

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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April is a Zoom meeting

A link to the meeting will be sent to guild members that have paid their dues for the season shortly before the meeting on the 8th.

April Meeting

This month, We will be welcoming Janette Budge direct from the Shetland Islands to speak to us via Zoom

Janette comes from a long history of Shetland knitters and has been very involved in Shetland Wool Week for years, designing, teaching and leading tours. Her Shetland classes will include an introduction to Shetland colorwork (for all skill levels!), making a small Shetland colorwork project, and learning to steek a Shetland project. You can read her bio on her website [HERE](#) to get a little more insight into the interesting and lovely charm she brings to her classes. We've included some of her designs in this newsletter on pages one and two.

*Cindy Proano
Workshops*

Upcoming Meetings

All Hands Meetings

April 8th (Zoom)

May 13th

June 10th (Quinzi Lodge)

7:00 p.m.

Doors open at 6:30

Temple B'rith Kodesh

2131 Elmwood Avenue

Board Meetings

April 22nd

May 20th

June 17th 7:00 p.m.

7:00 via Zoom

Link upon request

President's Message

Our next community meeting takes place by Zoom on Monday, April 8th. This day is pretty special as Rochester is in the path of Totality for the Solar Eclipse!! I've always made time to view eclipses, even laying in the snow in the middle of the night to catch a lunar eclipse one cold February. I think this year I'll be at the Memorial Art Gallery with family. Do you have your vantage point for viewing picked out yet? Be sure to bring along a simple project to work on as you check on the process of the eclipse, using approved viewing glasses, of course! One of the patterns that recently caught my eye was Ixchel by Catherine Clark. A full colorwork sweater, this pattern features the stages of an eclipse (or moon phases if you prefer). I won't have it ready for this eclipse, but it will be a great addition to my wardrobe!

*Ingrid Lembach
President*



RKG Spring Workshops
Colorwork Around the World
April 26, 27 and 28, 2024 via Zoom

We had a great turnout for our March Meeting that featured Kristin Drysdale, aka Scandiworks, the designer/instructor who will be teaching at our Spring Workshops April 26-28. Kristin shared her design journey and delved into the fascinating myths and meanings behind some of the beautiful motifs in Scandinavian knitting. She will be teaching a two-part Scandinavian Slipper class (only one class fee); and she will also be teaching a class on “Knitting with Three Colors at Once (without dropping yarn, getting tangled or swearing)”. I tried to take that class elsewhere on Zoom and it’s always sold out! But we still have some seats available in her classes, so be sure to sign up before it is too late!

Our guest speaker for April 8th is also our second workshop instructor Janette Budge, Her Shetland classes will include an introduction to Shetland colorwork (for all skill levels!), making a small Shetland colorwork project, and learning to steek a Shetland project. You can read her bio on her website [HERE](#) to get a little more insight into the interesting and lovely charm she brings to her classes. We’ve included some of her designs in this Newsletter.

Workshop registration materials are available on the our website and at the end of this newsletter. Please join us for some fun and fascinating classes!

Cindy Proano
Workshops



Shop News

In addition to this month bringing us April showers, it’s also Local Yarn Shop Day on Saturday, April 27. It’s a good day to get out and visit some of our local yarn shops. Please be sure to check out our member shops’ websites for updates on any events, classes, etc. String & Things Yarn Shoppe has a lot going on for the month and Little Button has a reminder that they host Fiber Night on Wednesdays. See below for information.

From Strings & Things Yarn Shoppe: We have new yarn in the shop... welcome Wonderland Yarns! We have lots of beautiful variegated and hand-dyed colors in 5 popular bases, all 100% merino superwash wool: Mad Hatter (Sport), Lory (DK), March Hare (Worsted), Walrus (Chunky) and TweedleDee Dum (Bulky). Come see our display samples, including a shawl, scarfs, cowls and hats. Choose your own colors or take the guesswork out and buy a kit! We also have an assortment of color-gradient 'Blossom' cakes in MaryAnne (fingering weight), 80% merino superwash wool and 20% nylon, making it a great choice for socks!

In case you didn't know, Malabrigo has a new book out: *Socks: The Ultimate Collection!* On Saturday, April 27th (which coincidentally happens to be Local Yarn Shop Day), we will have a trunk show with displays of all 11 new socks and 20+ colors of Malabrigo Sock and Ultimate Sock yarn to choose from!

Speaking of Local Yarn Shop Day, all yarn will be 15% off, including Malabrigo and Wonderland Yarns! Sign up for a class and get 20% off. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for details regarding free patterns and giveaways! Hope to see you here!

