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President's Message

I was delighted to see so many people turn up for our September meeting. As soon as the weather turns colder and that crispness enters the air, my thoughts turn to starting new projects! I've been obsessed with household items, and have been plotting some Halloween-themed pot holder squares and plant pot covers to keep me busy as the nights get longer. But I also can't wait to get started on the Grown Together mittens, showcased so beautifully by Tina Turner. Or should I make a Rhinebeck Hat and wear it to that event later this month? Are you also inspired by fall to cast on ALL THE THINGS? I am excited to see you in October and find out what project is making you happy.

Ingrid Lembach
President



October Meeting

Our workshops this year are going to focus on color-work, so the October meeting will be a review of the many and various ways to add color to your knitting. These won't be lessons, but an exposure to the possibilities, as an inspiration.

And for those who enjoyed the scrap/stash presentation last spring, I'm continuing to add patterns to the bundles in the Guild's Ravelry group. New patterns go to the top of the list, so it's easy to see what's been added in each category without going through everything.

The list of books shared at our September meeting appears later in this newsletter

Sue Sayre
Vice President

But I crochet....

While we're a knitting guild, we still want to see what you're making! All are welcome at the guild, and we want to share with fiber enthusiasts of all stripes and we want you to share with us too. Learning from each other no matter your craft is something we should all aspire to.



Upcoming Meetings

All Hands Meetings
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
October 16th
November 11th
December 18th
7:00 via Zoom.
Link upon request

Zoom help

We are so excited to have a fantastic line up of speakers from across the country and the world presenting at our meetings this year. Many of our guest speakers prefer not to travel and will be offering presentations to our members via Zoom. Take a look at the great line up that Cindy has prepared for us! If you are unfamiliar with using Zoom, please bring your device (laptop, iPad, smartphone, etc) to the next guild meeting and look for the table offering Zoom help. We will have a practice meeting that you can sign into.

This help session will take place during during our social time (6:30 to 7:00) before the October meeting starts.

Anne Schweighardt
Secretary

Fleegle Beader

Based on the collective gasp during Show and Tell at our September Meeting, I'm not the only Guild member unfamiliar with Fleegle Beaders. Rather than prestringing beads onto your yarn for a project, this handy tool allows you to add beads as you knit. For a full demo check out this video <https://youtu.be/a-XfPuwnPk8?si=pUPVAanHbA5O-8Lv>

Natalie
Newsletter

Social Media

Social Media: Please like us on Facebook ([Rochester-Knitting-Guild](#)) and Instagram ([rochesterknitting-guild](#)). If you would like your projects to be featured in an upcoming "WIP Wednesday" or "Finished Object Friday", please email a photo and details (project name, designer and yarn used) to director2year@rochesterknitting.org

Marcie
Director

Membership

If you haven't already joined or renewed your membership, don't miss out on the benefits, which include meetings, discounts at member shops, discounted rates and early registration for Guild functions, Guild newsletters, and access to library materials. The members-only password will be changed in the very near future, and the new password will be sent only to paid members. Access the membership form online at <https://rochesterknitting.org/membership/>

Dues are \$30.00 (\$15.00 for students with an ID) per year. Payment can be made by Venmo, cash or check in person at a meeting, or by mailing your check. Please complete the online membership form to save time registering at your first meeting. Check: Please make your check payable to Rochester Knitting Guild and bring it to a meeting or mail it to RKG Membership PO Box 92264 Rochester, NY 14692.

Venmo: In order for us to properly credit you for your payment on Venmo, we ask that you please add a note with your name or phone number, if your Venmo account does not include your name. If you've never used Venmo you will need to download their app and provide the necessary information. Check with your bank to see if they work with Venmo. If you choose to proceed with Venmo please make sure that the line marked "No purchase or services" is greyed out. The Venmo address is @RKG Treasurer.

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 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.
Membership

Library

Wow! Our library is growing thanks to a generous donation of about one hundred books and pamphlets. We're still checking for duplicates and shelving the additions but most will be available at our October meeting. Any extras will be sold in a book sale next spring. Fortunately, a cleanup of the guild's storage cabinets last spring made space to display these new books.

Also on the 9th, we'll have a new selection of freebies. Be sure to check them out!

Crocheters! Even though we are by name a knitting guild we welcome crocheters as well and our library has a whole section for you.

