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President's Message

Happy New Year to all our guild members! I hope you are looking forward to 2024 and everything it holds for you. I used to feel like each January had to have a PLAN - all the new resolutions/goals/challenges I set up for myself couldn't possibly be finished in one year!

This January, I'm inspired by Ida Petersen's WIP purge (@kreaida on Instagram). She spent December revisiting projects and reclaiming yarn.

I feel ready now to pull out all UFOs, bundled yarn and patterns, and finished objects from all the far corners and take a good look at them. Do they still make sense for me now? How have I still not frogged the sweater I started for my nephew when he was one? He just turned 11 and is much too grown up for that gift now. What about that half finished shawl in wool that makes me sneeze? I will thank each project for the enjoyment I got from it, and set it free.

Ingrid Lembach
President

Upcoming Meetings

All Hands Meetings

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

Board Meetings

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

January Meeting

Here's a rundown for the rest of the year. In January and February we'll meet in person. January will be a presentation on the basic geometry of shawl shaping, whether to help you simply knit a shawl you have in mind, or to better understand how colors and patterns are going to move in a shawl you're working from a pattern. February will be our mini-workshops. This year, we'll be doing circular cast ons, which are useful, for example, for starting a hat from the top down, or as the center of a square or circular shawl. Bring yarn and needles if you want to give them a try. We'll also be holding a silent book auction in February.

March and April will be Zoom meetings with our two April workshop leaders. May is our annual yarn auction. And this year, in June, we're adding an extra in-person meeting. It will be a picnic rather than at the Temple, and should be a very nice chance for some extra knitting time together before the summer break.

On the subject of the Yarn Auction, should you be moved to do a bit of early Spring cleaning and organizing after the holidays, and to make any donations to the Auction, you might want to glance over the program notes from a couple of Guild presentations on the subject of stash, with some thoughts on thinning it. They can be found in the Members' Only section of the website. Meg did a program in 2015, and I did one in March of this year. For those who haven't noticed, there are program notes, scripts, and photos from many of the programs we've held available there.

Sue Sayre
Vice President

Community Service

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and is looking forward to an even better 2024. If you're like me, you spent much of December getting those holiday projects finished. And now that they have been gifted, you're planning out your knitting for the first few months of 2024. Please consider adding an item to donate to the top of your list. I have already completed a hat that I will donate at the January meeting! Because 99% of the items donated so far this year have already found homes in the community, the stockpiles of items to donate have been depleted. But there is still a lot of winter left in our area and a lot of people who have need for warm knitted items. Please stop by and see me in the January meeting. Either to donate an item or to pick up yarn to make an item to donate in February. Thank you for your continued support!

Pat Butterfield
Community Knitting

Auction

No doubt the holidays added some yarns to your stash; perhaps your New Year's resolutions include sorting through and finding a new home for some of what is crowding your closets, drawers, baskets, basement?? The best possible home for your castaways will be found at the RKG annual auction, held May 13, 2024—and you'll help balance the RKG budget at this fundraiser! Please bring your donations to the Community Knitting table at any meeting, and place them in the bin for "Auction Donations." When we all pull together, we make the guild stronger. Thank you for supporting the guild with the yarns you no longer want or need!

Marcia Weinert
Auction Coordinator

News from Our Member Shops

Now that the New Year is here, we do have some events happening at our member shops that we can take advantage of and support our member shops at the same time.

Lift Bridge Yarns: will be having their Semi-Annual Clearance Sale starting Monday, January 8 online & Tuesday, January 9 in-store.

From Heart Forge Solutions: Brian and Sarah would like to extend our thanks to everyone who made our 2023 a lot brighter - we had a fantastic night at Shop Night, and a wonderful experience celebrating the *Fuzzy Bunny's* 10 year anniversary in early December. Brian is brimming with new ideas and fun concepts, and we hope to have some more fun things to share in January. In the works are yarn minders, a ball winder insert for mini-skeins, and more! There is a limited selection of Heart Forge Solutions items available at Fuzzy Bunny if you just can't wait for a Guild meeting! We are working on posting more often on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), so feel free to follow us, just search for Heart Forge Solutions. Rochester Knitting Guild members are entitled to an exclusive 10% discount on any purchase in our online store. Please login to the Members only section of the Guild's website at <https://rochesterknitting.org/members-only/> to obtain the discount code. We are also offering members a pick-up option (save shipping!). Use the code RKG-FREESHIP along with the discount; both codes should work simultaneously, just leave us a comment on your order what detailing month you plan to be at the guild and we'll get your order there! Thank you again for helping us get our business moving forward, and we can't wait to see what 2024 brings!

Tina Turner Knits Fiber Arts Festival is coming up on Sunday, February 18, 2024 from 10am to 4pm at the RIT Inn and Conference Center, 5257 West Henrietta Road, Henrietta NY 14467. Admission is \$5 and the parking is free. Make sure to mark your calendars!

Thank you,
Carol Kolb
Shop Liaison

Help Wanted

The Guild has a selection of Board and volunteer positions opening for the 2024–2025 season. Vice President and Treasurer are among these positions. Not every position needs to be filled by an individual. The VP position would be a great opening for a team because the chief duty is planning and coordinating our meeting presentations.

If you are interested in a RKG board position, contact our past president [Margaret Mullen](#)

Library

Please stop by the library at our January meeting and sign out some books to take home with you. These long winter evenings are the perfect time to snuggle up with fiber inspiration and guidance. Yes, the internet has all sorts of information but sometimes a real book is best. You can search our database ahead of time, using the link on the library section of the newsletter. It takes you to a web-based inventory where you can search by title or author. We will soon be adding the category field so you will be able to search on that in the future. We will eventually be using that database to track borrowing so we'll even be able to flag when a book is out on loan.

