

# News for Ewes

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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](http://www.RochesterKnitting.org)

## Programming Notes

Our next three meetings are going to be virtual, and we need your participation for some fun over ZOOM

**February: Share your oldest WIP** (work in progress)

We all have them: the skeletons deep in our knitting closets. Projects that we just never finished. We understand there are many reasons why that sweater had to go into timeout.

Dive deep into your closets (real or proverbial) and find your oldest unfinished project to share during our February meeting. We will vote in favor of finishing or frogging these UFOs.



## February 14th Zoom information

Rochester Knitting Guild All Hands Meeting  
07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://sjfc.zoom.us/j/3558250926>

*March:* Show and Tell

*April:* Guest Speaker: Kim McBrien Evans



## Financial Report

A current financial report is attached to this newsletter for membership review as required by Guild by-laws.

## Upcoming Meetings

*All Hands Meetings*  
Monday, March 14th  
April 11th  
7:00 p.m. via Zoom

*Board Meetings*  
February 28th  
March 28th  
7:00 via Zoom. Links  
available upon request

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR INTERIM CO-PRESIDENTS

Welcome everyone! We enjoyed seeing everyone in person in November and December. However, given the uncertainty with Covid cases and the possibility of some changes to regulations in the temple, the Board has determined it would be best to meet via Zoom for the February and March meetings. Activities for your Zooming pleasure during the meetings are described elsewhere in this newsletter, we hope you join in! We are eager to see the dusty UFOs and all of your beautiful completed work. If you need help with participating via Zoom, please reach out and let us know.

The April meeting will be online and will feature Kim McBrien Evans as a guest speaker. She will also be offering our workshops in May. If you are on the fence about virtual classes, this is a great opportunity to see how she teaches and what she can offer. We are really excited to be able to offer courses with a skilled teacher and are confident that your sweater projects

will fit better than ever. Many thanks to Cindy and Cheri for putting together these classes.

Ideally, we would like to meet in person in May, as this is our annual elections meeting; the decision will be made closer to the actual meeting.

Your Board continues to meet and plan for the Guild. However, the Guild needs your HELP. We will be holding elections this May, AND WE NEED YOU! The members section of the Guild website includes the Bylaws and descriptions of the elected positions, i.e., President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Directors. If you are interested in contributing to the Guild, but would prefer to not hold an elected position, we also have openings for many of our committee chairs. Please think about how you can help your Guild. It is a team effort.

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

# Kim McBrien Evans

The Rochester Knitting Guild is delighted to welcome Kim McBrien Evans for our Spring 2022 Workshops! Curiosity and exploration is the focus of Canadian knitwear designer and indie hand dyer, Kim McBrien Evans. A lifelong love of colour, texture, pattern, and shape prompted Kim to transition from working artist to textile maven. Her knitwear designs are known for their ability to turn an abstract idea into a wearable reality while simultaneously fitting and complimenting a wide range of bodies. She lives and works in the woods of Central Ontario, Canada.

Our 2022 Guild Workshops will feature Kim's amazing classes that explore the tools and techniques to make sweaters that fit every body--you will learn how to design or adjust patterns to fit YOU just right.

Trying to get all those fiddly measurements that will help us get the right fit can be VERY challenging, right? Do I want my husband/partner/child to help me take those measurements? Nope. Kim will come to our rescue in Apocalyptic Making Skills: Solo Measurements where she'll teach us how to measure, what to measure and how to put together a "solo measuring toolkit". Join us for this Zoom class on Friday, May 6th 9:00 a.m. - noon!

Registration forms are attached to this newsletter and are available on the Guild website at <https://rochester-knitting.org/special-events/>.

Registration by mail only

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Annual Guild Guest Speaker:  
April 11, 2022 7:00 via Zoom

Spring Workshops:  
May 6, 7, 8, & 9, 2022 via Zoom

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website password: **magicloop**

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## **RKG SPRING WORKSHOPS WITH KIM McBRIEN EVANS**

**May 6, 7, 8, 9, 2022**

**Virtual Workshops via Zoom**

**Friday, May 6, 2022, 9:00-Noon**

### **Apocalyptic Making Skills: Solo Measurements**

Every designer and instructor you've ever met has told you NOT to take your own measurements. But what are we to do when social distancing and isolation are the norm? REBEL! And learn how to take measurements on our own, accurately. You'll walk away knowing how to put together a "solo measuring" toolkit, learn how to take your own body measurements, suitable for knitting garments, and understand which measurements are key to great garment fit.

