

# 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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## President's Message

Happy January to all!! The start of the year is always shiny with possibilities, isn't it? in 2024 I learned new knitting techniques, rekindled my love of cross stitch, and finally found a sock heel that I love. What will the new year bring? I look forward to seeing you and your creations at our first show and tell of the year on January 6, where we will also have our silent book auction.

For anyone who is thinking about following up on our Zoom session with Ann Clarke, her exhibit is at the Burchfield Penney Art Center ([burchfieldpenney.org](http://burchfieldpenney.org)) through March 2, 2025. It is across the street from the Buffalo AKG Art Museum ([buffaloakg.org](http://buffaloakg.org)), so you can double up if you wish. Both have parking (AKG is underground); both have eateries, but check the websites for details and days/hours/etc. (Coles is a bar/restaurant within walking distance on Elmwood Avenue for another option.)

*Ingrid Lembach*  
President

# Book Auction!

## Upcoming Meetings

### *All Hands Meetings*

January 6<sup>th</sup> (first Monday)  
February 10<sup>th</sup>  
March 10<sup>th</sup>  
April 14<sup>th</sup>  
May 24<sup>th</sup>

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

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

### *Board Meetings*

January 13<sup>th</sup> (Special by-laws meeting)  
January 20<sup>th</sup>  
February 17<sup>th</sup>  
March 17<sup>th</sup>

7:00 via Zoom  
Link upon request

## January Meeting

Our December meeting was a smashing success! Thank you to everyone who joined the Zoom call to learn about Ann Clarke's exciting work. I am hoping to have made it to the Burchfield Art Center at UB by the time we meet again, so I can see Ann's amazing work in person!

The January program will be mini-workshops featuring our 46/48 needle machine-knit tubes. Sarah will have a bunch of tubes ready to go, and we'll do a brief hat-making demo. After that, we'll see how we can use embellishments to decorate the hat tubes with some mini-workshops. You can keep your hats, or we can donate them to the Charity knitting table!

We'll provide darning needles and tools (if needed), so bring your hands and your willingness to learn!

*Anna Powell & Sarah Blankenship*  
Vice Presidents

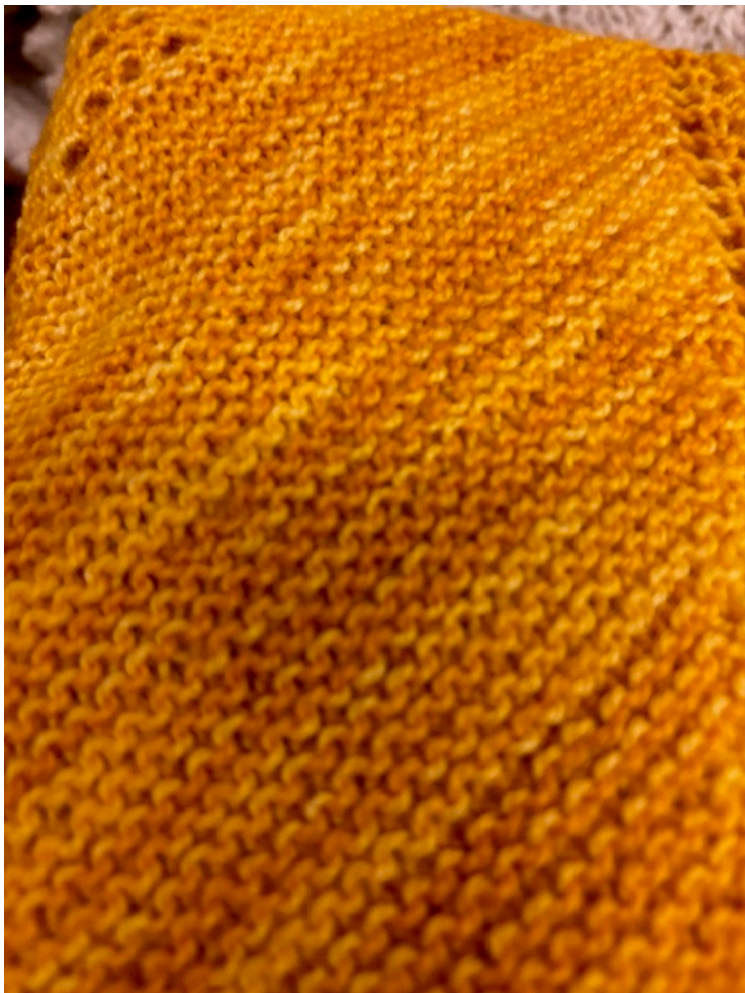


## Library

**Book Auction!** The Monday January 6th meeting of the Rochester Knitting Guild will feature our annual Book Silent Auction. All the books come from donations from downsizing current and former members and include many excellent reference and pattern books. Whether you are a new knitter looking to build a library of your own inexpensively or an experienced knitter interested in trying new techniques, we have the books you need/want. Bids will start at \$1. There may be an opportunity for bargains if there is a discounted second round

Check out our library in January too for ideas for knitting to keep you warm these cold upcoming January and February days and nights. We'll be featuring afghan and blanket pattern books. Remember: A blanket is an afghan is a lap robe is a shawl. Almost any pattern can be converted to a different size. It's especially easy with a rectangular shape.

