



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.
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Program News

YARN AUCTION

For our April meeting we will have our annual Yarn Auction. Carol Ritter Wright has graciously agreed to be our auctioneer again this year. So come prepared to bid and bring home that lot of yarn you can't live without! We will have many lots to choose from so make sure to bring your bidding arm and get ready to outbid your neighbor.

Remember the meeting is one week earlier than usual.
See you then.

—Meg Weglarz

Member Shop News

The Village Yarn & Fiber Shop will be hosting a knit a long (KAL) for Betty Salpekar's *Solefull Socks: Knitting from the Ground Up* on Thursday nights from 6-9 pm starting April 3rd and ending May 31st. The book and yarns used for the book projects will be available beginning April 1st. Deb, one of the shop teachers, is casting on a pair as well, and will be at the shop to help!

Also, The Village Yarn & Fiber Shop will be hosting a book signing and demonstration with Betty Salpekar, past president of Rochester Knitting Guild and author of *Solefull Socks: Knitting from the Ground Up*. This special event will be held Wednesday, May 14 from 6-9 pm at the shop in East Rochester. Betty will be available for help with this new and exciting sock construction. Books will be available at the shop beginning April 1st. Please call 586-5470 to reserve a book. There is no registration fee.

—Pam Knapp

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 Styrofoam cups and help the environment.

For the April meeting those whose last names begin with Q-Z can bring treats.

—Anita Abrahamson



2013-14 Calendar

April 7
**Yarn
Auction**

Regular Meetings

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:

April 28

6:30 pm

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

*All members
are welcome to attend.*

**Deadline for
May '14 Newsletter**

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

Community Knitting

Many, many thanks to all the generous knitters this month who contributed 106 items: mittens, scarves, children and adult hats, slippers, baby blankets and buntings, and a large batch of preemie caps. These items have been donated to The Neonatal Unit at Strong and House of Mercy. Many of you may have read the recent article in the *Democrat & Chronicle* about the House of Mercy's outreach to the homeless in our city and their need for warm clothes.

If you have time to share your skills through teaching, just a reminder about the 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.

Hopefully, by our next two meetings, spring will be (almost) here, so we don't have a huge need for warm hats and mittens at this time. Please continue to make them, but if possible hold them for our fall collection for city school children. We do continue to need baby items, preemie hats, and scarves for veterans.

If anyone needs knitting needles for classes, we received a large supply at the March meeting. 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 if you were stranded on a desert island and were allowed to bring only one knitting project. Would you bring an easy project, or a real hard one that would take you lots of time? Would it be a very large item like an afghan or a smaller project? So I've thought this through a little bit. I would bring an intricate and large lace project that can be knit on size US #7 needles. The intricate lace would keep me busy for a long time and I would certainly have enough time on my hands. Since I've planned ahead for this "trip" I would wear a large and very long hand knit kimono style sweater. The sweater could be unraveled, and I could use the US #7 needle to rework the yarn! This gives me enough yarn to make something else—maybe a few things. I could make a lap blanket, and still have enough for a hat and cowl. Since I'll be stranded for a long time, I will lose all sorts of weight, and then when I unravel my projects, I'll be able to make more things: a sweater out of the lace yarn, and another one out of the kimono yarn, with plenty of yarn left over. I could even combine the yarns and make an intricate thick and thin item! Now you're probably thinking that it's a desert island, most likely a tropical place. Who needs all those cold weather items? Here's the thing.....this is all pretend so I can dream up all sorts of ridiculous scenarios! Here's one more: Once I am rescued from the desert island, I would start a new website called Unravelry so that people could post only items that have been made from unraveled yarn.

—Tina Turner, President

Library

The April meeting is your last chance to take advantage of our collection until fall! During the May meeting, we will be doing our end-of-year inventory, so the library will be open only for returns.

Welcome to our new volunteers, Heather, Vicky, Ophelia, and Jo-Ann!