#### **What to Bring:**

- dress in a light layer of close fitting clothing (Kim will be wearing a t shirt and leggings)
- Pencil
- Measurement sheet (from handout)
- Measuring tape long enough to go around your hips and full bust/chest
- Ruler (18"+ is ideal. Quilting/sewing ruler is perfect)
- masking tape
- Optional: dot stickers for marking measurement points
- Optional: Large paper clips or binder clips or other similar clip or safety pins

**Friday-May 6, 2022, 1:30 - 4:30 pm**

### **Bums and Bellies: Sweater Shaping for Your Body**

Using your measurements and worksheets, we'll look at how to master the fit of sweater patterns to YOUR body, and what those modifications look like in a simplified form.

You will:

- Build a map of your body measurements + ease
- How to choose a size to start with
- How to compare your measurements to sweater schematics to learn how a "hybrid size" can be a solution when your measurements span more than one size.
- What to do when your weight is carried more in front or back
- Where and how to place shaping darts to help with fit

#### **Homework:**

Take measurements indicated on the first page of the handout

#### **What to Bring:**

- Pencil
- Handout
- Calculator (optional)
- Your measurements (see homework)

**Saturday- May 7, 2022, 9 am-Noon + 1:30 - 4:30 pm (6 hour class with lunch break)**

**The Sweater Map: Set-in Sleeve Sweaters + Set-in Sleeve Modifications:**

If the shoulders fit, the sleeves don't. If the sleeves fit, the bust doesn't. These are common fit issues in our sweaters. Let's fix them! When I'm making a sweater for myself, I make myself a visual "map" to show me what to do and when. Body shaping, sleeve shaping, bust darts and more are all on that 1 page image that acts as a guide for making my sweater. In this class, I'll show you how to make your own!

With a focus on Set-in Sleeves, you will learn:

- How to determine good armhole and bicep fit
- How to draft a new sleeve cap and armhole/armscye to your measurements
- How to change the length of a sleeve that ensures a good fit from cuff to shoulder

By the end of this class, you will have:

- a body map of yourself
- an understanding of ease and what your ease looks like on you
- a "sweater map" for a basic, set-in sleeve sweater designed for your body

**Homework:**

- Take measurements indicated on the first page of the handout
- Choose a personal croquis (fashion illustration model). You can choose one of the samples in the handout, or you can make one using YOU at [mybodymodel.com](http://mybodymodel.com)

Discount code for mybodymodel:  
INDIGODRAGONFLY (case sensitive)

**What to Bring:**

- Graph paper or dot grid paper (large enough squares for you to count)
- Ruler and tape measure
- Masking tape or washi tape (very small amount)
- Pencil
- Your croquis

**Sunday- May 8, 2022, 9am – Noon**

**Boob Camp: Bust Darts for Every Body**

Learn life changing techniques for those of us with larger chests. Sweaters look best when they fit us in our shoulders and properly accommodate our chest. Learn how to choose a size and to construct 2 types of bust darts for your chest, giving you endless choice for modifying any sweater pattern.

**Homework:**

- Take measurements indicated on the first page of the handout

**What to Bring:**

- Pencil, pen, notebook for making calculations
- optional: calculator
- Measuring Tape

**Sunday- May 8, 2022, 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm**

**Boob Camp 2: Necklines for Every Body:**

Come back to Boob Camp, and learn how to adjust any neckline to your favourite shape! Learn how to adjust neckline width and depth for comfort and style. Learn the best necklines for your bust size, neck length and shoulder shape, and why they work. We'll also look at colour and how colour blocking and pattern placement can create the illusion of different shapes, and enhance your necklines.

**Homework:**

- None

**What to Bring:**

- Handout
- Pencil, pen for making notes and calculations
- Knitter's graph paper (free download here: <https://www.printablepaper.net/category/knitting> — any size is fine)
- optional: calculator + measuring tape
- optional: If you have a "my body model" croquis, bring it to class!

**Monday – May 9, 2021, 9am – Noon**

**Sweater Fit Clinic:**

Come to the clinic and learn possible solutions to your sweater fit problems. We'll cover common sweater fit issues and solutions in the following order:

- Upper torso/shoulder fit
- Chest fit
- Mid-torso/waist, back
- Hip/hem fit

**Homework:**

Gather all your fit questions to bring to class!