*Joan Dupont and Candice Wells  
Library*



## Yarn Auction

Our January meeting will be in person, so find me at the Community Knitting table and drop off any yarn you have for the auction. The money raised at the auction goes to fund Knitting Guild operations. So keep our Guild alive and make room for new yarn in the process.

*Pat Butterfield  
Community Knitting and yarn auction*

## Community Knitting

Happy New Year! Stop by and say "hi" at the January meeting and bring any donations you have for Community Knitting. If anyone is looking to start a new project for the cold weather months, don't forget the Meals on Wheels request for lap blankets for the 2025 Warmest Wishes event. They are looking for 200 lap blankets to give out with their holiday food delivery next year. I know it's a little early to think about the 2025 holiday season, but lap blankets are better to make in the colder months. So please consider knitting or crocheting a lap blanket to donate. Acrylic or soft wool blankets approximately 34"x36" in colors for men and women are needed.

And as always, thank you for all the donations that have come in so far this year! Please keep them coming.

*Pat Butterfield  
Community Knitting and yarn auction*

## Shop News

Happy 2025!

It's here, the New Year! Lots to hear from member shops this year. Interesting & little know facts. Let me know what you might like a new tidbit to be.

Features to follow.

*BrendaMudd  
Shop Liaison*

## Tips from the Help Table

### Stringing You Along

When you are knitting mittens, or anything else that requires a stitch holder, the pattern might instruct you to place the stitches on a string. But when you have to go back to knit those held stitches, they can be a bear to get back on your needle. The string has let the stitch slip so far down that you just can't get the point of the needle into the stitch. Fortunately, there's an easy fix for this. Instead of a thin string, use a thick yarn to be your stitch holder, and you'll have no trouble retrieving your stitches.

Debby Abrahams  
Help Table



# Book Auction!

## Guild Notes

- *March Meeting:* Our March Meeting will be held viaZoom so that we may welcome Bristol Ivy our annual workshops instructor.
- *Book Sale:* Our annual book sale will take place at our January meeting
- Please be on time for our in-person meeting because the temple doors automatically lock at 7:00 on meeting nights.
- *Help needed:* The Guild has open spots on our board. These include director, librarian (next season), and publicity, positions. If you are interested, please contact [Ingrid Lembach](#)
- *Reminder:* 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.
- The Guild now accepts donations of knitting and yarn crafting tools and notions. Please drop your duplicate needles off at the yarn auction/community knitting table.
- *Registration* is in full swing for the Guild's annual retreat. Information and a registration form are available at the end of this newsletter.



## 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.

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.



More information is available available on the Guild’s [Special Events web page](#) and at the end of this newsletter.

*Cindy Proano  
Workshops*

# December Blocks

January Knit Block: Windswept

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 5 sts plus 1)

Cast on 56 sts.

Row 1 (RS): \*P1, k4; repeat from \* to last st, p1.

Row 2: K1, \*p4, k1; repeat from \* to end.

Row 3: \*P1, 4-st LC; repeat from \* to last st, p1.

Row 4: Repeat Row 2. Repeat Rows 1-4 until piece

measures 10" from beginning.

Bind off.



January Crochet Block: Wavy Rib

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.

FPdc (Front Post double crochet): Yo, insert hook from front to back to front around post of next st of row below, yo and draw up a loop, (yo and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice.

BPdc (Back Post double crochet): Yo, insert hook from back to front to back around post of next st of row below, yo and draw up a loop, (yo and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice.

ch 35.

Row 1 (WS): Dc in fourth ch from hook and each ch across, turn – 33 dc.

Row 2 (RS): Ch 3 (counts as a dc), skip first dc, \* FPdc around the post of next dc, dc in next dc; rep from \* across to last 2 sts, FPdc around the post of next dc, dc in third ch of turn ch-3, turn.

Row 3: Ch 3, skip first dc, \* BPdc around next post-dc, dc in next dc; rep from \* to last 2 sts, BPdc around the post of next post-dc, dc in third ch of turn ch-3, turn.

Row 4: Ch 3, skip first dc, \* FPdc around next post of next post-dc, dc in next dc; rep from \* to last 2 sts, FPdc around the post of next post-dc, dc in third ch of turn ch-3, turn.

Rows 5-21: Rep Rows 3 and 4 eight times, then repeat Row 3 once.

Fasten off.



