling Stitches with Cable Headband Project*
- *Chevron Mitten*
- *Fair Isle with Hat project*

Saturday Evening: Mystery Project

Sunday: More Tips & Tricks with Jane
 And Plenty of time to just Sit & Knit by the fire.

Depart Sunday afternoon



Leftie Shawl Yarn Swap



Traveling Stitches

Weekend Retreat Fee Includes:

- Choice from Saturday Knitting Workshops
- Sunday Mini-Workshop
- All Meals
- Overnight Accommodations

Reserve Your Spot Today!

Please select the desired workshop and enclose the completed form with a check payable to the Rochester Knitting Guild for the minimum \$50 Deposit Fee or Total Amount Due, and mail to: Nina Raqueno 5710 Old Orchard PT Livonia, NY 14487

Can't join us for the entire weekend?
Saturday
Day Campers are Welcome Too!
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 Spring Knitting Retreat
 March 7,8,9th 2014
 REGISTRATION FORM

Check here if you wish to be considered for the Judy Pratt Memorial Scholarship

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

(Confirmation, complete weekend schedule, & supply list will be sent by email.)



- Knitting Weekend Fee \$ 160
- Saturday Day Camper Only \$ 65
 (Lunch & Snacks Included)
- Weekend Fee (no workshops) \$ 110
- Total Included \$ _____
- (A minimum \$50 deposit is due upon registration)
- Remainder Due February 14th, 2014 \$ _____

- Please indicate your 1st and 2nd choice for each session.
- ___ Traveling Stitches (Sat morning)
 - ___ Fair Isle Hat (Sat morning)
 - ___ Chevron Mitten (Sat afternoon)
 - ___ Springtime Embellishments (Sat afternoon)
 - ___ More Tips & Tricks with Jane (Sunday)
 - ___ Leftie Shawl Support (Sunday)

Cancellations: Remember that all cancellations are subject to a \$15 fee, and NO cancellations are accepted after February 28th, unless there is a wait list.

Inquiries : Any inquiries should be made to Nina Raqueno by phone at (585) 281-3846 or by email at nina.raqueno@gmail.com.