Special thanks

*Joan D. and Kate
Librarian*

Workshops

Save the Dates!! The RKG Spring Workshops featuring Colorwork Around the World are scheduled for April 26, 27 and 28, 2024 via Zoom. Our Spring Workshop classes will feature colorwork techniques from The Shetlands with Janette Budge and from Scandinavia with Kristin Drysdale, and will offer options for introductory level as well as more adventurous level classes. The Shetland classes will take us from color selection to final steeking. My favorite title of the Scandinavian classes is "Knitting with Three Colors at Once (without dropping yarn, getting tangled or swearing)". Who doesn't want to take that!?!

The Workshop details and registration material will be available soon. It will be emailed and available on the website.

*Cindy P.
Workshops*

News from Our Member Shops

The Guild's annual *Shop Night* is Monday, November 13, with many of our favorite vendors along with some new ones. It's a great time to support our member shops as well as other local vendors while doing some shopping all in one place! Please be sure to invite some friends as guests for that night. Once again, we will be raffling off eight \$10 gift certificates to use that night.

Little Button Craft Shop hosts their Fiber Night every Wednesday from 6-8pm at Little Button Craft (658 South Ave). They offer knitting help, as well as an open minded space to craft in the Rochester fiber community. The only rule they have is that participants must bring a chair. Otherwise, they're happy to craft with anyone.

Strings 'n Things Yarn Shoppe is expanding their hours! Effective the week of October 15th their new hours will be 10-6 Tues-Thurs, 10-4 Fri-Sat, closed Sunday, and Monday is reserved for classes. To celebrate, they will have a Grand Re-Opening on Saturday, October 14th. Look for new classes, a new frequent purchase program, and best of all, discounted prices and new yarn! Watch their Facebook and Instagram Accounts for details and they hope to see you there!

*Carol K.
Shop Liaison*

Indie Dyers Spectrum

Be sure to stop by the Genesee Valley Handspinners Guild booth at the Indie Dyers Spectrum festival on October 7th. Support our sister guild and RKG members as vendors at this free event at the Chemung County Fairgrounds, 170 Fairgrounds rd, Horseheads, NY. 10 a.m. to 4p.m.

<https://www.thewoolroomatlongmeadowfarm.com/indie-dyers-spectrum>

Community Service

I've had a request from a new charity. SPIRIT NYS is a nonprofit 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. If you want to learn more about the organization, check out their website at <https://spiritnys.org/>.

Pat B., Community Knitting

Making Premie Hats for Local NICUs

The Neonatal Intensive Care Units at several local hospitals have let us know that they are most in need of premie hats in size and description as follows:

- Circumference of 8 to 10 inches, or 4 to 5 inches across when folded flat
- Height from brim to top of 4 to 5 inches
- Stretchy brims are preferred, rolled brims are recommended
- Easy care, washable yarns that are soft for fragile skin

Here is a simple "recipe" for a premie hat:

1. DK weight yarn, US size 5 (3.75 mm) knitting needles (dpns or circular); gauge~ 5.5 - 6 stitches per inch
2. Using a stretchy cast on, CO 48 stitches.
3. Knit in stockinette until ~ 4 inches in height.
4. 1st decrease row: k4 (knit 4), k2tog (knit 2 together), repeat around. 40 sts (stitches) remain.
5. 2nd decrease row: k3, k2tog, repeat around. 32sts remain.
6. 3rd decrease row: k2, k2tog, repeat around. 24 sts remain.
7. 4th decrease row: k1, k2tog, repeat around. 16 sts remain.
8. 5th decrease row: k2tog, repeat around. 8 sts remain.
9. Cut yarn and weave end through remaining 8 sts.

You can adapt this recipe to add stripes, patterning, etc. I have also adapted various fun baby hats to the 48 st size and rolled brim to make birds, bears, etc.

Cindy P.

Guild Notes

Libraries are wonderful resources: If accessing our zoom meetings from home is difficult for you please speak with a local librarian as soon as possible. There are several internet hot spots in the area available for checkout and a librarian may be able to help you with your specific situation.

Save the Dates: The Guild's annual spring retreat is scheduled for February 29th through March 3rd 2024

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. Be sure to save the password for your future use

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: There will be a Guild social event on June 10th. Other 2024 dates will be determined after we finalize our winter Zoom speaker.

