



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

www.RochesterKnitting.org



2018-19 Calendar

Mar 11 Photographing Your Knits

Doors open at 6:30
Announcements at 7:00.
Program starts afterward.

Book Auction

Apr 8 Donna Druchunas

Help Table

with **Lynne Sherwood**
Available until 7:30 pm.

Next Board Meeting:

Mar 25

6:30 pm

First Baptist Church
of Rochester
175 Allens Creek Road
Rochester NY 14618

Deadline for April Newsletter

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

Find us on the web @
www.rochesterknitting.org.
Password to the members only
area is **P2togtbl**.

Photographing Your Knits

Guild member Leah Evans will be leading our program all about taking great pictures of your knits. Whether you're using a digital point and shoot, fancy DSLR, or the camera on your cell phone, it is possible to take clear, detailed photos of your projects. Whether you're posting on Instagram or your project page on Ravelry or just sending pictures to family and friends, your knits can be showcased like a cover model. There'll be How-To's and hands on as well as some limited opportunities for Leah and her crew to photograph an item for you.

—Meg Weglarz

Book Auction

Our librarians have done a BIG sort and purge of library books to make room for new books. Look for a hundred books in the auction.

Opening bid for all books is \$1.00 and all bidding must be done in one dollar increments.

Wow! Community Knitting Update

You donated more than 200 hats to our winter hat drive! I counted 118 child-and adult-size hats along with 118 preemie-and baby-size hats. We also received scarves, toddler blankets, mittens, and yarn to continue our efforts.

A Giant thank you! to all our members that gave their time and resources to this drive.

New project kits will be available at our next meeting.

Blankets are also still needed for Golisano Children's hospital toddlers. Donations should be approximately 36 in. by 36 in. with no "holes," loose yarn, or fringe that can get tangled around tiny fingers.

Catholic Family Services and Wilmot Cancer Center are also asking for looking for hats, scarves, and mittens!

Thank you!

—Natalie Klein

Yarn Auction

Snowed in?! It's the perfect time to go through your yarn stash, pull out those skeins that never seem to make it on to your needles, and donate them to the auction. We also accept needles and other knitting-related items.

Don't wait to donate! It takes a lot of time and hands to prepare for the auction. We need to start sorting soon.

—Natalie Klein

President's Message

Hello Guilders—

Are any of you intimidated by learning new stitches? I had always loved the look of brioche but thought "I can't do that." Then last year, I was talking with Tina Turner about a brioche class she was going to be teaching. I asked a ton of questions, bought a brioche pattern, and then signed up for the class. Folks, it was awesome! Brioche, it turned out, was nothing more than knit and purl stitches, combined with yarn overs. These were all things I already knew how to do and brioche just takes those elements and makes you use them in a different way. The first few rounds of my practice sample were not pretty, but once you get into a groove, brioche is REALLY FUN. After the class, I cast-on for a bulky brioche cowl and felt like a rock star when I finished.

I dug out that pattern I bought from Tina, her Amber Duet Cowl, and cast-on over the weekend. Although, I had not knit brioche in nearly a year, the sequence came back quickly and I am well on my way to a brand-new cowl. HURRAY!

Remember, knitting is all knits and purls. The seemingly fancy stitches use these two components as the foundation; and if you can master a knit and purl, you can create anything.

Happy knitting,

—Sarah Shepard, President

Meet the Board

Name	Marlene Davidson
Current Offices	Hospitality & Financial Review
Family	Walt Curtis & our son, Scott; his wife, Christine, and two step sons
Occupation	Retired after working for the City of Rochester 35 years full time and 11 years part time
Favorite thing about being in the Guild	Love learning new skills & show and tell
Favorite Pattern	Love them all but I do avoid bobbles
Ravelry ID	marlenefrontier@yahoo.com (not very inventive!!!)



TKGA Master Hand Knitter Program

Are you working on the Master Hand Knitter program through TKGA? Have you succeeded? Or have you stalled in the middle like I have? Would you like to complete it? I would. I have finally put this on my Bucket List!

If you are beginning, in the middle, or finished, and would like to get together and support one another, please let me know. We can find somewhere central to meet, and hopefully a day that works, and GET `ER DONE!

Email me at knitknapp@gmail.com if interested.

—Pam Knapp

Did You Know?

We offer free business card-size ads in the guild newsletter to members & member shops.

Coming Up!

