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

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President's Message

Hello, and welcome to our 2023-24 guild season! I am a recent addition to this guild, and have been bowled over by the kindness and knowledge within this welcoming group. I'm thrilled to carry our guild forward into the next year, with some updates to our website and membership plan. For many years, the membership fee has remained the same. After a review of the budget, we realized it was time to increase membership dues to \$30 a year, allowing us to continue providing community and programming for our members.

We have some wonderful speakers planned for this season, including Roxanne Richardson at our December Zoom meeting, and Janette Budge joining us from the Shetland Islands for our spring workshops! I look forward to seeing your faces at our upcoming meeting and getting more familiar with all guild members.

Ingrid Lembach
President

September Meeting

We have a combination of in-person and Zoom meetings this year, with the Zoom meetings concentrated in the winter months. In September, as a way to kick off the new Guild year, we'd like you to share a favorite knitting book. It doesn't have to be your absolute best-loved of all time - just one that you like, and think other knitters might be interested in. It would be great if you could bring a copy along (make sure your name is in the book, or on a card that's in the book). We'll be talking about the books, and handing them around the table that you're sitting at, but they won't go any farther than that. If you can't bring a copy along, or would rather not, please have a book in mind to talk about and recommend. There will be paper and pens on the tables, and I'd like you to write down the books your table talks about. I'll compile a list for the next newsletter, with comments if they've been written down. See you all soon!

Sue Sayre
Vice President

Upcoming Meetings

All Hands Meetings)
September 11th
October 9th
November 13th
December 11th (Zoom)
7:00 p.m.
Doors open at 6:30
Temple B'rith Kodesh
2131 Elmwood Avenue
Rochester, NY 14618

Board Meetings
September 18th
October 16th
November 11th
7:00 via Zoom.
Link upon request

Auction

Do you have yarn treasures that have outlived your love or inspiration, but which you expect other knitters might swoon over? Please bring your donations for the Rochester Knitting Guild annual yarn auction to any of our regular meetings, to be added to the pile of treasures awaiting new owners, next spring! Email Marcia Weinert at auction@rochesterknitting.org

Marcia
Auction Coordinator

Membership

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Workshops

Save the Dates!! The RKG Spring Workshops featuring **Colorwork Around the World** are scheduled for April 26, 27 and 28, 2024.

There will be classes from two different instructors: *Janette Budge* and *Kristin Drysdale*, a designer and instructor whose heritage and knitting career is focused on Scandinavian techniques. Details on the classes will be available in the October Newsletter.

The April program will feature Janette Budge with a presentation on Knitting and Living in Shetland. I had a chance to see it this summer and it is fabulous!

Cindy P.
Workshops

to download their app and provide the necessary information. Check with your bank to see if they work with Venmo.

If you're not able to attend the September meeting, or even if you can, you can join by filling in the membership form online at <https://rochesterknitting.org/membership/> and either mailing your check or paying using Venmo.

Once you've joined and received a badge, please remember to bring it with you to each meeting. If you need a new or replacement name tag, please let us know ahead of the first meeting by sending a note to membership@rochesterknitting.org.

Guest Policy: If you want to bring a guest, your guest may attend one meeting for free. If they want to continue to participate, they will need to join the Guild and pay the membership fee. The dues paid for all members are for the entire year, and are not pro-rated or refunded.

Joan F.
Shop Liaison

News from Our Member Shops

- Heart Forge Solutions is excited to share that they will be at the Western New York Fiber Arts Festival on September 16th, 2023. The festival takes place at EA Rink, East Aurora, NY 10am - 5pm, and Admission is \$5. Brian and Sarah have been busy all summer coming up with new tools, and new ways to make fiber crafting easier! Swing by their booth to see all kinds of demos, nifty tools, and maybe a solution or two you didn't know you needed! You can check out some of our products at our Youtube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/@HeartForge.Solutions>.
- Amelia's Fabric & Yarn Shoppe is having a FREE SHIPPING SALE starting Sunday, August 27 and ending Saturday September 9. Any yarn order under \$100 qualifies for free shipping.

Carol K.
Shop Liaison

Treasurer

We're gearing up for a brand new year of Guild programming and the start of a new membership year. As many of you know, our annual dues have remained \$25 for many years now, and we collected no dues at all during the two years of Covid, though we were able to continue offering programs. Since our rent, insurance, and programming costs have continued to rise over the years we felt the need to raise dues this year to \$30 to keep up.

Please continue to support your Guild and its activities by renewing your membership online at <http://rochesterknitting.org> as soon as possible. This information is fed into our mailing lists for Guild activities during the year. You will be asked to pay by cash at a meeting, by check in the mail or at a meeting, or by Venmo immediately. If you choose to Venmo please make sure that the line marked "No purchase or services" is greyed out. The Venmo address is @RKG_Treasurer.