—Marsha Peone





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

On the Web

It's Yarn Auction time again! And here are some great ideas on how to make sure you have room in your current stash for all the fabulous new things you may get at the auction, as well as how to organize all those fabulous fibers you bring home, with one or two thoughts on what to do with your soon to be newly augmented stash! If you aren't sure how to get started, check out some of the online tips available. For some ideas on organizing your yarn any of the following suggestions from Fresh Stitches: <http://www.freshstitches.com/plan-organize-yarn-stash-ideas/>, Knitting.About: <http://knitting.about.com/od/yarn/a/How-To-Organize-Yarn.htm>, and All Free Knitting <http://www.allfreeknitting.com/Tips-for-Knitting/21-Tips-for-Yarn-Stash-Storage> will get you going.



There is a great idea for organizing a wall of yarn here: <http://knitsforlife.com/2013/03/26/the-worlds-best-yarn-storage-idea/> and an excellent collection of basic ideas can be found here: <http://blog.yarn.com/31-days-to-get-organized-how-to-organize-your-yarn-stash/>

Once organized, or to help you get that way, Ravelry, <https://www.ravelry.com> has a type of 'stash' tool you can find under your "my notebook" section (if you are a member) and from there, on the left, pick "stash". It can help you keep track of your yarn as well as list for trade or sale any yarn you might no longer want.

Once your yarn is organized, you won't want to stop and your knitting accessories will be ready and waiting for their turn ~ and knitting something is a good way to make room for more yarn too so here is a free pattern for a lovely felted needle case from Berroco: <http://www.berroco.com/patterns/kable>

The fun part, as always, is using up all that wonderful fiber you have re-discovered in your stash, or that you will get at the auction. Your imagination is the best site for ideas on what to knit, but a look at this patchwork blanket may help get the juices flowing: <http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/knitted-patchwork-recipe>

See you at the auction!

—Deb Scorse

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@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.

Impatiently Waiting for Spring?

These stunning daffodils are knit from the book Noni Flowers: 40 Exquisite Knitted Flowers.

Here is a link to the free pattern:

<http://www.allaboutyou.com/prima/free-knitting-pattern-daffodil>

—Nina Raqueño



Membership

Welcome to our newest member, Rosemary VanDerzell.

I appreciate all of you volunteers at the March meeting who helped with nametags, tickets, door prizes, greeting, and membership forms.

The prize winners for the March meeting were:

Blue ticket winners:

Jeanne Bringley
Melissa Cushman
Brenda Munch

Red ticket big prize winners:

Sue Sayre (Opal sock yarn)
Laurie Newton (Rowan felted tweed)

—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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ROCHESTER KNITTING GUILD
 FY 7/1/2012 – 6/30/2013 Fiscal Review Report
 Submitted by Holly L. Bauer-Mergen

This fiscal review was comprised of a review of the Treasurer's books, including monthly bank statements, the checkbook register, receipts, invoices, and the summary financial statements (monthly and year-end), as well as supporting documentation. The review used basic accounting principles. The financial records of the Rochester Knitting Guild are kept on a cash basis.

Summary of Income and Expenses

Beginning Balance:		12714.64
Total Income:		22922.20
Membership Dues:	8276.00	
Fall Workshop, 2013:	5505.00	
Fall Workshop, 2014:	1645.00	
Spring Retreat:	4055.00	
Raffles:	1230.20	
Yarn Auction:	1247.00	
Other:	964.62	
Total Expenses:		18461.58
Operations;	7686.66	
Rent & Insurance:	7105.13	
Library	275.79	
Other:	305.74	
Programming:	10190.71	
Fall Workshop, 2012;	4333.69	
Spring Retreat, 2012:	3658.21	
Raffles/Prizes:	777.75	
Programming:	264.53	
Other:	1156.53	
Membership/Newsletter:	584.21	
Ending Balance:		17175.26

General Overview

Most recommendations from the prior year were implemented. The books were generally well-kept, but there were inconsistencies among documents (check register, ledger, invoices); some were problems related to misunderstanding how to address income received related to expenses in a different period, as well as the cancelation of the Rhinebeck trip and the requirement to report it for cash basis accounting. (Other minor problems were simple math errors.) Back-up documentation was generally very well done; documentation for the large events was well done and much improved from prior years.