From Little Button: A reminder that they are hosting their weekly fiber night that's open to all crafters on Wednesdays from 6–8p.m.

Happy shopping and knitting!

Carol Kolb
Shop Liaison



Tips from the Help Table

Think tink.

Tinking (undoing knitting stitch by stitch) is no one's favorite stitch, being how it demands attention and coordination, while still being tedious. But tink we must, to remedy mistakes. So here are a couple of tips to lessen the pain.

1. Always keep a long (32" inch or longer, circular needle with a small size. I like a bamboo size 0. They're fragile, so if you prefer a sturdier choice, stainless steel needles work. They also comes in sizes below 0. I have them up to 6-0 at home, although 4-0 needles are as small as I ever use. Whether you're tinking or frogging, the small diameter of the needles makes it much easier to pick up stitches.

2. Bamboo vs steel? If you are working with a slippery yarn like silk, you'll want the bamboo to hold the stitches on the needle. If it's a fuzzy yarn like mohair, the steel needle will slide better through the stitches. As always, it's your preference—there are no knitting police.

Debby Abrahams
Library Help Table

Library

The May meeting will be a busy one with bags and bags of yarn up for silent auction but we hope you will find time to look through the guild's library and find some books to take home with you for the summer. They'd love to have a chance to see sunshine and smell the fresh air and would be more than willing to help take your needlecraft to the next level.

Joan Dupont and Candace Wells,
Library



Elections

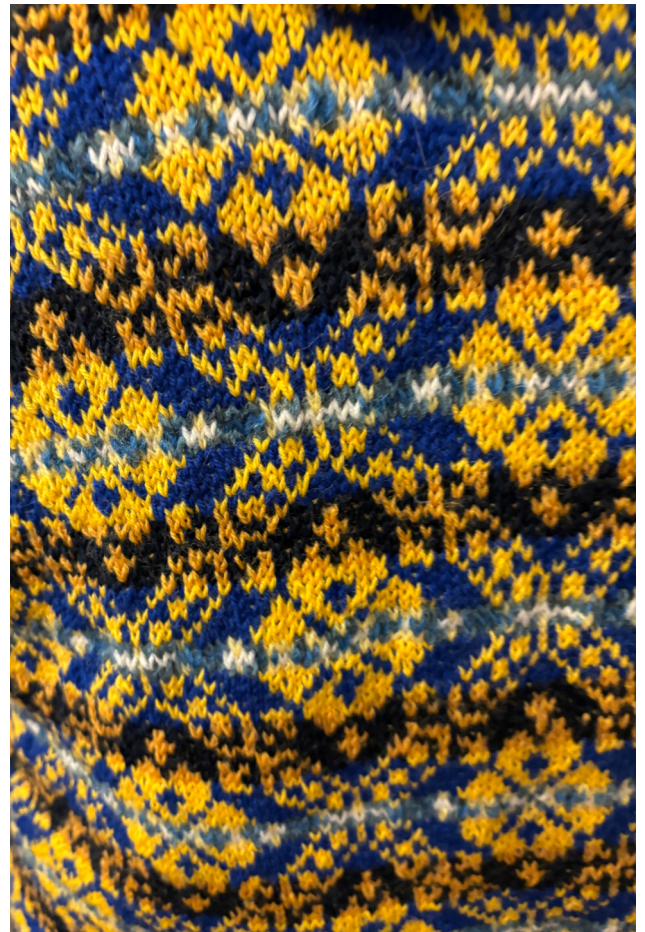
Greetings,
We will be holding elections at our Monday, May 13th in person meeting. If you and I have NOT already been in contact with each other and you wish to run for an elected office, please let me know soon. I will be preparing the ballots for printing the 3rd week in April. Contact me at: pastpresident@rochesterknitting.org

Margaret Mullen
Past President

Community Service

Spring is just around the corner and I am looking forward to warmer weather. But warmer days shouldn't put a stop to donations for community knitting. I'm happy to collect hats, mittens and other items and hold them until the organizations we work with need them. May is the next in person meeting, so be sure to bring your items to donate then. Remember, everyone who donates gets their name added to the May drawing for a gift certificate to the local shop of your choice. So bring those donations in May and get one ticket added for every item you donate.

Pat Butterfield
Community Service



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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716-771-4515

Strings 'n Things

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1-315-310-1656
www.stringsnthingsyarn.com

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RKG SPRING WORKSHOPS
The World of Colorwork
Shetland - Janette Budge
Scandinavian - Kristin Drysdale
April 26, 27 & 28, 2024
via Zoom

Friday, April 26, 2024, 9:00-Noon EDST

CLASS: INTRODUCTION TO FAIR ISLE - JANETTE BUDGE



Have fun learning how to knit Fair Isle. We will cover ways to attach new colours, how to carry your yarn at the back (floats), achieve an even tension and tips on colour choice and patterns. Knitting in the round is optional, the project can be knit flat.