RKG member Marcia Weinert was privileged to travel to Lithuania for two weeks in the summer of 2017, with a group of knitters hosted by this year's RKG guest teacher, Donna Druchunas. Marcia will offer a brief travelogue of their interactions with Lithuanian spinners, knitters, weavers, felters, and crocheters as part of an evening program sponsored by the Weavers Guild of Rochester. The program, which is free and open to the public, will take place from 6:30-8:30 pm on March 18 at the Weaving and Fiber Arts Center, 349 W. Commercial Ave., East Rochester. Hope to see you there!



Rochester Knitting Guild
welcomes

*Donna
Druchunas*

Four Days of
Workshops
April 5-8, 2019

The Rochester Knitting Guild is
delighted to welcome **Donna
Druchunas** for our Spring

2019 Workshops! She is the author of numerous knitting
books and designer of over 400 patterns on Ravelry. She
teaches in the US, Canada and Europe and holds retreats
at her private studio.

We have chosen a unique and interesting array of
workshop topics for our members, find the Descriptions
attached to this newsletter or on the
www.rochesterknitting.org website. PLEASE NOTE that
many of the classes are sold out, but we may have seats
available due to cancellations. Please contact
workshops@rochesterknitting.org to confirm availability.

—Cindy Proano and Cheri Switzer

Class Highlight: Successful Lace Knitting

Monday April 8, 2019, 9:00 am - Noon

This lace class requires
Advanced Beginner to
Intermediate experience
and more experienced
knitters will expand their
knowledge of useful chart
theory and lace skills...and
Donna says there will be a
LOT of swatching! This deep
dive into chart theory and stitch
construction can build your lace
designing skills.



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—Knitting Circle, 1-3, at Irondequoit Public
Library, 1290 Titus Avenue, Irondequoit. Room 213, the
Laurelton room. Contact the library at 336-6062.

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.

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

3rd 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, 405-3435.

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.

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

Hospitality

For our March meeting, please bring treats to share if your last name begins with letters T through Z. All are appreciated, but in honor of St. Patrick's Day, let's make it a luck-y treat! No meat products, please. Don't forget that special "knitting" mug for your drink – I know you all have at least one!!



Bring treats schedule for 2019 is as follows:

March	T through Z
April	A through C
May	D through K

—Marlene Davidson

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.

—Sarah Shepard, President

Debby Abrahams

Individual Lessons: \$30; Group Lessons (3 or more): \$25 ea.

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



Library

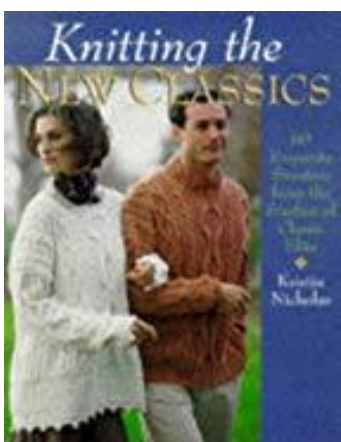
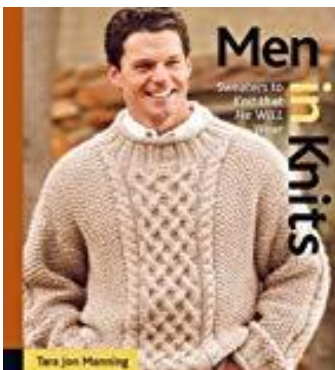
It has been some time since I have written for the newsletter. Lelanda and I have been recovering from many medical issues and just didn't know what to write about. I am going to try to catch up with Meg and all her lectures by showing you books that are in the library that you can take out at your leisure.

In October Meg began a course on Color in Knitting, A Drama in Three Acts. The library has many books that cover color knitting. The Essential Guide to Color Knitting Techniques: Multicolor Yarns, Plain and Textured Stripes, Entrelac and Double Knitting, Stranding and Intarsia, Mosaic and Shadow Knitting. There are many other books to choose from like: The Alchemy of Color Knitting: The Art and Technique of Mastering Exquisite Palettes, Mastering Color Knitting, and An Introduction to Color Knitting.

In December the course became more intense with the application of slip stitch and mosaic stitches. For patterns which use these stitches and more, look up: The New Stranded Colorwork, Alice Starmore's charts for Color Knitting, Colorwork Socks, and Lucy Neatby's Knitting Gems 2.

In January the topic was Cables. Usually one would look for Aran, Fair Isle or native knits from Ireland, Scotland, Scandinavian or Baltic countries. While the library represents all of these, there are also modern patterns to choose from.

