



News for Ewes

"all the news that's fit to knit"

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Program News

ARAN KNITTING

If you ever go across the sea to Ireland and even if you don't. Have you ever wondered just what IS Aran knitting and what makes it so special? What are the stitches, what's the history? How the heck do I knit that??? Our March meeting's program will be focused on those beautiful knits from the Emerald Isle—with a pattern or two to share, as well. Sure, and we'll see you there!

—Meg Weglarz

Calling for Nominations

It's time to start thinking about nominations for next year's RKG Board. We will take nominations at the March meeting for the elected officials which include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Director.

The slate will be presented at the April meeting and elections will take place at our year-end May meeting.

So please look around the room and consider making some nominations.

—Nina Raqueño, Nominating Committee

Afghan

All afghan knitters!

March is afghan month! Remember to bring your rectangle.

—Valerie McPherson

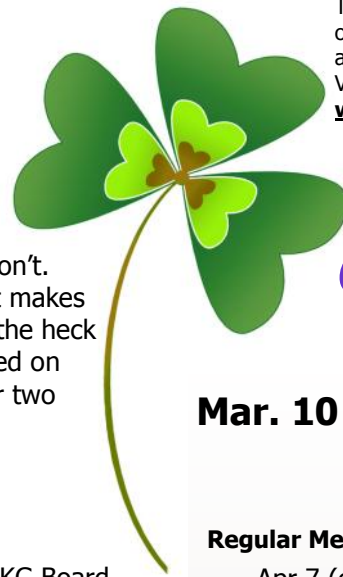
Hospitality

Thank you to all who are contributing snack items to the hospitality table. It is an added bonus to be able to offer a snack to those attending our meetings. Also, thanks for bringing your own mugs to save on Styro-foam cups and help the environment.

For the March meeting those whose last names begin with K-P can bring treats, and in April those whose last names begin with Q-Z.

See you at the March meeting.

—Anita Abrahamson



2013-14 Calendar

Mar. 10 Aran Knitting

Regular Meetings

Apr 7 (one week earlier than usual)

May 12

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:

Mar. 24

6:30 pm

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

*All members
are welcome to attend.*

Deadline for Apr. '14 Newsletter

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

Community Knitting

A hearty thank you to the generous knitters this month who contributed mittens, scarves, children and adult hats, and a large batch of preemie caps. These items have been donated to The Neonatal Unit at Strong and Open Door Mission. During the past month we received very gracious and appreciative thank you notes from Packages from Home (recipient of the helmet liners) and Strong NICU. Our efforts and artistry are truly appreciated, and all of these items are keeping people warm.

We have recently had a request from Kim Camille, recreation therapist at Villa of Hope in Greece, for volunteer teachers of knitting and/or crochet for small groups of young women. Classes would probably be scheduled for Tuesday evenings or Thursday afternoons. If you're interested, please e-mail or call Kim at:

kim.camille@villaofhope.org or at 865-1550 x720.

In addition, we have had a specific request from Strong NICU for "themed preemie hats" for the seasons. They would love pumpkin and apple hats for fall, Christmas/holiday hats, and perhaps red/white/blue for Memorial Day and/or the Fourth of July.

We can still use children and adult hats and mittens, scarves, baby and preemie hats, helmet liners, and anything else you would enjoy making. There's a grateful recipient for everything!

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

—*Pamela Miller Ness*



President's Message

What to knit in the winter.

First of all you need to tailor it to the region of the country you're in and the type of winter you are experiencing. If you live in the southern states you would normally stick to summery yarns and light weight projects. Occasionally you would make a scarf or hat to take care of the random cooler days that do happen. However, this winter is the exception. I would suggest working on a blanket of some kind, and make sure to always carry it with you to work on, with all the yarn needed to complete it. You never know when you are going to be stuck in your car for hours on the interstate because of the sudden unexpected snowstorm. If something like this would occur, the blanket will serve two purposes, one to keep you warm and the other to keep you busy for those many hours that it takes to get moving again. If you live further north like we do here in Rochester you have more options. We are fortunate that it is unlikely for us to be stuck for hours at a time in the car since we have the snow removal equipment that can handle these long winters. At the beginning of the winter it is the time to knit up sweaters, mittens, hats, scarves, all the traditional winter wear that we use here. Now that it seems like it will never stop snowing and winter will never end, I suggest thinking of the future. We all know that eventually winter will end and we will have summer. This would be a good time to start knitting a lightweight summer top, or lacy shrug to go over that special summer dress. By the time our winter is finally over you will be ready for the summer! Make sure to pick out a nice light color that will help with the long dark evenings, and then think of when you will wear this beautiful summer item. Before you know it spring will be here and summer will be just around the corner!



