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Provisional Cast Ons

pro·vi·sion·al (prə·vī·ZHənəl/) *adjective*

1. arranged or existing for the present, possibly to be changed later.

"a provisional cast on"

Provisional Cast On—a very handy thing to know how to do for so many things you may knit from time to time. I'm sure that many, if not most, of you have heard of Provisional Cast Ons but it never hurts to try a new technique or a new method of using a technique. For the Mini-Workshops in January 2016, we're focusing on 4 methods of casting on provisionally.

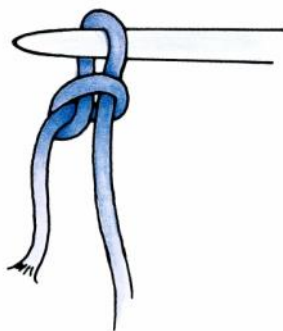
- Crocheting over your knitting needle, led by Sue Sayre
- Provisional Cast On using Scrap Yarn, led by Nancy Vandivert
- Picking up from a Crochet Chain, led by Leslie Shroyer
- The Over/Under Method (or what I call the Dippity Do), led by me, Meg Weglarz

In order to allow as many people as possible to try the different methods, we are going to allow 15 minutes per "session" have a time keeper to bang the gong. We ask that members move on to another mini-workshop after the 15 minute time slot is over. You know we'll stay around for a bit after the meeting to answer questions and help anyone who asks but we'd like to give everyone a chance to try each method that intrigues them.

Please bring needles and scrap yarn to the mini-workshops!

Thanks,

—Meg Weglarz



January 11

Provisional Cast Ons

**Next meeting
Feb 8**

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 25

6:30 pm

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

*All members
are welcome to attend.*

Deadline for February 2016 Newsletter

Submit all articles by
January 19 to:

newsletter@rochesterknitting.org

President's Message

Happy New Year fellow knitters! Have you made any new year's resolutions? I usually don't because the few times I have I wasn't successful. This year since I am going to put them in writing for you all to see I might just stick to them!

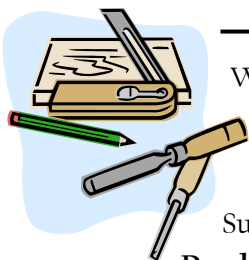
Resolution #1: Organize my stash, books and patterns. I used to have everything pretty much organized but life happens and now I can't find anything when I need it.

Resolution #2: Simplify! Get rid of things! I have way too much stuff; too many knickknacks, kitchen gadgets, holiday decorations, clothes, dishes, bakeware, etc, etc, etc! Most things in my closets, cupboards, and basement haven't seen the light of day in years except for when I'm rifling through them looking for something I need.

What am I going to do first? Work on my stash of course —it will be a pleasure to visit with each and every skein!

Wish me luck!

—Amelia Templar, President



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 wood-working 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.

Spring Retreat

This year we are happy to welcome back Holiday Yarns for additional Dyeing Workshops and Jane Gibson will lead us through Not-So-Scary Steeking.

Registration will continue at the January Guild Meeting.

—Nina Raqueño



Knitting Circle Second Anniversary Celebration!

We'll have local vendors, some that you have already seen at past Artisan Markets and the Finger Lakes Fiber Festival as well as some new ones. Included are: Longmeadow Farm, Stone Edge Fibers, Firefly Farm, gnarledpaw, Yarn Culture, and more!

February 27, 2016, 11am-4pm

Save the date! Come celebrate the Anniversary with an Artisan Market Extravaganza!

Century Club of Rochester
566 East Ave. Rochester NY 14607
Corner of East Ave. & Southallen Park, Free parking.



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kumihimo • paper arts

surface design • jewelry

Community Knitting

A huge thank you to all the mitten knitters who contributed to the Mitten Campaign. We have a total of 118 pairs which will certainly keep little, and big, hands warm when the snow arrives.

It'll arrive, for sure. We also collected 52 adult hats, 20 scarves, and 16 child/preemie hats. Thank you to all.

As you may recall, Amelia mentioned that the yarn we have for knitting items for community knitting has been sorted by Deb, Amelia, and myself into loose color groups. They will be in bags against the wall where our tables are set up so that you can choose from the many colors we have. We also have patterns for hats, preemie hats, mittens, lap blankets so check those out when you are choosing yarn for your next charitable project.

Thank you again

—Deb Goehring and Betsy McGee



Afghan

Afghan square kits are available for sale at our January meeting for \$4 each. We're knitting mitered squares in 5 lovely shades of Berroco Ultra Alpaca yarn. Skills needed: cast on, knit, knit 2 together, and bind off—you can do it!

Please return the finished squares as soon as possible -- by the March meeting, at the latest. The drawing for the finished afghan will be at the May meeting.

—Michele Czekela and Nancy Harrington

Spring Workshops

Reminder: Patty Lyons is on her way to Rochester New York! Yay! The Guild was able to snag the renowned designer and instructor. If you asked Santa for a class or two, or three, there are still opening in all of the workshops except the Introduction to Portuguese Knitting. That leaves 7 opportunities to enjoy one of Patty's workshops. Cindy Proano (ciproano@gmail.com) or Cheri Switzer (cswitzer@rochester.rr.com) can take your request and get you into a class.

Starting in January, the workshops are going to be marketed to the Knitting Guild of Greater Buffalo and on Ravelry. If you don't want to miss the opportunity to learn from Patty, please send your registration to Cheri Switzer, 73 Tree Brook Dr., Rochester, NY 14625.