Thank you!: A hearty thank you to all of those that allowed me to photograph your projects to use in our newsletter!



Your favorite Books

Here's the book list from the September meeting. They're in no particular order – just the way they came up as I went through the note pads - with one exception. There weren't a lot of books that got more than one mention, but there were some, and I'll start with those. There were very few comments about any of the books, but where there were, I've included them.

1. *Knitting the National Parks*, by Nancy Bates.
This is the book that has the wonderful hat patterns.
2. Elizabeth Zimmerman's books were mentioned, both generally, and a few by name. The list is:
Knitting Without Tears
Elizabeth Zimmerman's Knitter's Almanac
Knitting Workshop
Knitting Around
The Opinionated Knitter
Knit One, Knit All
There is also a book written by her grandson Cully Swansen, *The Complete Surprise: Knitting Elizabeth Zimmerman's Surprise Jacket*
3. *A Treasury of Knitting Patterns, A Second Treasury of Knitting Patterns, Charted Knitting Designs: A Third Treasury of Knitting Patterns*, and *A Fourth Treasury of Knitting Patterns*, by Barbara Walker. "For stitch specifics and how tos."
4. Sally Melville's books, both generally and a few by name. The list is
Sally Melville's Styles – "Great multicolor patterns using odd balls. The designs do NOT look like scrap yarn sweaters. The woman is a genius!"
The Knitting Experience Book 1: The Knit Stitch, Inspiration and Instruction
The Knitting Experience Book 2: The Purl Stitch, Becoming Intuitive
The Power and The Glory - The Knitting Experience: Book 3: Color
Knitting Pattern Essentials (with Bonus Material): Adapting and Drafting Knitting Patterns for Great Knitwear
She also wrote two books with her daughter, *Warm Knits, Cool Gifts: Celebrate the Love of Knitting and Family*, and *Mother-Daughter Knits*.

5. *The Knitter's Life List*, by Gwen W. Steege – "We used this book several years ago, at Amelia's Yarn & Fabric Shop, as a way for knitter to meet and discuss this book – kind of like a one-book club group. Everyone took turns leading the discussion. This book explores techniques, yarns, designers, history, patterns, and inspirations. It's a great reference!"

6. *Patty Lyon's Knitting Bag of Tricks*

The rest of the books were mentioned once each.

7. *Operation Sock Drawer: A Guide to Building Your Stash of Hand-Knit Socks* – Interweave
8. *Refined Knits: Sophisticate Lace, Cable, and Aran Lace Knitwear*, by Jennifer Woods
9. *Think Outside the Sox: 60 + Winning Designs from the Knitter's Magazine Contest*, by Elaine Rowley. This book is full of wild and innovative sock designs, and to cap it all, the grand prize winner was a former RKG President, Betty Salpekar!
10. *Knit, Swirl* – I couldn't identify this book
11. *The New Knitting Dictionary*, by Rhoda Ochser Goldberg
12. *A Stash of One's Own*, Clara Parkes, ed. This is a collection of essays by 21 knitters, and presents a range of approaches to the question of stash.
13. *Norway's Knitted Heritage*, by Annemor Sundbø – an exhaustive and gorgeous history
14. *The New Knitter's Template*; Laura Militzer Bryant, & Barry Klein. This book is an excellent way to work pattern free with the yarn you have at hand.
15. *Women's Work: The First 20,000 Years. Women, Cloth and Society in Early Times*, by Elizabeth Wayland Barber. A wonderful introduction to the history of women and thread, written for the general reader. For a more academic approach, see Barber's *Prehistoric Textiles: The Development of Cloth in the Neolithic and Bronze Ages with Special Reference to the Aegean*.
16. Ann Budd's Handy Book series:
The Knitter's Handy Book of Patterns: Basic Designs in Multiple Sizes and Gauges
The Knitter's Handy Book of Sweater Patterns: Basic Designs in Multiple Sizes and Gauges
The Knitter's Handy Book of Top-Down Sweat-

ers: *Basic Designs in Multiple Sizes and Gauges*

These books are invaluable if you're striking out on your own, and just want to knit something. Also mentioned was her *Getting Started Knitting Socks*