—Lelanda Covill
and Barbara Ryon Covill Gay



RKG Member Shops

Please remember to call ahead to check hours

Amelia's Fabric & Yarn Shoppe

Nancy E. Vornaran
7 Upton St.
Hilton, NY 14468
585-392-1192
<http://ameliasfabricandyarnshoppe.com>

Black Purl

Village Gate
274 N. Goodman St. Suite D102
Rochester NY 14607
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Support our local yarn shops!

Spring Workshop Classes

Donna Druchunas

April 5, 6, 7 & 8, 2019

First Baptist Church of Rochester
175 Allens Creek Road
Rochester, NY 14618

Stories in Stitches

Friday - April 5, 2019, 9am - Noon

Experience: Intermediate. Knitters should have basic knitting skills plus experience with reading charts.

Description: In this workshop, we will learn about stories from knitters around the world, and we will learn to knit a pattern stitch from each region and knit a sampler. Stories and techniques will be different in every workshop, but each class will include topics as diverse as: Bavarian twisted-traveling stitches, Irish cables from the Aran Islands, two-color knitting from Norway, Danish texture patterns, Japanese bobbles, Ukrainian lace, Estonian nupps, Andean popcorn stitch, Lithuanian two-color braids, Latvian fringe cast-on, and Swedish twined knitting.

Grandma's Knitting

Friday - April 5, 2019, 1:30 - 4:30 pm

Skill Level: All skill levels welcome.

Description: Learn the version of Continental knitting traditionally used in Lithuania and many other parts of Eastern Europe. This technique is sometimes called Combination or Eastern Uncrossed knitting in the west, but in Lithuania it's known as Grandma's Knitting. This is a fast way to knit and many knitters find it gives them the most even tension of any technique they've tried.

Bosnian Toe-Up Sock

Saturday April 6, 2019: 9 am-Noon + 1:30 - 4:30 pm (6 hour class with lunch break)

Experience: Intermediate, need to know how to knit with double-pointed needles (or 2 circulars or 1 long circular for magic loop)

Description: In this class we will learn how to make a fascinating Bosnian toe-up sock that has a rectangular toe that is knitted flat, but without purls! The rest of the sock is knitted in-the-round with an "after-thought" heel, and decorative finishing. I have several examples of hand-knit Bosnian slipper socks that we will examine closely. We will knit a complete mini sock to learn the techniques, and you'll have a pattern to knit full-sized socks on your own.

Lithuanian Colorwork Mittens

Sunday - April 7, 2019, 9am - Noon

Experience: Intermediate, need to know how to knit with double-pointed needles (or 2 circulars or 1 long circular for magic loop)

Description: Learn to make fabulous colorwork mittens. Choose your own cuff style, thumb technique, and fingertip shaping from traditional options and decorate your mitten with Lithuanian colorwork motifs. A basic pattern is provided, but you'll learn how to make custom-fitted mittens on the fly with just a few key measurements. In this class we will also learn how to embellish our mittens with knitted fringe, baltic braids, and a decorative cast on

Lithuanian Beaded Wristwarmer

Sunday - April 7, 2019, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Experience: Beginners welcome! If you can do the knit stitch, you can make these beaded wrist warmers. (Note: the supplies vary by level so more experienced knitters will be sufficiently challenged!)

Description: Beads add a fabulous touch! Knowing just the basics of knitting, you can easily create colorful designs with beads. Using only garter stitch and learning how to read and work from beading charts, in this workshop, we will make beautiful jeweled wrist warmer cuffs that are inspired by those popular in Lithuania. We will also learn beautiful crochet trim stitches, with and without beads, for trimming the wrist warmers.

Successful Lace Knitting

Monday - April 8, 2019, 9am - Noon

Skill Level: For the advanced-beginner to intermediate knitter. Students should know how to cast on, bind off, knit, and purl, and should have completed several projects.

Description: For years I tried to learn how to knit lace, and was frustrated as I failed each time. I finally gave up because I wanted to have fun knitting and enjoy my hobby. I was able to knit cables, fair isle, intarsia, and even entrelac with no problems, but lace stymied me over and over again. I thought I would never be able to knit lace, until I stumbled onto Dorothy Reade's simple techniques. Working from charts, understanding decreases, and

knitting with worsted-weight yarn and larger needles gave me the confidence and practice I needed to ease into lace knitting. If I learned how to knit lace after years of frustration and failure, I know other knitters can, too! In this workshop we will discuss the tools and yarns used to knit lace, learn how to follow lace charts, and make one swatch in worsted-weight yarn and one in sport-weight yarn. Students will then be ready to knit a lace-weight swatch on their own, and move on to making a simple project such as a lace scarf or hat.

