



News for Ewes

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Getting Even More out of Ravelry

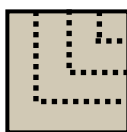


We've talked about searching for patterns and yarns on Ravelry and we've talked about using Stash to help manage your stash. In February, we'll be exploring even more of the wonderful things you can do in Ravelry.

Using Favorites and the Queue
Bundling
Uploading photos to projects or your stash
And more...

—Meg Weglarz

Afghan Project



It's a great time of year to think about cuddling up under a cozy afghan! Afghan square kits are still available for \$4.00 at the February meeting. We are using 5 lovely shades of Berroco Ultra Alpaca yarn to make mitered squares.

Please return all knitted squares at the March meeting, along with your entry slip for the drawing to win the completed afghan.

Let us know if you have any questions at afghan@rochesterknitting.org.

—Michele Czekela and Nancy Harrington

A Little Help?!

Guild member Nancy Andrus may have left a zip plastic bag with a lilac color scarf in progress and a full skein of Malabrigo DK yarn inside it at the last RKG meeting in January. If you picked it up and are keeping it safe until its return to her, would you please let Meg Weglarz know at vicepresident@rochesterknitting.org or post on the thread in the Ravelry group? You can return the wandering knitting to Nancy at the February meeting. Thank you!



February 8

Getting More Out of Ravelry

**Next meeting
March 14**

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 29

6:30 pm

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

*All members
are welcome to attend.*

Deadline for March 2016 Newsletter

Submit all articles by

February 19 to:

newsletter@rochesterknitting.org

President's Message

Hooray! I finished my guild afghan squares AND my sister-in-law was in awe of how they were knitted. She is not a knitter and had never seen anyone knit without using metal straight needles and I was using a circular needle while knitting mitered squares!

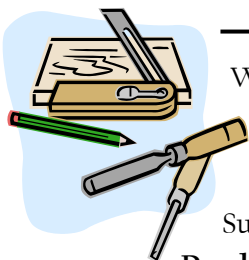
The best part about working on my guild squares was that I was doing it in sunny Florida. I always take along a few projects whenever I travel. As a matter of fact I pack my projects before anything else. I may not work on them every day but they are close by when an opportunity presents itself.

We all have busy lives and we have to take advantage of every opportunity to enjoy our craft. We keep projects in our vehicles, take our projects to appointments and to other places that may allow us a little time to knit. I have even knitted while sitting on the beach and life can't get much better than that!

At our next meeting, February 8th, I am going to ask "Where do you take your knitting?" and I bet we will hear about some unusual places! I will be taking notes because I can always use some new ideas!

Happy knitting wherever you can!

—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 February 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.



• weave • spin • knit • felt • bead • dye • braid •

Weaving & Fiber Arts Center
offering classes for adults and youth

Piano Works Mall, Studio 1940
349 West Commercial Street
East Rochester, NY 14445
585-377-2955

www.weaversguildofrochester.org/center

• tapestry • shibori • marbling • needle arts •

kumihimo • paper arts

surface design • jewelry

Community Knitting

Community Knitting wishes to thank everyone who donated at the January meeting. Here is a list of everything we received this month:

- 3 lap robes, blankets
- 7 baby/child hats
- 2 or 3 mittens

Please stop by the Community Knitting Table in February and pick up some yarn to use to make something for the Community. We've sorted the yarn into color-grouped bags. Feel free to take what you need to make something. If you're out of ideas of what to make, stop by and look through the pattern books. There are many patterns available to take with you.

Betsy McGee and I will be at the Community Knitting table again on February 8th. We look forward to seeing you all!

—*Deb Goehring and Betsy McGee*



Spring Workshops

...will feature Patty Lyons, a nationally recognized teacher known for teaching the "why" of techniques, not just the "how". Workshop information and registration forms are posted on the RKG website, <http://www.rochesterknitting.org/special-events/>

Portuguese Knitting is sold out but there are seats remaining in the other classes. Want to do a better SSK, set your sleeves in perfectly, master the magic of short rows, move beyond jogless stripes or learn the perfect Cast On and Bind Off for a project? One of Patty's classes will help you!

—*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. February treats will be provided by those whose last names begin with 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 have been having so much fun exploring the library that I have decided that one book review is not enough. Which leads me into our first book,

Stephanie Pearl-McPhee Casts Off

Pack your bags. (How much yarn.)

Map out your course.

(Where's the nearest yarn store?)

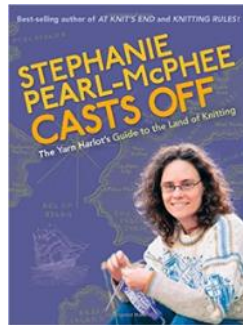
Learn the language. ("Just one more row...")

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

And cast off with Stephanie Pearl-McPhee on a trip from which you may never return—if you're lucky!

Knitting's Yarn Harlot, with her wry humor and unapologetic, obsessive love for everything about this remarkable place, invites you to join her on a hilarious tour of the land of knitting - the land, its people, customs, and the culture. She tells it all - from unusual geographical features such as giant stash to common ailments you may be susceptible to, like *Yarnesia*, *Finish-It-Upitis*, and the dreaded *Second Sock Syndrome*. Along the way, you might get lost in stitches or engrossed by the beauties of lace, but, whatever happens, it's sure to be the journey of a lifetime.

Another book by Stephanie Pearl-McPhee is also part of the Guild's library collection, **Knitting Rules**. She also is the creator and host for the blog for yarn fanatics, www.yarnharlot.com



The second book is for those who have tried to knit with circular needles but haven't gotten comfortable with it yet. Circular knitting has many benefits, including making it easier to follow charts (with the right-side of the work always facing you) and eliminating the need for seams.

And it's fun! In **Circular Knitting**

Workshop, master teacher Margaret Radcliffe covers everything you need to know to master the art of circular knitting; presenting Fair Isle, twined, helix, tubular, and other classic techniques in detailed step-by-step photo-graphic sequences. Thirty-five demonstration projects let you try out each technique on a mini sock, hat, bag, mitten, sweater, or vest before applying it to a larger project.

Radcliffe even shows you how to easily convert patterns written for straight needles to circular.

I would like to remind everyone that the library is open from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 during meetings. All books can be borrowed for one month and renewed for another month. Any time beyond that will cost two dollars per month up until May then the cost of replacing the book will be charged against the person who borrowed the book. Overdue videos cost three dollars per month until May and then you will be billed for the cost of replacing the video.

There will be a Silent Auction for books in March. The library has collected 75 books and will be welcoming more at the February Guild meeting.

—Barbara Ryon-Covill-Gay



RKG Board Nominations

Have you wanted to make a difference in the Rochester Knitting Guild? Consider running for office for the next year. Nominations for officers for next year will be taken in March. So start thinking about who would make a good President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary or Director. The positions are held for one year with a three year maximum. The Director position is a two year position.

Tina Turner will be looking for people to fill these positions in the 2016-2017 Rochester Knitting Guild year. Please contact her if you or someone you know would be a good addition to the Board.



RKG Member Shops

Please remember to call ahead to check hours

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