



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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Yarn Auction

The May meeting is Auction Night. Carol Ritter Wright will be back with us as our auctioneer. Bring your membership card, cash, and/or checkbooks for an evening of bidding fun!

Photos of selected lots will be available on the Guild Social media pages and web site. Additionally, the catalog will be available online shortly before auction night.

—Natalie Klein



Seneca Falls native **Carol Ritter Wright** was honored by the National Women's Hall of Fame in 2018. She is a former journalist and columnist for the Rochester Democrat & Chronicle newspaper and an auctioneer who has raised millions of dollars for non-profit agencies in the region.

We are honored to have her as our auctioneer once again.

2018-19 Calendar

May 13 Yarn Auction with
Carol Ritter

Help Table

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

Next Board Meeting:

May 20

6:30 pm

First Baptist Church
of Rochester

175 Allens Creek Road
Rochester NY 14618

All members are welcome

See you!
September 19th
first meeting



2019-20 Season

Deadline for September Newsletter

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

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

President's Message

Holy moly, I think Spring is FINALLY here! I'm sure that we all thought that winter was never going to end. It's great to see the snow stop falling, the lawns turning green, and the flowers starting to bloom.

Spring is such a great time of year. I like to think of it as the season of "new" -- new growth, fresh ideas, and of course, CASTING ON ALL OF THE PROJECTS. Who else has a case of "castonitis?" I have nearly 30 projects in my queue of items I want to knit. However, I'm really working to finish two lingering WIPs. The first is my Alexandra's Airplane Scarf and my basic socks. The scarf has been on the needles since November 2015 (SERIOUSLY) and I started the socks back in May 2018. I will feel a lot better starting new knits if these two are done and in use. What are your plans for the spring?

I also want to take the time to thank you all for a great Guild season. I hope you all have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing everyone in September!

—Sarah Shepard, President

P.S. I finished the socks!!



Community Knitting

The May meeting marks the end of our community knitting season. Please remember to bring any last-minute donations or hold on to them until September.

Looking for a summer project? Make something they makes a house a home to be donated! Dishcloths, washcloths, amigurami (small animals) for children, lapghans or shawls.

Don't forget hats, hats, and hats! Our community had a perpetual need for hats, scarves, and other items they keep a person warm of all shapes and sizes.

—Natalie Klein

SUMMARY

Donna Druchunas Workshops

The Rochester Knitting Guild was delighted to host our Spring Workshop Instructor, Donna Druchunas, during the first week of April for four days of mostly sold-out classes.

Students in the *Stories in Stitches* classes learned a number of new stitch techniques such as the Bulgarian Cast On.

In *Grandma's Knitting*, we were challenged to think about knitting and purling in a way that mounted stitches differently. It certainly stretched our skills and sometimes our patience!

Saturday was a day-long class learning to knit a Bosnian style colorwork sock, starting with a completely new type of toe, and after learning some colorwork techniques, adding a Baltic Braid.

Sunday morning students were introduced to more colorwork techniques including a decorative fringe cast on for Latvian style mittens.

Sunday afternoon we were treated to learning traditional beading techniques to knit beautiful Latvian wrist warmers.

Monday morning, students took a deep dive into lace techniques and had a lot of hands-on practice making decreases leaning in every possible direction and style, and got an introduction to some of Dorothy Reade's lace techniques.

In the final Monday afternoon class, we learned about the unique features of Japanese patterns, how to read the patterns that appear in the "stitch bibles" we enjoy so much, and then had an opportunity to knit from a pattern. Most of us found it extremely challenging!

Hopefully many members were able to join us Monday evening for Donna's talk about Dorothy Reade's pioneering work in creating an innovative approach to lace patterns. We also learned about Reade's work with the Oomingmak Knitters' Cooperative in Alaska, teaching the members of the co-op to create lace patterns based on their traditional arts using Qiviut from native musk ox. You can visit their website, www.qiviut.com for more inspiration and photos.

We hope everyone enjoyed learning from Donna Druchunas! You can find more information about Donna and her endeavors, patterns and books on her website, www.sheeptoshawl.com.