17. *The Knitter's Book of Finishing Techniques*, by Nancie M. Wiseman
18. *The Knitter's Handbook: Essential Skills & Helpful Hints from Knitter's Magazine*, by Elaine Rowley
19. *Mason-Dixon Knitting*, by Kay Gardiner and Ann Meador Shayne.
20. *Knit Fix: Problem Solving for Knitters*, by Lisa Kartus – "For problem solving"
21. *The Fleece & Fiber Sourcebook: More Than 200 Fibers, from Animal to Spun Yarn*, by Carol Ekarius and Deborah Robson "For fiber & yarn knowledge"
22. *Cast On, Bind Off: 211 Ways to Begin and End Your Knitting*, by Cap Sease
23. *Cast On, Bind Off: 54 Step-by-Step Methods: Find the Perfect Start and Finish for Every Knitting Project*, Leslie Ann Bestor
24. Alice Starmore books for designs. Her list is extensive:
 - Alice Starmore's Book of Fair Isle Knitting Aran Knitting*
 - Alice Starmore's Charts for Color Knitting Sweaters For Men*
 - The Celtic Collection*
 - Fisherman's Sweaters*
 - Stillwater*
 - Pacific Coast Highway*
 - In the Hebrides*
 - Tudor Roses*
 - Tudor Roses version 2* (The patterns in the two books are quite different)
 - Scandinavian Knitwear*
 - Glamourie*She's also written a few others with other people, including her daughter
25. Kaffe Fassett – Kaffe has also written extensively on needlepoint and quilting, but his knitting books were a revelation when they were published.
 - Glorious Color*
 - Family Album*
 - Glorious Knits*

Kaffe's Classics: 25 Favorite Knitting Patterns for Sweaters, Jackets, Vests and More

Kaffe Fassett's Pattern Library

Kaffe Knits Again: 24 Original Designs Updated for Today's Knitters

Knitting with The Color Guys: Inspiration, Ideas, and Projects from the Kaffe Fassett Studio with Brandon Mably

26. *Never Too Old to Knit: Beautiful Basics for Baby Boomers*, by Karin Strom
27. There was a recommendation for the Nancy Bush sock book with a Dutch heel. That appears in two of her books, *Folk Socks* and *Knitting Vintage Socks: New Twists on Classic Patterns*. The instructions are slightly different in each (the vintage sock book is working from a specific historical source). I think *Folk Socks* is a bit clearer and more customizable.
28. *Sensational Knitted Socks*, by Charlene Schurch. She also wrote *More Sensational Knitted Socks*.
29. *Sock Innovation*, by Cookie A. She also wrote *knit. sock. love*.
30. *Knitting New Mittens & Gloves: Warm and Adorn Your Hands in 28 Innovative Ways*, by Robin Melanson
31. *Unraveling: What I Learned About Life While Shearing Sheep, Dyeing Wool, and Making the World's Ugliest Sweater*, by Peggy Orenstein
32. *Huge & Huggable Mochimochi*, by Anna Hrachovec
33. *60 Quick Baby Knits: Blankets, Booties, Sweaters & More in Cascade 220 Superwash (60 Quick Knits Collection)*, Sixth & Spring Books, eds.
34. *Knits for Nerds: 30 Projects*, by Joan of Dark a.k.a. Toni Carr. This is a guess. The book on the list was *Knitting Star Wars*, but I can't find anything by that title, and this one has a Leia hat on the cover. It covers a whole range of fandom. If I'm wrong, I'd be happy to put the correct book in the next newsletter, if someone can give me a reference.
35. *Extra Yarn*, by Mac Barnett. This isn't a knitting book per se, but a charming children's picture book.
36. There were additional, more general recommendations. One person liked Leisure Arts books when starting out; another likes top down pat-

terns for sweaters. Someone else mentioned Ravelry as a resource. Another recommended Tin Can Knits for mitten patterns.

37. I couldn't locate a couple of the books mentioned, or anything that looked possible. If someone spots that their recommendation was left out, please send along a more complete reference (preferably a link to the book), and I'll get it into the next newsletter.

Irondequoit Public Library Drop-in Knitting Circle

room 213

Mondays

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesdays

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Bring your knitting, quilting or needlework supplies and projects, and chat while you work

Stitch in our Community

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Knit Nook
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 10-11:30am

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Sit & Stitch
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