Explore Japanese Knitting: Socks

Monday - April 8, 2019, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Experience: Intermediate. Knitters should have experience knitting several pairs of socks on double-pointed needles (or 2 circulars or 1 long circular for magic loop) and understand the basic construction of a sock (cuff, calf, ankle, heel, heel turn, instep, foot toe).

Description: Japanese knitting books are hot right now. Although the patterns are written entirely in Japanese, they are not impossible for American audiences to read. Very light on text and very heavy on charts and schematics, with a cheat sheet of translations, any adventurous knitter can enter the world of Japanese knitting. In this class we will learn how to understand Japanese sock patterns, focusing on the charts and schematics. Because Japanese patterns usually are written for one size, we will also discuss how to resize the patterns. In addition, we will learn a few interesting Japanese stitches and techniques that can be used to add an extra level of finesse to any project.

**Supplies Lists and Homework
will be sent out in
February 2019**

The Rochester Knitting Guild is delighted to welcome **Donna Druchunas** for our Spring 2019 Workshops! Donna escaped a corporate cubicle to honor her passions for knitting, world travel, research and writing. She is the author of six knitting books including *Lithuanian Knitting: Continuing Traditions*, *Arctic Lace* and *Successful Lace Knitting*. Her book series, *Stories in Stitches*, features historical patterns and essays. Donna lives in Vermont with her husband, mother and three cats who all help her test the usability and comfort of her finished knitted items. She teaches in the US, Canada and Europe and holds retreats at her private studio.

Location: First Baptist Church of Rochester, 175 Allens Creek Road, Rochester, NY 14618

Registration: Registration for 2018-2019 members will **begin at the October 8th Guild meeting**, following this procedure:

Select your classes and **submit payment**.

Member registration will continue until the November 5th meeting; after that date, non-members may register if space is available.

If not registering in person, please send registration with payment by mail to Cheri Switzer at the address on the form *after October 8*. No phone or e-mail registrations accepted.

Lunches: Lunch breaks will be 1½ hours. You may brown-bag it or go out to eat. There are a huge variety of eateries in that area of Monroe Avenue. No snacks or beverages will be provided at the workshops, but you may bring your own. The Workshop Classroom will NOT be open over the lunch hour, but there may be additional space at the facility if you bring your lunch.

Waiting list: If a workshop is full by the time your registration is received, you will be contacted either by phone or email to ask if you wish to be on a waiting list for that workshop, and hold your registration.

Cancellation: You may cancel your registration subject to a \$15 fee until March 1, 2019. Due to our commitment to the teacher, **no** cancellation can be accepted after March 1, 2019, unless your seat can be filled. The cancellation would still be subject to the \$15 fee. Your check will be cashed within one week.

Reminder: Only registered attendees are permitted in the classroom

Inquiries: Any inquiries should be made to Cheri Switzer by email to Cheri.switzer@gmail.com or by phone at 585-385-2690 (evenings) or Cindy Proano ciproano@gmail.com or phone 585-506-6447.

Fees: \$40 for guild members; \$45 for non-members (see special fee for Saturday workshop).

Name _____ e-mail _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Phone: Day _____ Evening _____

Please print clearly. Homework and supply list will be sent by email in early 2019

Please indicate the desired workshop(s) and enclose this completed form with a check payable to the Rochester Knitting Guild for the total amount, and mail to:

Cheri Switzer, 73 Tree Brook Dr., Rochester, NY 14625

Members: \$40 (Sat. double class \$75)

Non-members: \$45 (Sat. double class \$85)

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Lithuanian Colorwork Mittens (Intermediate, knit circular)	Sunday	April 7, 2019, 9am - Noon	\$ _____
Lithuanian Beaded Wristwarmers (Beginners and Up)	Sunday	April 7, 2019, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm	\$ _____
Successful Lace Knitting (Adv. Beginner)	Monday	April 8, 2019, 9am - Noon	\$ _____
Explore Japanese Knitting: Socks (Intermediate, knit several pair)	Monday	April 8, 2019, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm	\$ _____

Total Amount Due \$ _____

Check # _____