

News for Ewes

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The Rochester Knitting Guild is an organization to promote interest, appreciation and skill in knitting.

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November Program

This month we will be doing a Swap Night in lieu of Shop night!

We all have yarn that we know, deep down, we're never gonna use. It doesn't matter if it was poor impulse control or the wool fumes that led to a purchase, it's never going to get on our needles...even though it's great yarn. Who among us hasn't held up a skein of yarn and thought, It's not you, it's me, I mean, honestly?

Well, dig some of those lovely but unloved skeins out and bring them to the November meeting to SWAP with your fellow knitters. This is to be a very simple, straightforward swap – bring in a couple of skeins of lovely yarn, take home a couple of skeins of someone else's unloved yarn.

All yarns must be labeled with weight (g/oz), yardage, and fiber content. If you have pets or live with anyone who smokes in the home, we ask that your yarns be stored individually sealed in plastic storage bags to prevent anyone with allergies having a reaction as well as marked with why the yarns are labeled for everyone's safety. Anaphylactic shock is something we'd all like to avoid.

Anything unclaimed at the end of the evening will be donated to Community Knitting or the RKG Auction.

Also on the agenda for November will be a brief program on how to fix or better yet, avoid, some common mistakes in your knitting such as dropped stitches, how to avoid twisting that first round, an easy mnemonic for grafting, how to avoid ladders in the round, and why life-lines aren't just for rescues at sea.

See you on the 8th – Meg Weglarz

Upcoming Events

All Hands Meetings

Monday, November 8th

Monday, December 13th

Monday, January 10th

7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:30

Temple B'rith Kodesh

2131 Elmwood Avenue

Rochester, NY 14618

Board Meetings

November, 22nd

December, 20th

January 24th

February 28th

7:00 via Zoom. Links available upon request

Reminder:

Our hosts at Temple B'rith Kodesh have provided the following Covid-19 rules:

- Masks are mandatory at all times, and must be worn properly, covering both your nose and mouth.
- You **MUST** be vaccinated to enter the Temple. Please be prepared with either your CDC issued vaccine card, or the NY Excelsior App with a current pass on your smartphone. (Passes expire every 6 months but you are allowed to make another in the app by verifying your information again.)
- No food or drink will be allowed in the Temple, as the nature of eating and drinking requires the removal of masks.



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR INTERIM CO-PRESIDENTS

We are so excited to have the opportunity to be meeting in person again was great to see so many of you at our October meeting. We currently have meetings scheduled for November and December, and hope that more and more of our members will be able to attend our upcoming all-hands gatherings. We can't wait to see you!

The Guild is fortunate to have dedicated board members who kept the usgoing during these uncertain times. A huge thank you to everyone that assisted in scheduling workshops and hosting Zoom meetings to keep us all connected to our knitting friends. We are appreciative of all of the contributions of the previous board and are happy to announce that a wonderful group of Guild members have stepped up to fill in leadership positions, at least on a temporary basis. Our goal is to fill these interim positions during spring elections. The positions that need to be filled on a permanent basis are as follows: 1) President; 2) Vice President; 3) Secretary; 4) Treasurer; and there are several other standing committees that need volunteers. Job descriptions for each of these positions are available in the bylaws on the website. If you are interested in any of these roles, please email Anne and Holly at president@rochesterknitting.org or come talk to us at one of the Guild meetings. (Under the by-laws Sarah Shepherd, as immediate Past President, would be the one officially in charge of recruiting, but, as she is in the process of moving out of state, we can help fill in the role.)

We would like to thank our outgoing board members for their dedicated service to the Rochester Knitting Guild, especially President Sarah Shepherd.

The board has started discussions about how the Guild needs to proceed in theses changing times, and we will be reaching out to Guild members as part of those discussions. We look forward to working with all of you as the Guild moves forward.

*Holly Bauer-Mergen and Anne Schweighardt
Co-Presidents*



1. Membership

Membership dues have been waived for this membership year September 2021 through May 2022. Paid memberships from 2019-2020 and in good standing will automatically be rolled over to the current year.

If you would like to renew by email or make changes/corrections to your current contact information, please send the information to membership@rochesterknitting.org.

New membership cards and name badges will be available at the next Guild meeting.

Spring Workshops

We are planning for Spring 2022 Workshops, and the RKG Board decided that we would offer the Workshops via Zoom. We are in the process of negotiating classes and date. Please bear with us while we are still “under construction”. We hope to provide some new and interesting content for our members, so stay tuned and we'll get the word out as soon as we can confirm our plans!

Community Knitting

Volunteers are needed to teach St. John Fisher College students to knit this fall/winter All volunteers need to be vaccinated and masked while indoors on campus. The Guild will provide Learn to Knit kits and patterns for simple projects and the SJFC Office of Student Engagement will host.

Volunteers can contact vp@rochesterknitting.org or communityknitting@rochesterknitting.org to sign up or ask for more information.

While hats of all sizes are always needed in our community, the nursery at Highland Hospital and they are very short on handmade hats for the new babes. They have specifically requested some to fit a head circumference of 33 to 36 cm. It's critical that these items come from non-smoking homes only. Please drop any donations off at the Community Knitting table or contact us at communityservice@rochesterknitting.org

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