**What to Bring:**

- Sweaters with fit issues
- Questions about fit difficulties

**Monday– May 9, 2022, 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm**

**Pockets!**

Why don't more sweaters have pockets? All our clothing should have pockets! Big pockets. Useful pockets. Pockets you can put actual stuff in! Whether for holding your phone, collecting rocks on the beach, or having a pocket designed to hold a medical device, we all need pockets in our clothing. Sweaters are no exception. JOIN THE POCKET REVOLUTION, as we explore several different pocket shapes and types, how to work them into a new pattern, and how to add them to your favourite finished sweaters.

**Homework:** This homework will allow you to try techniques in class.

**Part 1:**

Bring 2 finished swatches in stockinette stitch (garter stitch border on top and bottom only please). Your swatch should be at least 4" wide and 4" tall. DK or Worsted weight yarn is preferred.

**Part 2:**

Using DK or Worsted weight yarn, CO 30 stitches. Work 20 rows in Stockinette stitch, ending with a WS row. Leave work on needles and bring to class.

**What to Bring:**

- Homework swatches
- Yarn and needles used in homework swatches, or a contrasting colour
- Tapestry needle, extra knitting needle (DPN is fine), stitch markers and scrap yarn
- Scissors

**Rochester Knitting Guild  
Kim McBrien Evans Spring Workshops  
May 6, 7, 8, & 9, 2022**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

***Please print clearly.*** Homework and supply list will be sent by email in March 2022

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: \$25   Non-members: \$30   (see below fees for 6 hour class)**

**Apocalyptic Making Skills: Solo Measurements** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday** - May 6, 2022 9am - Noon

**Bums and Bellies: Sweater Shaping for your Body** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday** - May 6, 2022, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

**The Sweater map: Set-in Sleeve Sweaters + Set-In Sleeve Modifications (6 hour class \$40 member/\$50 non-member)**

**Saturday** - May 7, 2022, 9am noon and 1:30 - 4:30 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Boob Camp: Bust Darts for Every Body** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday** - May 8, 2022, 9am - noon

**Boob Camp 2: Necklines for Every Body** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday** - May 8, 2022, 1:30pm - 4:30pm

**Sweater Fit Clinic** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Monday** May 9, 2022, 9am - noon

**Pockets!** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Monday** May 9, 2022, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

**Total Amount Due** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Check #** \_\_\_\_\_



<i>Rochester Knitting Guild Budget &amp; Expense</i>			
<i>As of 1/26/22</i>			
<i>Income</i>	<i>Proposed</i>		<i>2021-2022</i>
	<i>2021-2022</i>		<i>Income to Date</i>
<i>Membership Dues</i>	\$ -	\$	-
<i>Guest Artist Workshop</i>	\$ 3,800.00	\$	-
<i>Fall Lecture Guest Adm.</i>	\$ -	\$	-
<i>Library Fines</i>	\$ -	\$	-
<i>Raffles</i>	\$ -	\$	-
<i>Silent Book Auction</i>	\$ -	\$	-
<i>Spring Retreat</i>	\$ -	\$	-
<i>Yarn Auction</i>	\$ -	\$	-
<i>Afghan</i>	\$ -	\$	-
<i>Weaver's Guild Ad</i>	\$ -	\$	-
<i>Insurance Refund</i>	\$ -	\$	42.00
<i>Donations</i>		\$	-
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 3,800.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>42.00</b>
<i>Operations</i>			
			<i>Expenses to date</i>
<i>Board Expenses</i>	\$ 350.00	\$	-
<i>Equipment</i>	\$ -	\$	-
<i>Hospitality</i>	\$ -	\$	-
<i>Insurance</i>	\$ 300.00	\$	290.13
<i>Library -- Books, etc.</i>	\$ -	\$	-
<i>P.O. Box Rental</i>	\$ 150.00	\$	-
<i>Rent - Temple</i>	\$ 6,000.00	\$	1,225.00
<i>Rent - Board Meetings</i>	\$ -	\$	-
<i>Shop Liaison</i>	\$ -	\$	-
<i>Guest Artist Workshop</i>	\$ 3,475.00	\$	-
<i>Donations</i>	\$ 120.00	\$	-
<i>Supplies/Postage</i>	\$ 365.00	\$	107.20

<i>Printing</i>	\$ 350.00	\$ 46.11	
<i>Web Page</i>	\$ 825.00	\$ 814.83	
<i>Total Operations</i>	\$ 7,360.00	\$ 1,515.13	
<i>September Beginning Balance</i>			
\$ 13,538.66			
<i>Current Treasury Balance</i>			
\$ 12,537.32			