Thanks for your understanding and support!

*Joan B,
Treasurer*

Library

Our Guild library has many types of books to help you make your knitting more satisfying. Some books zero in on a specific technique that you may want to learn or improve upon, some are full of projects and patterns and some do a little of each. All of them are available for you to take home and absorb, practice and be inspired. Look for our newly reorganized cabinets at the September meeting. We'll be glad to help you.

*Joan D. and Kate,
Librarians*

Guild Notes

Temple Access: Please be on time to our in-person meetings because the temple doors are set to lock automatically after our meeting start time. The temple's doors open at 6:30, and our meeting starts at 7:00.

Web site password: The Web site password will no longer be included in the monthly newsletter. Instead, members in good standing will receive an email with the annual password via email after their membership has been processed

Food and drink: You are welcome to bring food and drinks with you to our meetings, However, please do not bring any meat into the building out of respect for our hosts. Lids for drinks are strongly recommended.

Meeting changes: One of our meetings in the new year will be over zoom so we can stay out of the cold. This means we will have a total of three zoom speakers this year (December, peak winter, and the annual guest speaker for our workshops). The board has added a "meeting" in June this will be a purely social event at a park. More to come after details have been confirmed.

Community Service

Welcome back guild members! I'm looking forward to saying hello to everyone at the September meeting. As usual, I'll be at the Community Service table at the front of the room eager to collect any donations that you have been working on over the summer. Remember, we accept donations of any knitted or crocheted items - hats, scarves, socks, shawls, blankets, etc. If you can make it, I can find a good home for it!

To kick off the 2023/24 season, I've had a request from a new charity. SPIRIT NYS is a non-profit organization that helps homeless teens in the Rochester area stay in high school, graduate and get into college. SPIRIT NYS is in need of knitted hats, scarves, socks and mittens or gloves for 60 students currently in their program. These donations are needed by early November. I've had a HUGE influx of yarn over the summer, so pick up some yarn in the September meeting and bring your donations back in Oct or Nov for SPIRIT NYS. If you want to learn more about the organization, check out their website at <https://spiritnys.org/>.

*Pat Butterfield
Community Knitting*

Stitch in our Community

Sit & Stitch
Webster Public Library,
Mondays,
3:30 to 5 pm

Knit Together
Penn Yan Public Library
Every Thursday, 1-3

Knit Nook
Mendon Public Library,
22 N Main St, Honeoye Falls,
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 10-11:30am

Drop-in Knitting Circle
Irondequoit Public Library
room 213
Mondays
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Tuesdays
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Bring you knitting, quilting or needle-
work supplies and projects, and chat
while you work

Does your local library, community center or community group offer opportunities to stitch with others? Share it here!

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RKG Member Shops

Expressions in Needleart
Lori Malolepszy
110 S. Main Street
Canandaigua, NY 14424
585-394-4870
expressionsinneedleart.com

The Fuzzy Bunny
Liz Yockel
6 Honeoye Commons
Honeoye, NY 14471
(802) 342-6342
www.fuzzybunnyarn.com

Amelia's Fabric and Yarn Shoppe
Nancy E. Vornaran
The Shops on West Ridge
3200 West Ridge Road
Rochester, NY 14626
585-392-1192
<http://ameliasfabricandyarnshoppe.com>

Lift Bridge Yarns
Dawn Verdugo
23 N. Main St
Fairport, NY 14450
585-364-0521
www.liftbridgeyarns.com

Tina Turner Knits
Tina Turner
16 N, Goodman St., Suite 101
Rochester, NY 14607
585 820-4507
www.tinaturnerknits.com

Little Button Craft and Press
Shelby Przybylek
658 South Avenue
Rochester, New York 14619
585-371-7891
www.littlebuttoncraftandpress.com

Sew Green of Rochester
438 West Main Street
Rochester, NY 14608
Parking on Canal st.
585-328-2642
www.sewgreenrochester.org

Yarn Culture
Patti Odinak
customerservice@yarnculture.com
www.yarnculture.com

The EWE' s Yarn Gathering
716-771-4515
www.embraceableewe.com

Strings 'n Things
Carol McManus
330 East Main Street
Palmyra, NY 14522
1-315-310-1656
www.stringsnthingsyarn.com

Heart Forge Solutions
Brian & Sarah Blankenship
585-797-4836
<https://heartforge.solutions/>



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New Member Renewing Membership

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First Name

Last Name

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email

Committees you would like to help with (optional):

Auction Community Service Tech Team
 Library Membership Programming
 Workshops Publicity Nominating Committee

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Library | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Programming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Workshops | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Nominating Committee |