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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

As we get a break from sweltering summer temperatures, my thoughts turn to long sleeve color work sweaters, cushy scarves, and all things pumpkin! But wait, I still have a linen top on the needles—will I finish in time to show it off at our September meeting? I'd better get busy! Have you finished some projects over the warmer months? Bring your items to show and tell. I'd love to see your creations!

Our guild season is filled with fun and informative programming, our annual shop night in November, and a number of special guest speakers and workshops. I know you will enjoy the plans we have in store, so be sure to renew your membership for this season. Save time at the September meeting by renewing your membership through the guild website, or bringing a completed membership form with you to the meeting.

Ingrid Lembach
President



Upcoming Meetings

All Hands Meetings

September 9th
October 21st (3rd Monday)
November 11th (shop night)
December 9th (Zoom)

Doors open at 6:30 meeting starts at 7:00

Temple B'rith Kodesh event space, 2131 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, NY 14618

Board Meetings

September 16th
October 28th
November 18th
7:00 p.m.

7:00 via Zoom
Link upon request

September Meeting

Welcome back everyone! Sarah and I are really excited to be serving in the Vice President Role for 2024–2025.

We wanted to take this first newsletter to introduce ourselves. I am a long time crocheter, newly minted knitter, and all around craft dabbler. While Sarah is a long time knitter and Jack-of-all crafts. Sarah and I met in college when we spied each other working on our respective projects during a lecture and we have been friends ever since.

We're excited about the programming that we have planned so far, but we'd also like to get a better sense of what interests you. We put together a short survey to get to know you and help us build programming for this year. To complete the survey, you can either use the link below, or take the survey at our September meeting. Completed surveys are eligible for entry into a raffle for some fun prizes!! Surveys must be completed by September 30th to be eligible. Use this [link](#) or scan the QR code to the left to participate in the survey.

For the September meeting, we have planned a short, but sweet activity—we'd like to invite you to participate in the **RKG 2024 Speed Knitting Contest!** We'll have 40 slots available, and we'll be visiting you in the membership lines prior to the meeting start so you can sign up to participate. Materials will be provided for all contestants; we are excited to find out who has the fastest needles in the Guild!

2024/2025 Sampler Make Along: Sarah and I thought it would be fun to have a skill building make along this year. Each newsletter from September to May will include instructions for one knit and one crochet square. Each square will give you a chance to try a different stitch or technique in either knitting or crochet. Depending on how many squares you decide to make, maybe you'll have some fun new dish cloths, a tote bag, or a blanket. The patterns will appear on the same page as our guild officers throughout this season

Anna Powell & Sarah Blankenship
Vice Presidents

Membership

A new year starts soon! Beat the rush at our first meeting by filling in the membership form at the end of this newsletter and having your check ready. Even better, go to <https://rochesterknitting.org/membership/> and fill in the online registration form and pay by Venmo (or bring cash or a check with you to the meeting). As last year, the members only password will be supplied in an email to all paid up members after September 15th.

Dues remain at \$30, \$15 for Auxiliary Members (Students with Valid ID or family member in the same household).

Please wear your ID badge to the meetings. We do not supply new badges each year, but ask that you hold on to yours where you can find it again. If you lose it, we will supply one new one at no charge, but any further replacements will incur a fee of \$2.

Joan Fernbach
Membership

Library

Welcome back Guild Members! The library is open and ready to inspire you to try out a new skill or inspire a new project. We are located at the back of the room. Browse our selection and check out some of the great books we have in stock.

Over the summer we took in two large donations of books from prior members that also included a number of magazines and brochures. They'll be on our "free" table at the meeting. It looks like there will be a book auction later this year, for sure.

Joan Dupont and Candice Wells
Library

Shop news

New guild year, new shop liaison. Meet me, Brenda Mudd in this position. It's possible you have seen me around town in various shops in different positions.

I am looking forward to visiting member shops, and finding out some interesting and little known facts. Possibly even peruse a new to the guild shop.