Skills required: Students must be able to do basic knit stitches.

Homework: No homework required.

Supplies: The project rows are only 42 sts over 21 rows so a few yards of each colour is all that is required. You can choose to knit in only 2 colours if you wish. Otherwise, 4 colours are needed in total. Fingering weight or 4ply equivalent yarn is best on needle size US 2-3 depending on whether you are a tight or loose knitter. You can use 4-5 DPNs if working in the round or 2 circular needles (1 circular doesn't work well with such few stitches) The project can also be knit flat, back and forth.

Friday, April 26, 2024, 1:30 - 3:00 pm EDST

CLASS: SCANDI SLIPPER CLASS Part 1 - KRISTIN DRYSDALE



This class teaches you everything you need to know about colorwork in a nutshell. *You will be provided with a coupon code to purchase a slipper pattern after registration; Kristin will provide suggestions as to which slipper patterns will work best for you).* This is an intensive colorwork class. Knitters will learn how to knit and purl with two colors at once by holding the yarn in one hand or in two hands. You will learn how and when and why to catch floats. Learn to read charts. How to decrease in colorwork, and my favorite longtail cast on, and how to join seamlessly in the round. You will improve your DPN/flexiflip skills. We learn about gauge and sizing. And learn how to do a Norwegian braid to finish off the slippers. After making these slippers, you will have the colorwork skills to knit anything you want in colorwork.

Skills required: Intermediate. If you are an enthusiastic beginner and you know how to knit and purl with confidence, you can take this class.

For Class 1: We will start the slipper and you'll be asked to complete it to a certain point before Class 2.

Homework: Bring your selected Slipper pattern

Supplies:

- Gauge-size DPNs or Flexiflips. Suggested needle size: US 4/3.5
- Brown Sheep Prairie Spun DK yarn or comparable in two contrasting colors
- Scissors, the usual knitting supplies

Saturday- April 27, 2024, 9 am-Noon EDST

CLASS: FAIR ISLE GIFT BAG - JANETTE BUDGE



Have fun learning how to knit Fair Isle. We will cover ways to attach new colours, different ways you can hold your yarns, how to carry your yarn at the back (floats), achieve an even tension and tips on colour choice and patterns. This project is knit in the round. I will give you techniques on how to get the look you are after, whether you want a more subtle look, traditional or bold and bright.

Skills required: Participants must be able to knit with 2 colours in the round.

Homework: Before class cast on 88 stitches using 2ply jumper weight or 4ply yarn and knit 8 rows circular (do not cast off). This creates the base of the bag. Jamiesons of Shetland Spindrift or Jamieson and Smith jumper weight is ideal or something similar.

Supplies:

- 4-5 DPNs or circular needle suitable for 88 – 96 sts in size 3 –3.5mm.
- Between 2 and 10 colours of Shetland jumper weight 2ply (or other woolly 4ply equivalent/fingering weight yarn) You can choose how much you want to challenge yourself with colour changes. (To knit it exactly as the bag in the centre of the photo in blues you will need 5 motif colours and 2 background colours. One of the motif colours is also the top and bottom of the bag.) You need approximately 1.5yards per fair isle row of either background or motif yarn. There are 31 fair isle rows in the chart. In addition, you will need around 60 yards for the base and top of the bag combined. This is a chance for you to play with colours in fair isle so bring as many colours as you have in your stash as you may change your mind as we discuss ways to choose yarn colours in the class.

Saturday- April 27, 2024, 1:30 - 4:30 pm EDST

CLASS: KNITTING WITH THREE COLORS AT ONCE (without dropping yarn, getting tangled or swearing) - KRISTIN DRYSDALE



This class will teach you how to knit with three colors at once with ease. Knitting with three colors is a bit like a dance, you will learn to weave colors in and out, catching floats where you need to and you can do it all without getting your colors all twisted up. For this class you will be making the Astrid Cozy (cowl). *You will receive the pattern or code after registration.*

In this class we will cover: Latvian Braid, Knitting with the right hand, Knitting with the left hand, Knitting with two colors in your left hand, Catching floats with the main color, Catching floats with the contrasting colors, Catching floats with two contrasting colors, Chart reading, Colorwork tips and tricks, Weaving in and out new colors, Picking up and knitting stitches, Mattress Stitch.