At February's in-person meeting we will be conducting another silent auction of duplicate and surplus books (our two cabinets are full). It is an excellent opportunity to pick up great books for a minimum bid of \$1 (and even less if they survive Round 1).

If you can volunteer to help us with the auction, please stop by the library table on Jan 8th or email us at librarian@rochesterknitting.org. The more helpers, the more smoothly it goes.

Joan Dupont and Kate Clark
Librarians

Guild Notes

Spring Retreat: The Guild's annual spring retreat is scheduled for February 29th through March 3rd 2024. A Registration form is at the end of this newsletter.

Fiber Event: Check out the Black Sheep Handspinners Guild Annual Roc Day Celebration on January 13th. See the flyer attached to the end of this newsletter for more details.

Celebration: Monday, January 29 from 3:00–5:30 pm, the Sit & Stitch gathering at the Webster Public Library (980 Ridge Road) will celebrate its 20th anniversary! Birthday cake (naturally!) and beverages will be supplied. Please plan to bring your stitching (knitting, crochet, tatting, needlepoint, cross stitch, etc.) and join our little circle, as have over 400 other participants, over the past two decades. There is no need to register; this is a free, drop-in program. Feel free to email me if you have any questions: UndeniablyLoopy@gmail.com. Let's celebrate community and creativity!! Marcia Weinert

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.

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 present “Scandinavian Knitting Traditions and Symbolism in Nordic Knitting” at the March 11, 2024 Guild meeting; 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 are offered in the mornings and the Scandinavian classes will be offered in the afternoons. The Shetland classes will include an introduction to Shetland colorwork, making a small Shetland colorwork project, and learning to steek a Shetland project. The Scandinavian classes will feature a Scandinavian Slipper class (offered over two days so you’ll have time to finish your homework before the second half) and also the class, “Knitting with Three Colors at Once (without dropping yarn, getting tangled or swearing)”. It is a fantastic tour through Colorwork around the World without leaving home!

The Workshop registration materials will be emailed and available on the website shortly.

*Cindy Proano
Workshops*



Tips from the Help Table

If you want to use several different yarns from your stash, you need to know if the yarn gauges are similar. As you can see from the photo, it’s hard to tell the relative gauges by sight alone.

To check before you even need to knit test swatches, you can give your yarns the “twist test.” Take each yarn, double it around the other, and twist both in the same direction, as in the photos. It’s easier to see which yarns are thicker and which are thinner. To make extra sure, run the twisted yarns between thumb and forefinger, and you should be able to detect any differences.

*Debby Abrahams
Help Table*





Stay in the beautiful Wegman House



Creative Cables



**ROCHESTER KNITTING GUILD
Spring Knitting Retreat
At Camp Stella Maris, Livonia, NY
March 1-3 2024**

Come Treat Yourself to a Spring Knitting Retreat



A weekend of knitting fun.

Friday Evening:

- Show & Tell

Saturday Workshop Choices:

- Creative Cables - Bunny
- Amigurumi Crochet
- Op Knit Texture Cowl
- **More Coming Soon**

Saturday Evening:

- Game Night

Depart Sunday afternoon

Weekend Retreat Fee Includes:

- Choice of 2 Saturday Workshops
- Meals Friday Dinner through Sunday Brunch
- Overnight Group Accommodations

Reserve Your Bunk Today!

Please select the desired workshops and enclose the completed form with a check payable to the Rochester Knitting Guild mail to:
Nina Raqueno 5710 Old Orchard PT Livonia, NY 14487

Now accepting Venmo @RKG Treasurer and email Registration form to nina.raqueno@gmail.com



Ewe NEED a Retreat!



Take a workshop or two



Op Knit Texture Cowl

ROCHESTER KNITTING GUILD
Spring Knitting Retreat
March 1-3 2024 (Extra Night Thursday Feb.29th)

Name: _____

Email address: _____

(Confirmation, complete weekend schedule, & supply list will be sent by email.)

- Knitting Weekend Fee \$ 225
- Weekend Fee (no workshops) \$ 200
- Saturday Day Camper Only \$ 80
(Workshops, Lunch & Snacks Included)
- EXTRA Thursday Night Lodging .. \$ 90
- Total Included \$ _____
- Due February 1, 2024 \$ _____

Please select 1 Morning and 1 Afternoon Workshop

- ___ Creative Cables (AM)
- ___ Amigurumi Crochet (AM)
- ___ Op Knit texture Cowl (PM)
- ___ **I'll choose workshops later ☺**

**Can't join us for the entire weekend?
Join us for Saturday Workshops!
(9am-4pm)**

Questions? Contact Nina Raqueno by phone at (585) 281-3846 or by email at nina.raqueno@gmail.com.

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

2023-2024 Board

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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
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Rochester, NY 14607
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Little Button Craft and Press
Shelby Przybylek
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Rochester, New York 14619
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Sew Green of Rochester
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Rochester, NY 14608
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Yarn Culture
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www.yarnculture.com

The EWE's Yarn Gathering
716-771-4515

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/>

Megs & Co. Yarn Shop
Megan Granger
online and shows
<https://www.megsandco.com/shop>



Black Sheep Handspinners Guild Annual Roc Day Celebration Saturday, January 13



Join spinners who love to talk, spin, and share. Find fibers, tools, & art to browse and buy. There will be potluck lunch & raffle!

Workshops

10:30: Beginning Spinning

11:30: Drop Spindle Basics

1:30: Learn to Knit

Demonstrations

Card Weaving (without a loom!)

Making Art Yarn

All Saint's Church
Parish Hall
347 Ridge Rd, Lansing
Open 10AM -4 PM
Free admission!



Questions? Find us on Facebook at Black Sheep Handspinners Guild
Contact: angelika@simonstl.com