



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

Feb. 10 *Knitting Games Night*

Regular Meetings

Mar. 10 Apr 7* May 12

* 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:

Feb. 24

6:30 pm

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

*All members
are welcome to attend.*

Deadline for Mar. '14 Newsletter

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

"Sochi just sat there,
knitting away."

Program News

"Sochi just sat there, knitting away" . . .
(say it out loud)

Yes, it's time for That Quadrennial International Sporting Event! and the Rochester Knitting Guild will be hosting our own Night of Knitting Games to honor the Olympic athletes who will be coming together in Sochi, Russia for two weeks of peace, harmony, striving for personal performances of greatness and standing around in the snow, waiting for a bus.

Think of our Knitting Games as a series of Lightning Rounds—participate in some or all but come prepared to play. Would everyone please bring a pair of needles (or a circular) and yarn to match? Size 8 needles and worsted yarn would work well, but bring what you've got.

See you there, Knitletes!!

—Meg Weglarz

Afghan

Only 5 squares left for our afghan for your chance to win our Guild afghan!

\$6 each; finished squares are due at the March meeting.

Join in the fun.

—Valerie MacPherson

Hospitality

The month of February starts our alphabet all over again for snack donations. If your last name begins with A-H, it is your turn to bring a snack to share. February sounds like chocolate to me...mmmm, chocolate and coffee—a match made in heaven!

If you bring your own mug it helps us with clean up and doesn't leave all that nasty Styrofoam to languish in the landfill forever. Also, please remember we are guests of the Temple, and we should bring no meat products, please.

—Anita Abrahamson

President's Message

What a wonderfully informative workshop day we had in January. Thanks Meg for organizing that. We have such a wealth of knowledge in our knitting guild, and so many talented teachers. Rochester is really a great place for knitters.

It's a little crazy to admit this, but I like winter here because I finally get to see everyone's knit wear. We work all year round furiously knitting on sweaters, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, cowls and so many other wonderful things, it's nice to finally get a chance to show them off! Many times I recognize the pattern that someone is wearing and just have to ask them which yarn they used. All those hours spent on Ravelry usually means I have a long list of favorites, and it's nice to see them up close and personal. Last year in a yarn shop in Germany I even saw the Leftie pattern on someone. That was so neat to see that they were making the same patterns we are here. Of course that really shouldn't be such a big surprise since the designer of Leftie is German. What familiar knitwear have you seen in your travels?

Speaking of travels, the Olympics are just around the corner. What will be your project to work on during the Olympics? My goal is to finish my sister's sweater, and get a second mitten made for my daughter. I try to make my goals easily attainable.

Happy Knitting

—Tina Turner, President



Community Knitting

Wow! We are a productive and very generous group of knitters and crocheters. An astounding 245 items were donated at the January meeting: preemie and baby hats, children's and adult hats, scarves, mittens, baby booties, helmet liners, five lovely red scarves, and lots of yarn. Thank you to all! These items have been donated to the following organizations: School 15, Crafts Bits & Pieces, The Neonatal Unit at Strong, Trillium Health, and Packages from Home, which sponsors the helmet liner project.

In addition, during the past month we received very gracious and appreciative thank you notes from Shelley Matthews of the Rochester Public Library and the children to whom she donated our hats and mittens (stop by the Community Knitting table to see an adorable photograph of the children wearing their new items), Packages from Home, Strong NICU, Unity Health System, and St. Vincent De Paul in Canandaigua. Our efforts and artistry are truly appreciated, and all of these items are keeping people warm.

We have had a specific request from Strong NICU for "themed preemie hats" for the seasons. They would love pumpkin hats for fall, Christmas/holiday hats, and perhaps red/white/blue for Memorial Day and/or the Fourth of July. Also, we've had requests for knitting needles for use by teachers who volunteer to teach groups of children.

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

—Pamela Miller Ness



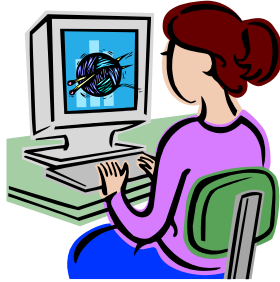
Park Avenue Knit Creations

Mary Beth Bell
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Rochester, New York 14617
(585) 943-4227

Online sales at eBay, Etsy and Amazon or
retail hours by appointment

On the Web

Once you start knitting hearts you may just fall in love and won't want to stop. You will find yourself knitting them for Valentine's Day and beyond. You can knit them large and felt them into mug-mats; you can knit them small and attach them to greeting cards; you can knit them any size you like and wear them on hats, as pins, or even wear them on your sleeves!



