

News for Ewes

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President's Message

On May 13, will meet for our final official meeting of our 2023-24 guild season. My thanks to all the board members, committee chairs, and volunteers for their time and energy that enables us to have meetings filled with great content and speakers throughout the year. I'd also like to thank every guild member for your interest and participation. Without YOU, we would not have the great community I see at every meeting.

We've got some important events happening at the May meeting - elections for board positions, and our silent yarn auction! It's sure to be a fun evening! Be sure to bring your biggest tote bag to carry home your auction winnings. I also want to remind you that this year we are holding a get together June 10 at Quinzi Lodge to round out the guild season. It's not a guild meeting, just a chance for us to get together and socialize to start off summer.

Ingrid Lembach
President



Upcoming Meetings

All Hands Meetings

May 13th

June 10th (Quinzi Lodge)

Doors open/picnic starts at 6:30

Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

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2131 Elmwood Avenue

Rochester, NY 14618

Board Meetings

May 20th

June 17th 7:00 p.m.

7:00 via Zoom

Link upon request

May Meeting

It's our last formal meeting for the guild year, and it's our Yarn Auction. Details are elsewhere in the newsletter.

And don't forget we're adding a picnic to help make up for all the Zoom meetings, and give us one more chance to knit together before summer. Again, details are elsewhere in this newsletter.

Sue Sayre
Vice President



It's Auction Night!

Auction

Thanks to many generous (and yarn-loving!) members of the Rochester Knitting Guild, there will be OVER 300 separate “lots” of yarn to bid upon at our annual Auction Night, Monday, May 13. As usual, our doors will open at 6:30, and Deb Abrahams, our knitting guru, will be available over the course of the evening to assist you with any knitting quandaries you may have.

Starting at 7 pm, we’ll have our usual set of announcements and Show & Tell, after which the bidding will begin!!

Each lot of yarn—some all-wool, some blends, some cotton, some kits, and some “mystery” yarns that are nevertheless luscious (and of course, some ever-useful acrylic yarns)--will be stowed in a clear, zippered bag bearing a number identifying that particular selection of yarns. Nearby will be a bidding sheet, bearing the same Lot Number.

This is where YOU come in: take your time; inspect every lot; and encourage your friends to bid, too, on what appeals to them! Be sure to check back from time to time, to keep an eye on the lots that interest you most: it is possible that others will have outbid you—but you are welcome to “up the game” by offering a bid for a larger amount, so long as your bid is in full dollar amounts! Remember, every bag of yarn you purchase represents a donation directly benefits the Rochester Knitting Guild, so don’t be shy!

This year, we are adding a wonderful new twist, courtesy of the very hard work of our Community Knitting Coordinator, Pat Butterfield, who has been supremely helpful in organizing this year’s auction: There will also be a table (or two?) filled with balls of unlabeled yarns, which you are welcome to choose without bidding on them. Simply tuck these balls into the bags provided—but sure to keep count! The guild will ask just \$1 for every four balls of yarn you buy—and most balls are more than half a skein of that yarn!

At 8 pm, when the end of the auction is announced, simply collect the bidding sheets (and bag of yarn!) for each lot you have won, and turn to the cashiers who will be on hand. There will be cashiers accepting a) Venmo, b) checks, and c) good, old-fashioned cash. Report to the one willing to accept the tender you have on hand, and enjoy your bargain treasures!

Thanks again to everyone who has donated yarn, and everyone who takes some home on Monday, May 13—and most especially, Pat Butterfield, for organizing most of the yarns that will be available that night. Got more questions? Please contact me at auctions@rochesterknitting.org. See you at the auction!!