—Cindy Proano



Nominations

The Rochester Knitting Guild is seeking nominations for the following RKG board positions for 2019/2020 for the election to be held at the May 13th, 2019 Guild Meeting (also known as YARN AUCTION NIGHT!):

- Recording Secretary: Pam Knapp
- Director: Natalie Klein

The following board members are running for re-election as follows:

- Sarah Shepard, President
- Meg Weglarz, Vice President
- Marcia Weinert, Treasurer

Unfortunately, the guild does not operate without the membership's help. The following Committee Chairperson positions are needed for 2019/2020:

- Membership
- Community Service (community knitting)
- Hospitality
- Guild Afghan
- Finger Lakes Fiber Festival 2019—Celebrating 25 years: Sarah Shepard and Cheri Switzer

Each Committee Chairperson Position can be co-chaired and were not created for the work to all be done by one or two members. To be a Committee Chairperson means assembling a group to work on a particular committee. Many hands make light work and great ideas will flow, resulting in SUCCESS!

I have the Position Descriptions for all Guild Positions and can email them to anyone that would like to look them over. Please contact me at

pastpresident@rochesterknitting.org

or call me at 585-259-9475 with any questions or concerns.

Thank You,

—Amelia Templar



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 May meeting, please bring treats to share if your last name begins with letters D through K. All are appreciated, but in honor of Carol Ritter Wright, our auctioneer who LOVES green, let's make it green! No meat products, please. Don't forget that special "knitting" mug for your drink—I know you all have at least one!!

—Marlene Davidson



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

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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



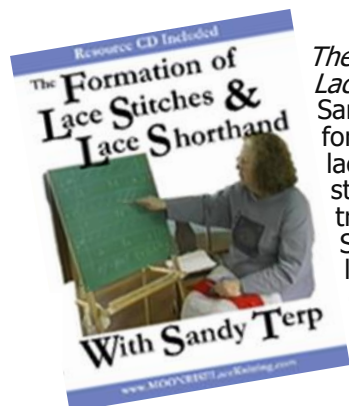
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Retreat	Nina Raqueño	

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

Library

This month I have very little to discuss since summer is fast approaching and there aren't any classes for me to coordinate with. I have decided to talk about lace for both knitting and crochet. Lace is not only used for shawls but also for clothing and project trimmings. Crochet is famous for lace doilies that decorated our homes as far back as the Victorian age. At present time the library holds 23 books with the topic of lace, whether it be the main subject or an article within the book.



The Formation of Lace Stitches & Lace Shorthand: In this video tape Sandy Terp demonstrates how to form the basic stitches used in lace knitting, as well as how the stitches are organized and kept track of with her Lace Shorthand. Sandy uses a knitted lace bookmark as a sampler and demonstrates a different group of techniques in each of three sections.

The Very Easy Guide to Lace Knitting: Step-by-Step Techniques, Easy-to-Follow Stitch Patterns, and Projects to Get You Started by [Lynne Watterson](#).



Knitting Lace contains detailed directions to design and chart your own lace patterns. Information for machine knitters to convert hand-knitting charts to machine.



Mary Walker Phillips' *Knitting Counterpanes* nearly single-handedly brought 19th-century American counterpanes—bed coverings—to the attention of modern knitters. Expanded with dozens of brand-new charts. This revised edition features 46 counterpane patterns as well as 32 lace edgings and borders that Phillips discovered in museums, private collections, and magazines. "A terrific book." — *Knitter's Magazine*.



Lace Collection for Knitting: Knit beautiful lace clothing and accessories with this beautifully photographed collection of stylish projects from *The Knitter*, one of the UK's top needlework magazines.

Twenty-three detailed patterns are provided by some of the world's top lace designers, including Tanis Gray, Annie Modesitt, Jane Sowerby, Sarah Hatton, and more. Readers will learn to knit exquisite lace shawls, sweaters, cardigans, scarves, hats, gloves, and more, with row-by-row directions and charted instructions. A range of different patterns is provided for every season, along with 6 quick lace projects for beginners. *Lace Collection for Knitting* also offers reviews of tried-and-tested lace yarns, practical advice for correcting mistakes, and the secrets of blocking lace for a perfect finish.

Delicate Crochet: The shawls' light, airy pieces crocheted in fine yarns show off the beauty of crocheted stitches and are a dream to wear! Cardigans, tops, and other designs in this collection are light as a feather, super soft, and made to drape beautifully across your body. These lacy pieces are fun to crochet and very versatile. Change up the yarns to create looks for day or night, work or play, city or suburbs.



RKG Member Shops

Please remember to call ahead to check hours

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