

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**

February Program: Colorwork

Winters in Western NY tend to be rather monochromatic; shades of white, gray, beige, mud, slush... ick! Well, let's liven things up a bit and talk about Color Knitting in February. We'll discuss 3 methods of adding color to your knitting—Stripes, Stranded Color Patterns, and Intarsia and then have a quick break out session or two to go over the basics of a couple of techniques. Details are still being hammered out, but be assured that Jogless Stripes in Circular Knitting will be part of the program—carried over from January.

-Meg Weglarz

Community Knitting

Many thanks to all of the wonderful knitters who donated over 300 scarves, hats, mittens, slippers, shawls, baby garments and books! What a blessing to so many in need during this very frigid winter! And to the wonderful gentleman, Bill Nixon, who surprised us with 10 tubs full of yarn from his wife!

In November we donated 10 hats and 5 pairs of mittens to St. Vincent DePaul in Canandaigua, NY. In December the Rochester Public Library received 30 sets of hats and mittens and 25 books. This month The Saint's House received 48 items including hats, sets of mittens, scarves and slippers. Also, this month we donated 15 shawls and 40 chemo hats to the Lipson Cancer Center at Rochester General Hospital. We also donated 70 preemie hats to the Neo-Natal Unit at Strong Hospital. The Open Door Mission received 11 items.

We are still collecting red scarves and wraps for The Red Scarf Project. This is a wonderful way of using your left over red yarn to help someone affected with HIV/AIDS stay warm this winter. Also, we have requests for lap robes and blankets. So, keep on knitting, knitting and knitting! Please stop by our table where we have beautiful donated yarn and free patterns!

-Bonnie Santora and Noma Kent

2015 Calendar

Feb 9

Colorwork

Mar 9 Hats, Hats & More Hats!

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. 23

6:30 pm

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

All members are welcome to attend.

Deadline for March '15 Newsletter

Submit all articles by **Feb. 15** to newsletter@rochesterknitting.org

On the Web



Even if it wasn't February we'd be looking at hearts because let's face it ~ we ♥ knitting! We love to knit for our family and friends, we love to knit for ourselves and for people we don't even know. We simply love to knit.

So every now and then, and

Valentine's Day is always a good now, we even love to knit hearts! There are puffy hearts to knit: https:// www.youtube.com/watch?v=EE3oHswyvC0 that is a video link, and the pattern can be found here: http:// www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/little-hearts

There are hearts to be knit all over the fabric: http:// www.craftcookie.com/knitting-stitches/knit-purlstitches/107-simple-stockinette-hearts

And for those short of time (or for all of us who enjoy short, fun projects) there are tiny hearts waiting to be knit. You can find a free, very cute little heart pattern https://knittingwithheart.wordpress.com/2012/05/04/ sweetie%E2%9D%A4knit%E2%9D%A4heart-a-tiny-freepattern/ at that link. There is also a little heart to knit at this link: http://mochimochiland.com/2007/02/freepattern-hearts/. And a heart fit for a card can be found here: http://alliknitts.blogspot.com/2007/07/miniatureknitting-challenge.html

You can even knit your own candy hearts! http:// www.justbcrafty.com/2014/01/embroidered-conversationheart-knit.html

> 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.

If none of those steal your heart, or you just aren't feeling the need to knit a heart, you might want to check out some Heartfelt Knitting ~ a book by Tamara Mello with some lovely knitted projects to felt. You can check it over right here: http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/ sources/heart-felt-knits-25-fresh--modern-felting-projects/ patterns

And for general inspiration ~ don't forget to check out google! https://www.google.com/search? q=i+heart+knitting&newwindow=1&safe=off&source=In ms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ei=m2m-VPVikdSDBKb4g qM&ved=0CAkQ AUoAq&biw=1600&bih =767

Happy Knitting!

-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 s1k1psso ~ We're on facebook too ~ https://www.facebook.com/ rochesterknittingquild?ref=hl

Hospitality

Snacks for the February meeting will be provided by those whose last names begin with A-J. Next month: K-P.

Please remember no meat products, and bring your own mug to save the environment and the budget.

See you in February.

—Anita Ahrahamson





President's Message

My search for the perfect tea cozy.

I never thought it would be such a difficult search on Ravelry. Of course I didn't really know what type of cozy I was looking for. I knew that I wanted it to stay on the tea pot while keeping the tea warm. So that eliminated all the ones that are more like covers. In fact I once used a knit hat that was slightly felted as a tea cozy. It worked really well. That is a good option for when you are having a tea party and aren't ready with a tea cozy. Next, I needed to decide what type of design I wanted. I liked the fairisle but the patterns they used didn't really grab me. Besides it was difficult to find the teapot size they were made for. Of course I only wanted to use the free patterns, which really limited my choices some more. Naturally I didn't have any cozy patterns in my library—bummer. The yarn I wanted to use was a sport weight so that limited my choices again. Seems most of the patterns were for worsted weight or fingering weight. Then I was looking at cable patterns, but the yarn weight wasn't right, plus none of them were grabbing me either. I ended up combining two different designs and designed my own. The only thing that remained from the original was my number of cast on stitches. I used two colors, making 3 stripes of contrast color, and doing most of it in seed stitch. To beautify the opening around the handle and the spout I added I-cord. The spout has the darker yarn as I-cord, just in case it drips when pouring. The handle has a lighter colored I-cord, with a button closing the space a little more under the handle. Plus it helps the user know which way to put the cozy on the teapot. Now I have to make a second one, in the same colors. Both will be given away with a coordinating teapot at my Anniversary Artisan Market. I'll make sure to post pictures on my Ravelry page

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.

<u>Mondays</u>—Sit and Stitch, 3:30-5 at Webster Public Library, 980 Ridge Road, Webster. Contact the library at 872-7075.

<u>Tuesdays</u>—Fairways Legacy in Victor, 681 High St., Victor, NY. from 10:00-12:30. Contact 585-924-7043

<u>Wednesdays</u>—Knit Clique, 12-2 pm at Brighton Library, 2300 Elmwood Avenue. Contact the library at 784-5300 or visit their website:

 $\underline{www.Brightonlibrary.org/library/Adults\ prog.htm}.$

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

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

<u>Fridays</u>—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!

<u>3rd Saturdays</u>—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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Online sales at eBay, Etsy and Amazon or retail hours by appointment



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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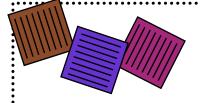
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Afghan

Afghan squares will be available for sale at our February 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



Knitting Circle First Anniversary Celebration!

February 7, 2015, Ilam-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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2nd Annual Caledonia Wrapped in Wool

HOOK-IN & KNIT-IN

February 21, 2015 9am-3:30pm

\$25/person for the day's event

includes snacks & beverage, lunch at the Village Inn, and wine & cheese at The Woolery at 3:30pm.

\$20/person for dinner

at the Village Inn at 5pm family & friends welcome!

- Hookers will meet upstairs at the Village Inn
- Knitters, crocheters & spinners meet at the Town Hall (just down from the shop)
- Featured patterns/kits available for a fee or bring your own project to work on
- Genesee County Inn offering an overnight special -- \$139/night for one room that sleeps 2 people

Reserve your spot now!

Call Libby or Debbie at 585-538-9898 or email at wooleryonmain@gmail.com

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Please remember to call ahead to check hours

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