—Cindy Proano and Cheri Switzer

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.

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).

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!

3rd Saturdays—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

Web

The password for the member section of the web site is k2togtbl

Also, go to the Rochester Knitting Guild page on Facebook and be sure to "like" us. And feel free to post finished objects/patterns there for our members.

Hospitality

Here is the snack rotation listing for the remainder of the year. Please help provide a treat during the month where your last name falls in the alphabet. January treats will be provided by those whose last names begin with S-Z.

- February: A-F
- March: G-L
- April: M-R
- May: S-Z

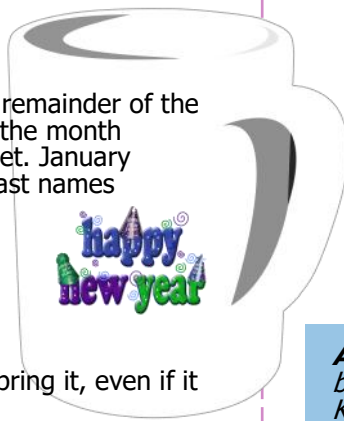
If you have something to share, please bring it, even if it isn't your turn.

Please remember we are guests at the Temple and to be considerate—please bring NO meat products.

And let us not forget the environment (and the RKG budget): bring your own mug for coffee or tea, please.

Thanks for your help.

—Anita Abrahamson



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.

—Amelia Templar, President

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There is Room for You! There are vacant positions—please consider volunteering!

Library

I am going to have to apologize for the contents of this article being seasonally late. I am still working on the inventory of the books and preparing for the annual book auction which will take place in March. Over the past few months some of the members have donated some really wonderful books ranging from Estonian lace shawls, Everything baby, and some basic instructional books on knitting and crochet. One book that really caught Lelanda's attention was Stephanie Pearl-McPhee's book: "The Yarn Harlot's Guide to the Land of Knitting". Quoted from the back of the outer cover: *Let Knitting Carry you Away!*

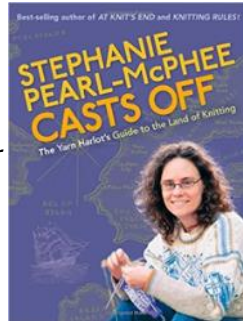
Pick up your bags. (How much yarn?)

Map out your course. (Where's the closest yarn store?)

Learn The Language (Just one more row...)

Find your traveling buddies. (Look for the telltale needle holes in the purse.)

And cast off with Stephanie Pearl-McFee on a trip from which you may never return.



I have tried to get permission from Franklin Habit to publish some of his cartoons from the book, "It itches." I had chosen a scene of a fireplace and a large Christmas tree standing to the right of it. Nailed to the fireplace mantel are two uncompleted stockings each with a spool of yarn hanging from it. In front of the fireplace are two unhappy children with the oldest child saying: "Frankly, Timmy, my Christmas would be merrier if Mother would learn not to procrastinate." Lelanda has found a couple of cartoons on the internet to entertain you in the meantime.



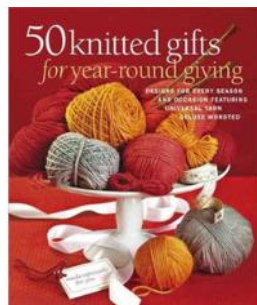
The Book of the Month:

This newsletter being written so close to Christmas I felt that the subject of giving gifts would be appropriate. So I have chosen the book:

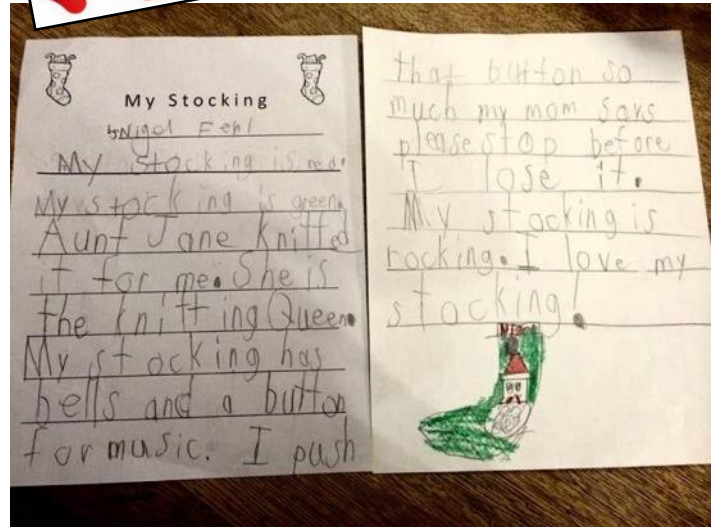
"50 Knitted Gifts for Year-round Giving." On the cover an introduction reads as follows:

Designs for every season and occasion featuring universal yarn deluxe worsted. While reading through the table of contents all of the projects represent a particular holiday during the year.

Beginning with an Auld Lang Syne Fingerless Mitts the book continues through the year celebrating Mother's Day, Father's Day, Passover, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas and New Years. All of the project patterns are easy to read and many of them are great for thinning out the odd bit.



—Barbara Ryon-Covill-Gay



SewGreen Update

Dear fellow knitters,

Wow! At shop night in November, you donated 135 pounds of material, with promises of more to come, to SewGreen @ Rochester's new venture. Two solid, working sewing machines accounted for 44 of those pounds. And several of you signed up to learn more about us, or to be volunteers. Thank you!

Knitters rock!

—Patti Blaine, Volunteer Coordinator

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