*Marcia Weinert,
Auction Chair*

Guild Notes

- Save the Date: Our annual guild retreat will be February 27th to March 2nd 2025 at Camp Stella Maris
- Janette Budge mentioned a book during our April Zoom meeting. It is *Knitting by the Fireside and on the Hillside": A History of the Shetland Hand Knitting Industry C.1600-1950* by Linda G. Fryer
- We will be gathering in June for an informal gathering at Quinzi Lodge in Legion Eyer park in East Rochester. This event is open to all, so bring a chair and a fiber-loving friend.
- The photos in this newsletter are just a few of the lots that will be available for bid at our annual auction
- In preparation for the auction, please remember the Guild accepts cash, check, and Venmo as forms of payment

Community Knitting

Thank you to all who have contributed finished items throughout the year! The May meeting is the last opportunity to donate before the summer break. Please drop off any items for community knitting as soon as you arrive, before you get distracted with all the auction goodies. There will be a drawing for two \$25 certificates to the member shop of your choice during the business portion of the meeting, before the yarn auction. One ticket has been created for every item you have donated since the September 2023 meeting. And tickets for items donated at the start of the May meeting are added in time for the drawing.

Also, don't forget to stock up on yarn for your community knitting projects this summer!

*Pat Butterfield
Community knitting*

Library

Although the prime focus for the May meeting is the yarn auction (as it should be), please don’t forget to check in at the Guild library. You can borrow books for the entire summer and study them at your leisure. We have both pattern books and ones that techniques. What a great way to get inspired to use the all the additions to your stash that you’re bringing home that night.

We will also have a fresh stock of free pattern books available. Please come and help yourself. We’re running out of storage space.

*Joan Dupont and Candice Wells,
Co-librarians*

Tips from the Help Table

Avoid "Yarn Chicken"

If you've been knitting for a while, you might well have played "Yarn Chicken". With just a few rows left to go, you're not sure if you have enough yarn to finish. So you hold your breath, and keep knitting.

But what if your uncertainty tolerance is low? Is there a way to know?

There is. But I keep mine in the kitchen, not in my knitting bag. It's my kitchen scale, which weighs in both ounces and grams.

With the scale set to "grams," you first weigh the remaining ball. Then knit one row, and weigh the ball again. Now you know the grams per row. Then, it's grams per row times number of remaining rows. If the product is more than the remaining yarn, you will need more yarn. If it's close, knit tightly to give yourself the best chance, or reduce the number of rows. And if the remaining yarn is more than enough, you're good to go worry-free.

The photo shows one such project. I needed 2 rows of 398 stitches each. But did I have enough yarn for two whole rows? (Yarn used doubled, pulled from both ends). My scale said no. But I had enough to cut one strand, and pair the other strand with a strand of a matching yarn. It was the scale that helped me figure out how to finish my shawl undetectably.

DebbieAbrahams
Help Table



Shop news

Now that we have had our April showers, let's enjoy all that May brings our way! Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 11 for the Shepherd's Market at the Rush United Methodist Church 6200 Rush Lima Rd, Rush, New York from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This event is organized by the Genesee Valley Handspinner's Guild. For more details please visit the website at <https://gvhg.org/shepherds-wool-market/>.

It's also time to pick up a NY Fiber Trail Passport at one of our participating member shops. Pick up a passport at your first stop and have it stamped at every member shop you visit. At the end of the season, send a photo of your stamped passport in for a chance to win some great prizes! Please visit the website at <https://www.nyfibertrail.com/> for all you need to know.

The Rochester Knitting Guild has a new member shop, *Rabbit Row Yarns & Haberdashery* in Corning's Historic Gaffer District, 24 East Market Street. Please be sure to visit Barbara's website www.rabbitrowyarns.com for all the beautiful merchandise the store offers as well as great classes and events. Rabbit Row carries an extensive Local Collection - from farms, dyers, yarn and roving and can be seen at <https://rabbit-row-yarns.myshopify.com/collections/local-fiber-products>. Rabbit Row Yarns will offer Guild members a discount on most merchandise. Corning is a lovely day trip from our area so please check the store's hours if you are in the area!!!

Tina Turner Knits will be at the Shepherd's Market on May 11. Also be sure to mark your calendar for Tina Turner Knits' retreat planned for July 12 to July 14 at Asbury Retreat Center in Perry, New York. More details are on the retreat website at <https://www.tinaturnerknits.com/retreat>.

Carol Kolb
Shop Liaison



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