Please feel free to reach out to me via the guild website or from here shopliaison@rochesterknitting.org

Quick heads up shop nite is November 11th.
Brenda Mudd
Shop Liaison

Community Knitting

Welcome back guild members! I hope everyone had a great summer. Hopefully some of you had a chance to make some items to donate over the summer. I'll be at the Community Service table at the front of the room ready to collect any donations at the September Guild meeting. Remember, we accept donations of any knitted or crocheted items - hats, scarves, socks, shawls, blankets, etc. If you can make it, I can find a good home for it!

Once again, I've been contacted by SPIRIT NYS for help this fall. Just 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. Our donations helped them tremendously in 2023, so they have reached out again this year and are in need of knitted hats, scarves, socks and mittens or gloves for the 60 students currently in their program. This year, they are trying to collect all donations by mid-Oct. So you only have about 6 weeks to help out. So pick up some yarn at the September meeting and bring your donations back in Oct for SPIRIT NYS. If you want to learn more about the organization, check out their website at <https://spiritnys.org/>

Pat Butterfield
Community Knitting and yarn auction

Treasurer

We're gearing up for a brand new year of Guild programming for the start of the new membership year. Please continue to support your Guild and its activities by renewing your membership online at <https://rochesterknitting.org/membership/> as soon as possible. Dues are \$30 for the 2024–2025 year. Information from your on-line membership form is fed into our mailing lists for Guild activities during the year. You will be asked to pay by cash at a meeting, by check in the mail, or by Venmo immediately. If you choose Venmo, please make sure that the line marked "No purchases or services" is greyed out. The Venmo address is @RKGTTreasurer.
Thanks for your support!

Heather Lieb
Treasurer

Library

Yarn Auction

Is it too early to think about this season's yarn auction—definitely not! As fall approaches and you're sorting through your yarn in the planning of holiday projects, take the opportunity to put some aside to donate for the May yarn auction. The auction is critical in helping the Guild offset the rising costs of operation. Just drop any yarn donations off at the Community Knitting table in the front of the room, and I'll happily store the yarn until the auction in May.

Pat Butterfield
Community Knitting and yarn auction

Guild Notes

- Save the Date: Our annual guild retreat will be February 27th to March 2nd 2025 at Camp Stella Maris.
- Food and drink are welcome at our in-person meetings. Meat, however, is prohibited out of respect for our hosts. Please bring drinks in lidded containers because nobody wants to experience an accidental knitting tragedy.
- Pay special attention to our event and meeting dates this season because some gatherings won't fall on their typical date because of holidays and meeting-space availability. The October and January meetings have been moved from their regular day!
- We added a new member shop over our summer break! Be sure to show Bead and Fiber Fantasy some love.

Tips from the Help Table

It's about decorative decreasing.

If you prefer your knitted garments smooth and perfectly even, you can skip this month's tip.

You're working on the sleeve cap shaping, and the pattern calls for decreasing from, say, 100 stitches to, say, 80 stitches after 20 rows.

Okay, that's 20 stitches decreased; 2 stitches every other row. The result is likely to be a simple, barely noticeable line when you assemble sleeve and body.

But if you want to make the decreases a design feature, try the cable decrease shown in the picture.

Here's a basic formula for the 2 cable decreases I like. Instead of decreasing every other row, decrease every 4th row. Lefties can reverse the names of the cables to get the correct instructions. (BTW, I always leave a 2-stitch margin before for the decrease)

Right leaning cable decrease (left leaning for lefties)
K 2, sl 2 sts onto a dpn, hold in back of next 2 sts. K next st together with 1st St on the dpn, knit next stitch together with 2nd St on the dpn.
knit across to last 6 st to...

...Left leaning cable decrease (right leaning for lefties)
sl 2 sts onto the dpn, hold in front of next 2 sts.
K next st together with 1st St on the dpn, knit next stitch together with 2nd St on the dpn.
End: K2.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

*DebbieAbrahams
Help Table*



Spring Workshops

We are delighted to announce that **Bristol Ivy** will be our featured speaker for the March 10, 2025 all member meeting, and she will also present two workshops on Saturday, March 15, 2025.