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expressionsinneedleart.com

## ***Lift Bridge Yarns***

23 North Main St.  
Fairport, NY 14450  
(585) 364-0521  
www.liftbridgeyarns.com

## ***Amelia's Fabric and Yarn Shop***

3200 West Ridge Road  
Rochester, NY 14626  
585-392-1192  
ameliasfabricandyarnshoppe.com

## ***Crafting for Good***

4390 Buffalo rd.  
North Chili, NY 14514  
(585) 617-3427

## ***Yarn Culture***

<https://yarnculture.com/>

## ***Megs & Co. Yarn Shop***

[www.megsandco.com/shop](http://www.megsandco.com/shop)

## ***The Ewe's Yarn Gathering***

716-771-4515

## ***Heart Forge Solutions***

585-797-4836  
<https://heartforge.solutions/>

## ***The Fuzzy Bunny***

6 Honeoye Commons  
Honeoye, NY 14471  
585-210-9431  
fuzzybunnyarn@gmail.com  
www.fuzzybunnyarn.com

## ***Strings 'n Things***

330 E. Main St.  
Palmyra, NY 14522  
315-310-1656  
[stringsnthings2021@gmail.com](mailto:stringsnthings2021@gmail.com)  
stringsnthingsyarn.com

## ***Rabbit Row Yarns & Haberdashery***

24 E Market St,  
Corning, NY 14830  
607-654-7383  
www.rabbitrowyarns.com

## ***Bead and Fiber Fantasy***

4849 Cory Corners  
Marion NY 14505  
315-690-1108  
www.beadfiberfantasy.com/

## ***Tina Turner Knits***

16 North Goodman St.,  
Suite 101  
Rochester, NY 14607  
585-820-4507  
www.tinaturnerknits.com

## ***Sew Green of Rochester***

438 West Main Street  
Rochester, NY 14608  
585-328-2642  
www.sewgreenrochester.org

## ***Little Button Craft and Press***

658 South Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14619  
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Traveling Stitches Mitts



Doodle Colorwork

**ROCHESTER KNITTING GUILD  
Spring Knitting Retreat  
At Camp Stella Maris, Livonia, NY  
Feb 28 – Mar 2, 2025**

**Come Treat Yourself to a Spring Knitting Retreat**



**A weekend of knitting fun.**

**Friday Evening:**

- Show & Tell

**Saturday Workshop Choices:**

- Doodle Color Work Sampler
- Traveling Stitches Fingerless Mitts
- Mosaic Crochet Sampler Bag
- Knitting Tips N Tricks

**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



Mosaic Crochet

ROCHESTER KNITTING GUILD  
Spring Knitting Retreat  
Feb 28 – Mar 2, 2025  
(Extra Night Thursday Feb.27<sup>th</sup>)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Knitting Weekend Fee .....	\$ 225
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekend Fee (no workshops) .....	\$ 200
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Day Camper Only .....	\$ 80
(Workshops, Lunch & Snacks Included)	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXTRA Thursday Night Lodging ..	\$ 90
Total Included	\$ _____
Due February 1, 2025	\$ _____

Please select 1 Morning and 1 Afternoon Workshop

- \_\_\_ Doodle Color Work Sampler (AM)
- \_\_\_ Travelling Stitches Mitts (AM)
- \_\_\_ Mosaic Crochet Sampler Bag (PM)
- \_\_\_ Knitting Tips N Tricks(PM)
- \_\_\_ Crochet Refresher (Friday PM)

**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.



# Rochester Knitting Guild 2025 Spring Workshops with Bristol Ivy



## **Short Rows**

**Saturday, March 10, 2025 9:00-12:00 Noon EST**

Short rows are a very handy way to add shaping to your knitting in both conventional and unexpected ways. Use them to turn a heel on a sock, better tailor a garment to your shape, or add unexpected twists and turns to accessories. 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.

- Experience needed: decreasing
- Homework: Students should cast on 24 stitches with smooth, light-colored worsted weight yarn and a US 7 [4.5 mm] circular needle and work about an inch in stockinette prior to class, ending ready to work a RS row. Do not bind off. Make sure to leave at least another 70 yards [64 m] of yarn attached.
- Materials: writing implement for taking notes



**Slip It, Float It, Tuck It!**  
**Saturday, March 10, 2025 1:30-4:30 pm EST**

Knitting is based off of two fundamental stitches, right? We knit, and we purl. But what happens if we. . . Slip? In this 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.

We will start with a small swatch to understand the concepts, but by the end of class you'll have the skills you need to create your very own slipped stitch masterpiece!

- Experience needed: knitting, purling, decreasing
- Homework: none
- Materials: 50 yards [46 m] of smooth, light-colored worsted weight yarn and appropriate needles (typically US 7-US 8 [4.5 mm-5 mm]), writing implement for taking notes. Stitch markers may also be useful, but not mandatory

**Rochester Knitting Guild  
Bristol Ivy Guest Workshops  
March 15, 2025**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

***Please print clearly.*** Homework and supply list will be sent to registrants by Jan. 15

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

If you choose to pay with Venmo, please make sure that the line marked "No purchases or services" is grayed out. The Venmo address is @RKG Treasurer. **PLEASE add a note with your name** so that we can identify your payment.

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

**Short Rows (Experience needed: decreasing)**

**Saturday - March 15, 2025, 9am – 12pm** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Slip It, Float It, Tuck It (Experience needed: knitting, purling, decreasing)**

**Saturday – March 15, 2025, 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Check #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Due** \$ \_\_\_\_\_