

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

## Presidents' Message

Hello knitters!

Spring is here and knitting designers are busy publishing some beautiful new lightweight patterns. Will one of these jump on your needles next?

Just a quick update for our plans for April and May: We will continue to meet via Zoom in April for our annual guest speaker Kim McBrien Evans, who will also be presenting our annual workshops May 6th to 9th. In May, we will be having our annual board elections. The members section of the website has detailed descriptions of all of the positions, and we need your help to keep the Guild running smoothly. In addition to elected positions, there are other opportunities to get involved, please consider lending a helping hand. Our hope is to have the May meeting in person: The board will be meeting soon to discuss the feasibility of this.

If you are on the fence about the workshops or online learning, I highly encourage you to add this to your schedule.

Thanks to Cindy and Cheri for putting together a slate of outstanding workshops for us. We're looking forward to improving our sweater fit!

*Anne Schweighardt and Holly Bauer-Mergen*  
Copresidents

## Upcoming Meetings

<i>All Hands Meetings</i>	<i>Board Meetings</i>
April 11th	April 25th
May 9th	May 23rd
7:00 p.m. via Zoom	7:00 via Zoom. links available upon request

## ATTENTION MEMBERS – HELP WANTED!

We are looking for nominations to fill the following Board positions for the 2022—2023 season. Becoming a Board member is a great way to enhance your experience within the Guild. You don't have to do it alone. The current Board is here to help AND you can share a spot with a friend. These are the abridged descriptions.

**President:** oversees the Board and acts as the liaison between the Guild and the community.

**Vice-President:** coordinates the monthly programs for the Guild. They may present these lectures themselves or find volunteers to do so.

**Directors 1 and 2:** liaison between the Guild membership and the board. If you're not comfortable speaking with the Board directly about a matter, these folks are your advocates. This is a two-year-role per position

**Secretary:** records minutes of all business meetings of the Guild and the Executive Board and may carry on necessary correspondence on behalf of the Guild.

**Financial Reviewer:** works with Treasurer to review the Guild's finances and provide a report to the Board (nonelected volunteer position)

If you think you have what it takes, contact Anne and Holly at [president@rochesterknitting.org](mailto:president@rochesterknitting.org) to get on the ballot. We would love to see a new group of folks help the Guild continue.

*~Sarah Shepard*  
Past President

# Kim McBrien Evans



The Rochester Knitting Guild is delighted to welcome Kim McBrien Evans as our guest Speaker on April 11 2022 via Zoom:

## Sweaters That Fit!

Are you a would-be Sweater Knitter? Do you have fears of putting time and effort into sweaters that don't fit? Kim will talk about ways to improve your sweater knitting before you pick up your needles. Learn how to create perfect sweater fabric, and why it matters. Learn about the most important measurements for sweater fit, how to take them, and how to use them to choose the best size for you, and what to do when your measurements don't fit neatly into one size. Finally we'll look at what you need to know about sweater knitting, ease and design details to knit better sweaters for your body and personal style.

Wear a light t-shirt or tank top, and bring a measuring tape if you wish to take key measurements during talk.

*NOTE: An email will be sent to members prior to the April 11 meeting with a link to the Zoom for the meeting.*

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. Spaces are still available in the classes! Registration forms are attached to this Newsletter and are available on the Guild website: <https://rochesterknitting.org/special-events/>. All registrations will be done by mail.

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

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

# 2021/2022 Board of directors

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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:

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**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)**

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

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