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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

I want to extend my thanks to our Guild members for making shop night such a success! Many members brought friends to the meeting to share in the fun of exploring new and returning vendors. Did you find something delightful to take home? This night could not have happened without the hard work of our volunteers and the support of the Temple staff. In December we will meet by zoom to hear our guest presenter Roxanne Richardson. Grab a hot beverage, your current project, and join us!

Ingrid Lembach
President



December Meeting

I'm really looking forward to our Zoom presentation as the December meeting. Roxanne Richardson is my go-to for [technique videos](#) on YouTube, and I'm excited to see her vintage sweaters.

Our January meeting will be in person, and will be on shawl shapes and how to achieve them, both to understand what you're looking at in a pattern, and so that you can simply knit what you have in mind, and showcase a gorgeous yarn while you do.

Sue Sayre
Vice President



Upcoming Meetings

All Hands Meetings
December 11th (Zoom)
January 8th
February 12th
7:00 p.m.
Doors open at 6:30
Temple B'rith Kodesh
2131 Elmwood Avenue
Rochester, NY 14618

Board Meetings
December 18th
January 22nd
February 19th
March 18th
7:00 via Zoom.
Link upon request

But I crochet, weave, spin....

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.

Community Service

A big thank you to everyone who donated items for the SPIRIT NYS winter drive. The Guild donated just over 100 items to this great organization that helps homeless teens in the Rochester area stay in high school, graduate, and get into college. And, in just the first 3 months of the guild year we have collected 285 items, including one donation of 110 infant, child and adult hats by Julia C. That's the great news. The not so great news is that all 285 donations have come from just 21 of our approximately 150 guild members. Think of the donations we would have if even just half of the guild members made a donation!

Our December meeting is via Zoom, and many of you, like me, are likely finishing up holiday gift projects during December. But, as December rolls into January, holiday projects will be done and it's the perfect time to think about knitting for the community. Please consider knitting or crocheting something to donate at the January guild meeting. If you need yarn to create an item, see me in January and bring your finished item back to donate in February. Every item donated finds a good home!

Pat Butterfield
Community Knitting

Auction

As you may know, the annual Yarn Auction held every May is a major fund-raiser for the Rochester Knitting Guild—and YOUR help is needed, to make it a success! Since the arrival of Covid, the guild hasn't had a "regular" auction for a bit, and so most of us have some skeins in our stashes that no longer delight us. Won't you please go through your stash during the quiet days of your holidays, and bring some of those treasures that no longer "spark joy" for you, to add to the treasures that will be auctioned to benefit the guild?

Pat Butterfield has graciously offered to collect these skeins at the Community Knitting table; please look for a receptacle labeled "Yarn Auction."

Marcia Weinert
Auction Coordinator

News from Our Member Shops

Thank you to all our shops, vendors, and members who helped make last month's Shop Night a great evening. It was so nice to see what everyone had to offer and visit with so many people all at the same time. Please be sure to check out our December shop news below.

The RKG has a new member shop, **Megs & Co. Yarn Shop!** Megs & Co. is offering Guild members a 10% discount both online and at shows on regular priced items. For receiving the discount online, please use RKG10. For shopping at shows, please present your membership card. Here's a link to the website: <https://www.megsandco.com/shop>.

The Fuzzy Bunny is celebrating its 10th anniversary on Saturday, December 9 (10 a.m.—6 p.m.) and Sunday, December 10 (from 11 a.m.—4 p.m.) with guest artists, a studio sale, and snacks. There will also be some fantastic door prizes. The Fuzzy Bunny carries hand-dyed yarn, Cascade Yarns, a wide range of fiber tools and notions, handmade bath and body products, tea, and chocolate. It's a great time to visit The Fuzzy Bunny!

Yarn Culture is going to Madrid, Spain and has just 2 spots left! Join Yarn Culture on their Madrid knitting adventure from February 7-14, 2024! Stay at the elegant Hotel Villa de la Reina, immerse yourself in the Love Yarn Madrid Festival with almost 115 vendors, and attend exclusive masterclasses with Stephen West and Aimée Gille. Your trip includes festival access, two masterclasses, and much more! To learn more and register, please visit Yarn Culture's website at <https://yarnculture.com/>.

As a follow up on Shop Night last month, Kathie Spangenberg of Kingfisher Bags is offering Guild members a 10% discount on her merchandise through the end of December. Her merchandise is at <https://www.etsy.com/shop/kingfisherbags>. Please use RKG10 for the discount.

Thank you,
Carol Kolb
Shop Liaison

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. Kristin will be our featured speaker at the March 11, 2024 Guild meeting, to present “Scandinavian Knitting Traditions and Symbolism in Nordic Knitting “ and Janette will present a talk on “Knitting and Living in Shetland” at the April 8, 2024 meeting (both of those Guild meetings will be via Zoom).

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 website soon.

Cindy Proano
Workshops

Library

Our library nearly doubled in size due to this fall’s donation windfall, and still we have five boxes of extra books. Mark your calendars for the February 12th guild meeting when we’ll hold a silent auction of those excess books, following the same format as last spring. The goal is find “good homes” for them, and also make a bit of money for the guild. Here’s a chance to pick up a book or three that cover areas of knitting that you’ve been thinking of trying, all for an extremely low cost.

Joan Dupont and Kate Clark
Librarians



Tips from the Help Desk

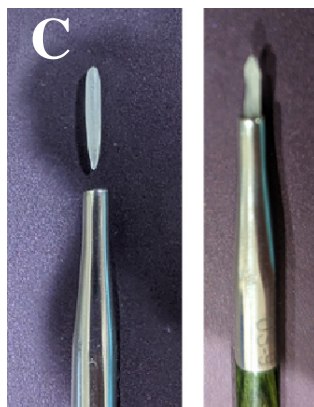
I love interchangeable needles, but even when they are tightened to the max, they still come untwisted, and then the stitches get stuck in the gap. If you have this problem (A), here's the solution:

Get dental wax (B), and pinch off a small piece. Roll it into a small cigar-like shape, and insert it into the female end of the cable or needle (C). Continue filling until the wax is even with the top (D). Then screw the needle tightly to the cable, and the problem should be solved.

Note: if you have too much wax, scrape the inside with a paper clip to remove the excess.

Hope this helps, and Happy Knitting!

Debby Abrahams
Help Table



Guild Notes

2024 dates: Dates have been finalized for the rest of our current season. This winter/spring will feature a mix of activities and speakers. We will begin the year in person with our vice president Sue at the helm. In March and April, we will be back on Zoom with the European instructors that will be teaching our annual workshops. After the auction in May we will be headed to Quinzi Lodge in East Rochester for an informal gathering to wrap up our current Guild season on June 10th. For a concise list of dates visit the Guild web page.

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

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

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

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The Fuzzy Bunny
Liz Yockel
6 Honeoye Commons
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Amelia's Fabric and Yarn Shoppe
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The Shops on West Ridge
3200 West Ridge Road
Rochester, NY 14626
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<http://ameliasfabricandyarnshoppe.com>

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