Skills required: Advanced Skills required are basic knit, purl, cast on, and bind off, as well as the ability to work various colorwork, cable, and lace techniques, increases, decreases, knit in the round (dpns and circulars), read charts, and use advanced shaping methods such as short rows.

Homework: Cast on stitches as per pattern.

Supplies:

- Four colors of sport weight yarn, approx 392yds total (Details will be emailed after registration.)
- Needles: US5 (3.75 mm) 24" circular (or size needed to obtain gauge)
- Stitch markers
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors

Sunday, April 28, 2024, 9 am-Noon EDST

CLASS: STEEKING FAIR ISLE - JANETTE BUDGE



Have you always wondered about steeking? When is it used? Why is it used? In this 3 hour class Janette will take the fear out of cutting your knitting. Used when knitting in the round especially for fair isle or colorwork knitting where an opening is required like an armhole or neck hole. She will demonstrate 2 ways to reinforce your steek, for you to follow along with during the class and talk about 2 others. Janette will show you how best to pick up stitches for a rib or button band in your steeked project.

Skills required: Knitting homework is required for this class and a general understanding of stranded or fair isle knitting is beneficial. Must be able to knit in the round.

Homework: You will need to knit a small cuff BEFORE the class so that you can practice steeking on your sample. A handout will be sent prior to the class on knitting the full sample for cutting during the class. Sample is 21 rows long and 52 stitches in the round.

Supplies:

- Either 4-5 short DPNS or circulars in size 3mm or 3.5mm suitable for small circumference knitting.
- Scissors, a small crochet hook and a Tapestry needle is also required.
- Yarn to knit the sample, can either be 2, 3 or 4 colours depending on what you have to hand. Only a few yards of each colour is needed of fingering weight or 4 ply equivalent yarn. Best if it is a woolly wool but not essential.
- A handout will be sent prior to the class on knitting the full sample for cutting during the class. Sample is 21 rows long and 52 stitches in the round.

Sunday - April 28, 2024 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm EST

CLASS: SCANDI SLIPPER CLASS Part 2 - KRISTIN DRYSDALE



YOU MUST REGISTER AND ATTEND PART 1!! This class teaches you everything you need to know about colorwork in a nutshell. *You will be provided with a coupon code to purchase a slipper pattern after registration; Kristin will provide suggestions as to which slipper patterns will work best for you.* This is an intensive colorwork class. Knitters will learn how to knit and purl with two colors at once by holding the yarn in one hand or in two hands. You will learn how and when and why to catch floats. Learn to read charts. How to decrease in colorwork, and my favorite longtail cast on, and how to join seamlessly in the round. You will improve your DPN/flexiflip skills. We learn about gauge and sizing. And learn how to do a Norwegian braid to finish off the slippers. After making these slippers, you will have the colorwork skills to knit anything you want in colorwork.

Skill level: Intermediate. If you are an enthusiastic beginner and you know how to knit and purl with confidence, you can take this class.

Homework: Bring your slipper completed to the point indicated in Class 1

Supplies:

- Gauge-size DPNs or Flexiflips. Suggested needle size: US 4/3.5
- Brown Sheep Prairie Spun DK yarn or comparable in two contrasting colors
- Scissors, the usual knitting supplies

**Rochester Knitting Guild Workshops
Shetland Knitting with Janette Budge &
Scandinavian Knitting with Kristin Drysdale
April 26, 27 & 28, 2024
VIA ZOOM**

Name: _____ e-mail _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: Day _____ Evening _____

Please print clearly. Please indicate the desired workshop(s) and enclose this completed form with a check payable to the Rochester Knitting Guild for the total amount, and mail to:

Cheri Switzer
73 Tree Brook Dr.
Rochester, NY 14625

Members: \$40 Non-members: \$45

ALL SHETLAND CLASSES ARE MORNING, ALL SCANDINAVIAN CLASSES AFTERNOON

Introduction to Fair Isle Knitting - Janette Budge \$ _____
Friday - April 26, 2024, 9am - 12pm EDST

Scandinavian Slippers Part 1* - Kristin Drysdale \$ _____
Friday - April 26, 2024, 1:30 pm - 3:00pm EDST

Fair Isle Gift Bag - Janette Budge \$ _____
Saturday - April 27, 2024, 9am - 12pm EDST

How to Knit with Three Colors at Once - Kristin Drysdale \$ _____
Saturday - April 27, 2024, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm EDST

Steeking Fair Isle - Janette Budge \$ _____
Sunday - April 27, 2024, 9am - 12pm EDST

Scandinavian Slippers Part 2* - Kristin Drysdale **Fee included in Part 1***
YOU MUST COMPLETE PART 1
Sunday - April 27, 2024, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm EDST

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