This first link will show you how to design a heart or any other shape you are interested in knitting, and also how to knit it: <http://www.oddknit.com/design/shapes/irregular.html>.

While the heart above is knit side to side, this link shows how to knit a heart from bottom to top for another style: <http://thewittyknit.wordpress.com/2012/10/31/how-to-knit-a-heart-shape/>.

If you type in Lacy-Edge Heart Potholder at the Lion Brand site you'll get a lovely heart pattern that can also be easily felted to make a great patch, or pocket, or mug mat: <http://www.lionbrand.com/cgi-bin/patternFinder.fcgi>.

Elizabeth Zimmermann has a great heart pattern as well, which also makes great patches et al. and can easily be made into a hat. The pattern is in her Knitting Workshop book and can be purchased online at Ravelry as well: <http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/heart-hat-wg20-so8>

—Deb Scorse

NEW USER NAME AND PASSWORD:

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



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. on Tuesdays from 10:30-12:30. Contact Shannon Kavanagh, lifestyle director, 585-924-7043 Skavanagh@legacyfirways.com

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

After the free-for-all (literally!) at the last meeting, RKG donated any remaining leaflets to Bits and Pieces in Fairport (thanks, Meg!). So at our February meeting we will have room to display the knitting magazines recently donated by a non-member. These will also be free, although donations would be appreciated!

Someone requested the book "Tadpoles & Tiddlers" and that has been acquired, along with a couple of other finds at the Yarn Boutique. So stop by and browse!

—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

We welcome our newest member, Liz Albright.

Door prize winners at our January meeting:

Sock Yarn One Skein Wonders book & Maria Diaz yarn: Serena Kniffin-Struble;

Bottle of Soak wool wash: Marie Brate

Raffle prize winners:

Feederbrook Farm yarn and Red Barn Mitt pattern: Wendy Schreiber;

Sock Monkey Tape measure: Liz Albright

Reminder: Ticket sales are from 6:30-7:15.

We want you to stop by and pick up your free blue door prize ticket at each meeting—it's our way of counting attendance!

—Nancy Harrington

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Spring Knitting Retreat March 7, 8, 9th

Just can't get away for the whole weekend?

You can still join us for the Saturday Workshops.

The Day Camper fee of \$65 includes:
2 Workshop Sessions and Lunch is provided.

Morning:

Traveling Stitches or Fair Isle Hat

Afternoon: Chevron Mitten or Springtime Embellishments

Full Workshop Descriptions are posted on the Guild Website.

http://www.rochesterknitting.org/workshop_descriptions.pdf

or FMI contact Nina.Raqueño@gmail.com

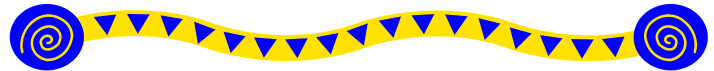
Only 2 spots left for overnight accommodations!

You must be registered by the Feb 10th Guild meeting to be eligible for the Judy Pratt Memorial Retreat Scholarship.

One lucky member will attend the Retreat absolutely FREE!

The drawing will take place at the February Guild meeting.

—Nina Raqueño



Stash Busting Sale

I'm moving back to Florida and can't take all this fiber with me. All wool (Opal sock yarn, Noro—you name it, I got it!)

Morgan Estates Senior Apts Community Center

4339 Clear View Drive, Geneseo, NY
(Behind Staples/Wegmans mall)

Saturday, Feb 22 10-4; Sunday 10-4

Questions: Call Cathie Benna @ [518-461-9233](tel:518-461-9233)
or Val Gropp @ [585-519-9540](tel:585-519-9540)

Yarn Auction

Don't forget to take this time to organize your stash and donate that yarn you just don't know what to do with to the guild for our yarn auction. The more donations, the better our auction. Thanks in advance.

—Julia Cialini

Member Shop News

Hello knitters. A heads up for Super Bowl Sunday: Bead and Fiber Fantasy in Marion is having a pre-super bowl sale on Sunday, Feb. 2. There will be chili and snacks, 20% off all regular priced yarns, and 40% off patterns and books! Sounds like great fun, and the perfect time to start a super bowl project.

Happy Knitting.

—Pam Knapp

RKG Member Shops

Please remember to call ahead to check hours

Alfred Knitting Studio

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Auburn, NY
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