Bristol Ivy is a knitting designer, teacher, and author from Bangor, Maine. Her work has been published in many different magazines, and she has taught at fiber events around the world. Her recent books, *Knitting Outside the Box* and *Knitting Outside the Box: Drape and Fold* explore her lifelong commitment to breaking rules and finding beauty in unexpected places. When not knitting, she's sewing, running, watching far too many British murder mysteries, and baking a mean loaf of oatmeal honey bread.

Bristol's evening presentation will discuss "Knitting Outside the Box", with fun insights on her design process. The Workshops on March 15 will feature **Short Rows** in the morning class and **Slip It, Float It, Tuck It** in the afternoon class. I have taken a number of classes on short rows, but Bristol's was the best I've ever taken! In this class, we'll discuss the mechanics of short rows, try out different short row techniques, and think about when and where to use them.

In the Slip It, Float It, Tuck It class, we'll discuss how slipping (and slipping's compatriots, floating and tucking) stitches instead of working them can lead to a pattern of their own and add texture, dimension, visual interest, and structure to our knitted fabric.

Mark your calendars to hold the dates! Registration materials will be available in the fall.

Cindy Proano
Workshops



Bristol Ivy



Short rows



Slip it/Float it

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September Blocks

Knit Block: *Wrap Mock Cable*

Recommended Yarn: Red Heart Super Saver

Recommended Needles: 5mm (US 8)

Gauge: Finished square = 10" square.

Use any size needles to obtain the specified gauge.

(multiple of 4 sts)

cast on 56 sts.

Preparation Row (WS): *P3, k1; repeat Row 1 (RS): *P1, slip 1, k2, pass slip st from * to end.

Row 2: *P1, yo, p1, k1; repeat from * to Row 3: *P1, k3; repeat from * to end. Row 4: *P3, k1; repeat from * to end. Row 5: *P1, slip 1, k2, pass slip st over end.

Row 6: *P1, yo, p1, k1; repeat from * to Repeat Rows 1-6 until piece measures 10 in. Bind off.



Knit



Crochet

Crochet Block: *Crochet Cable*

Recommended Yarn: Red Heart Super Saver

Recommended Hook: 5.5mm [US I-9].

Gauge: Finished square = 10" square.

Use any size hook to obtain the specified gauge.

chain 35.

Row 1 (RS): Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across, turn – 34 sc.

Row 2 (WS): Ch 3 (counts as first dc), skip first sc, * skip next sc, dc in next 3 sc, yo, with hook in front of work,

go back and insert hook from front to back in skipped sc before 3 dc group, loosely draw through a loop and bring it up to the height of the 3 dc group, yo and complete dc (Cable St); rep from * 7 times more, ending with dc in last sc, turn – 8 Cable sts made.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in each dc across, turn – 34 sc.

Rows 4-23: Rep rows 2 and 3 ten times. Fasten off.

You can find the original free patterns for full reference at <https://www.yarnspirations.com/>

Full Knit Pattern is: Free Red Heart Knit Sampler Afghan Pattern

Full Crochet Pattern is: Free Red Heart Crochet Sampler Afghan Pattern

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RochesterKnitting Guild Membership Form 2024-2025

The Rochester Knitting Guild (RKG) invites you to join or to renew your membership for the coming year, which runs from September 2024 to September 2025. Benefits of being a Guild Member include meetings, discounts at member shops, discounted rates and early registration at Guild functions, Guild Newsletters and access to library materials.

Dues are \$30.00 (\$15.00 for students with an ID) per year and are due at or before the September meeting. Payment can be made by Venmo, cash/check in person at the first meeting, or by mailing your check.

Venmo: @RKG Treasurer - please be sure to include your name and email address in the payment notes so that we can update our membership database.

Check: Please make your check payable to Rochester Knitting Guild and bring it to the first meeting or mail it to:
RKG Membership PO Box 92264, Rochester, NY 14692

Please answer all questions:

New or Renewing?

New Member Renewing Membership

How would you like to pay?

Venmo Check (mail in check) Check or cash at first meeting

First Name Last Name

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