Keep thinking warm summer sun!

Happy Knitting

—*Tina Turner, President*



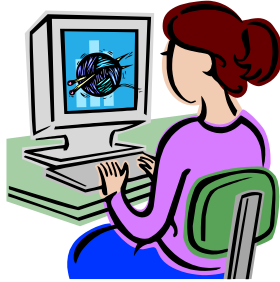
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On the Web

An unfamiliar word popped up the other day: Capitonym, or words that are spelled alike except for capitalization. Not just homonyms or homographs but actually their own subset. One example of them is March. As it is March, we'll march right along to some of the homographs and homonyms we have in knitting. To start with there is yarn, the fiber and yarn, the story about the skein that got away.



We have buy, which is what we do at a Fiber Festival and bye, what we say to our money as we buy. Haul is all the fiber you got at the Fiber Festival and hall, where you may have to store the overflow of your haul. There is knot, the fastening or tangling of yarn and not, as in hoping yarn is not in a knot. A tear is a hole that can happen in your knitting and tear, the salty liquid that comes from your eye when your knitting does tear. Lace is to fasten a shoe or garment, while lace is what you knit that is supposed to have holes. Ball is what your yarn is in after you wind it, while bawl is what you do when you find your cat thought that very ball was for him to unwind and knot.

Which brings us back to wind, the gusts of air that make the month of March so interesting and wind, what we need to do to put our yarn into a ball. And there are many ways to wind yarn, with examples galore on the web. There are instructions on how to hand wind a center pull ball of yarn at <http://www.instructables.com/id/Hand-Wind-a-Ball-of-Yarn/>. There are many variations out there ~ you can use a knitting needle, as shown here:

<http://blog.lionbrand.com/2012/07/13/keep-yarn-organized-learn-how-to-wind-a-center-pull-ball-by-hand/>, or a paper towel tube shown here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1r1eYsqeMV0> You can even wind yarn with a turkey baster: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnMT08SH-Sc>

If you prefer to use a ball winder and swift you can see how to here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJKF7G60JrU> Or, if you'd like to make your own ball winder and swift, you'll find plans at this site: <http://www.lisaboyer.com/Claytonsite/yarnpackagepage.htm>

The March winds can put a spring in your step and will even bring us Spring eventually, and enchantingly can also do some knitting if it's harvested ~ as the folks at The Wind Knitting Factory are doing: http://www.merelkarhof.nl/merel_karhof_-_product_design/wind_knitting_factory.html

—Deb Score

NEW USER NAME AND PASSWORD:

The Members Only page, of our web site www.rochesterknitting.org, uses the username: **lacygauge**, and the password: **luytoyfwd** We're on facebook too ~ <https://www.facebook.com/rochesterknittingguild?ref=hl>

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@legacyfairways.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

For all our intrepid and adventurous sock knitters, we have acquired a copy of "Soulfull Socks—Knitting from the Ground Up" by Betty Salpekar. Betty is a past president of RKG. (See Tina, you can be famous one day, too!) I expect some demand for this book, so it will NOT be renewable but must be returned at the next meeting. Another new book is "Colorwork Socks: 7 Patterns to Knit".

—Marsha Peone



Membership

A big "thank you" to everyone who has helped out with greeting, ticket sales and the Membership table. Volunteers for the past 2 months include Cynthia Kesselring, Kathleen Richards, Cindy Proano, Carol Klinger, Rosemary Johnson, Sue Ackerman, Pam Knapp, Theresa Jeane, Alisson Goldberg, Kathy Stavish, and Deb Sprague, and others who help put out the name tags and buy the door prizes. Without so many willing hands, things wouldn't run so smoothly.

Reminder: Ticket sales are from 6:30 – 7:15. When you pick up your nametag, please pick up your free blue door prize ticket also. It's our way of counting attendance.

Winners of the prize drawings in February:

Anita Abrahamson (Koigu Kersti)

Esther Waldman (Rowan Kidsilk Creation)

Darlene Dobbins (Namaste bag)

Nina Raqueño (Luna Paints)

—Nancy Harrington

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!



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