

# 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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## President's Message

Ready, steady, SHOP! Are you limbering up for our November shop night? Our full complement of vendors will be offering a selection of fiber, yarn, tools, and accessories that are sure to delight! Please bring guests and have a fun evening of shopping. I look forward to seeing you there.

In December we will meet by Zoom for a presentation by Roxanne Richardson.

*Ingrid Lembach*  
President



## November Meeting

The November meeting is our Shop Night! Bring your cash and credit cards, and your friends and relations—there will be plenty of shopping for everyone.

I have a correction to make, and I feel terrible about it. I spoke with someone after the presentation who asked about the yarn used in my Midnight in Berlin, and I gave her the wrong color. I said it was Knit Picks Hawthorne in Cattail, but it was Compass. I'd used Cattail in one of the other shawls I brought. I'm really sorry to have spoken without double checking.

*Sue Sayre*  
Vice President



## Upcoming Meetings

### *All Hands Meetings*

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*

November 20th  
December 19th  
January 22nd  
7:00 via Zoom.  
Link upon request

## News from Our Member Shops

Shop Night is Monday, November 13, with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. You will find many of your 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. You may want to plan on bringing cash, check and credit cards for the different vendors. We'll also be raffling eight \$10 gift certificates for use at Shop Night. Please note that the doors to the Temple will be locked at 7:00 p.m. so plan to arrive by then. Here's the list of vendors you will find at Shop Night:

Acorn Works  
Amelia's Fabric and Yarn Shoppe  
Kingfisher Bags  
Birch Tree Fibers  
Knit for You  
Patty Cornelius Pottery  
Lift Bridge Yarns  
Crafting for Good  
Long Meadow Farm  
Megs & Co.

D & D Fibers  
Nina Raqueno  
Fiber Adornment  
Strings 'n Things  
Fuzzy Bunny  
Tina Turner Knits  
Heart Forge Solutions  
Wilhemina's Wee Woolies  
Hemlock Hills Alpaca Farm

During Shop Night, you can also visit a table featuring the Genesee Valley Handspinner's Guild.

Little Button Craft will be hosting its seventh annual Handmade Holiday on Saturday, December 2 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. Boniface Church and the Historic German House in the South Wedge. With 75 vendors, you'll be sure to find many perfect holiday gifts. For more information be sure to visit <https://www.rochandmade-holiday.com/>

*Carol Kolb*  
*Shop Liaison*



## 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.

*Anne Schweighardt*  
*Secretary*



## Library

Our Guild Library has grown, thanks to a major anonymous donation of excellent knitting and crochet books. They have been sorted and shelved and our cabinets are now almost bursting at the seams. Please stop in and check them out (using both meanings of “check out”—first, look them over and second, sign some out to take home and study at your leisure.

As an example, we now have all of Sally Melville’s classics, including *The Knit Stitch* and *The Purl Stitch*—all very easy to read and with good simple patterns. If you need a short break from the vendors at Shop Night, stop over for some no-cost inspiration for using that new yarn. We’re a great resource.

Thanks once again to Sally Heneghan and Maureen Murphy for their help in getting the new-to-us books sorted and the shelves juggled to make room for them. Your help was invaluable.

*Joan Dupont and Kate Clark*  
*Librarians*

## Tips from the Help Desk

When knitting a pattern in the round, you are always told, “Join, being careful not to twist.” Easier said than done. I use a plastic safety pin to pin the first and last stitches together before I knit the next round. Not only does it keep the stitches straight, but it also reduces the large gap between the two stitches.

*Debby Abrahams*  
*Help Table*

## Workshops

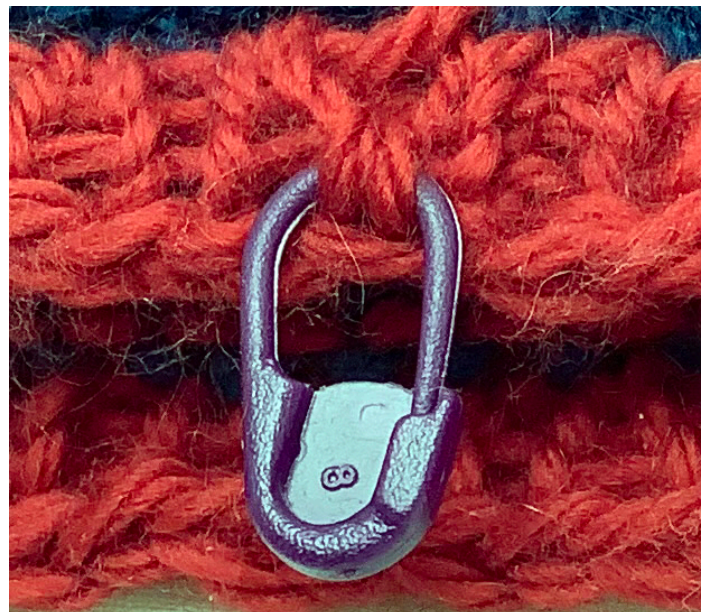
Save the Dates!! The RKG Spring Workshops featuring *Colorwork Around the World* are scheduled for April 26, 27 and 28, 2024 via Zoom.

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. Both Janette and Kristin will be featured speakers at Guild meetings in advance of the workshops so you can get a preview of these wonderful instructors!

The Shetland classes will take us from color selection (authentic Shetland and beyond) to final steeking. The Scandinavian classes will feature several different yarn and color management techniques and skills and also a Scandinavian Slipper class to put those skills to work!

We are finalizing the workshop registration materials and they will be emailed and available on the guild-website soon.

*Cindy Proano*  
*Workshops*



## **Guild Notes**

*New Feature:* Debby Abrahams of the help table will now be contributing a monthly knitting tip or trick to the Guild newsletter. Perhaps we will learn the secrets to all of her beautiful show and tell creations.

*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.

*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.

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

## **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](mailto:auction@rochesterknitting.org).

*Marcia Weinart*  
*Auction Coordinator*

## **Community Service**

November is the last meeting to donate items for the SPIRIT NYS winter drive. As a reminder, SPIRIT NYS is a non-profit organization that helps homeless teens in the Rochester area stay in high school, graduate and get into college. They are in need of knitted hats, scarves, socks and mittens or gloves for 60 students currently in their program. Any items donated means less they need to buy for the coming winter season. <https://spiritnys.org/>.

We are continuing to collect donations of any knitted or crocheted items for other organizations as well. We will help all items find a good home within our community. Yarn is always available at the community knitting table if you need any for your items. Every item donated gets your name added to the raffle for our year end drawing for \$25 to the local member yarn shop of your choice. Thanks for continuing to support our community with your donations!

*Pat B.*  
*Community Knitting*

## **Guild Web site**

We're working on a much needed update of our website, and we'd love your ideas. What would you like to see there? One of the ideas we're working on is a directory of local resources, such as knitting teachers and people offering individual help, local pattern designers, indie dyers in the area, wool and fiber festivals, etc. Let us know what would be of interest, and if you would like to be listed in one of these areas, please send your info to [webmistress@rochesterknitting.org](mailto:webmistress@rochesterknitting.org).

Would you like to see your (and your fellow knitters') finished objects in a website gallery? Send your photos to the same address.

# Stitch in our Community

## 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

## Webster Public Library, Sit & Stitch

Mondays,  
3:30 to 5 pm

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

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



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[expressionsinneedleart.com](http://expressionsinneedleart.com)

*The Fuzzy Bunny*  
Liz Yockel  
6 Honeoye Commons  
Honeoye, NY 14471  
(802) 342-6342  
[www.fuzzybunnyarn.com](http://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](http://www.liftbridgeyarns.com)

*Tina Turner Knits*  
Tina Turner  
16 N. Goodman St., Suite 101  
Rochester, NY 14607  
585 820-4507  
[www.tinaturnerknits.com](http://www.tinaturnerknits.com)

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Shelby Przybylek  
658 South Avenue  
Rochester, New York 14619  
585-371-7891  
[www.littlebuttoncraftandpress.com](http://www.littlebuttoncraftandpress.com)

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438 West Main Street  
Rochester, NY 14608  
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585-328-2642  
[www.sewgreenrochester.org](http://www.sewgreenrochester.org)

*Yarn Culture*  
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*The EWE's Yarn Gathering*  
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Carol McManus  
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