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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

Brrr, it's cold outside! What could be better than a cozy hat to keep my head warm and protected from the snow? This month I've been trying out different techniques in hat patterns. Double thick beanies, dropped chain stitch, mosaic, machine knitting, and more! Hats are also highly portable projects and I always have one with me to work on if I have a few minutes. The bonus of knitting so many hats is that I can bring them to our Community Knitting table and spread the warmth!

Ingrid Lembach
President



Upcoming Meetings

All Hands Meetings

February 10th
March 10th (Zoom)
April 14th
May 24th
June 9th (picnic)

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

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

Board Meetings

February 17th
March 17th
April 21st
May 19th
June 16th

7:00 via Zoom
Link upon request

February Meeting

We'd like to start things off with a thank you to Peggylee, Nina, Eileen and Natalie for their help with the embellishments mini workshops. We hope those that braved the bad weather were inspired by all the different ways you could dress up your projects.

The February program is going to spotlight the unsung heroes of our crafting journeys; notions. We would like everyone who attends the February meeting to bring their favorite or most used notion to talk about with your table at guild.

We will also have a table set up to make your own stitch markers. After a long season of giving to others, come treat yourself to some pretty new stitch markers.

Anna Powell & Sarah Blankenship
Vice Presidents

Yarn Auction

My stockpile of yarn for the May yarn auction is much smaller than this time last year. Please consider cleaning out your stash and donating yarn for the auction. The money raised at the auction helps to fund our Knitting Guild. So please donate what you can. Thank you!

Pat Butterfield
Community Knitting and yarn auction



Guild Notes

- *Fiber festivals:* The images in this newsletter promote upcoming fiber festivals sponsored by member shops or sister guilds. Please get out and support these festivals because many of our member shops are vendors at these events. You'll be amazed by the variety of products available (I speak from experience).
- *Sold out!* The Guild's annual retreat is completely sold out. For another learning opportunity, check out the annual workshops highlighted in this newsletter.
- 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.
- *Help needed:* The Guild has open spots on our board. These include secretary, director, librarian, (next season),and publicity, positions. If you are interested, please contact [Ingrid Lembach](#)
- *Financial Reports:* The Guild's annual financial report is included in this newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact our treasurer Heather
- *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.
- Please be on time for our in-person meeting because the temple doors automatically lock at 7:00 on meeting nights.

Library

We had a successful book sale at the Guild's January meeting, even with less than ideal weather that evening. The guild took in \$151 and almost every book found a new home. A special thank you to everyone who helped out, both with the books and the payments.

At the library table last meeting we highlighted books that showed knitting and crochet projects that could bring a smile to your face. This month we'll highlight books that cover afghans and blankets - good cold weather projects.

Joan Dupont and Candice Wells
Library

Shop News

Welcome to the month of hearts. Let's share our love of yarn with some of our area shops. Red or pink might be in the air. A feature of one of our shops is she has business cards for each sample in the shop. It makes shopping a delight. Any guess on the shop. Next month will have the answer.

Brenda Mudd
Shop Liaison



Sunday Feb. 16, 2025
10:00am-4:00pm

RIT Inn and Conference Center
5257 W.Henrietta Rd. Henrietta, NY 14467

Tips from the Help Table

The Voices in my Head

If you are a Beatles fan, you might know the lyrics to their song from Let It Be, "One After 909." Specifically, "Move over once; move over twice. Oh, Baby, don't be cold as ice."

Right now, I am making a strip afghan on my knitting machine, and for parts of it, I need to transfer the stitches on needles 3 and 4 to the needles on 5 and six, and then transfer the stitches on needles 1 and 2 to needles 2 and 3. It's not that complex, but it's easy to mess up if my mind wanders. So now, in my head, I hear "Move over twice; move over once, come on, Debby, don't be such a dunce." It reminds me to move the stitches two over on the first transfer, and one over on the second. It's silly, but it keeps me focused on what I'm doing.

Then, there's the "Two Color Linen Stitch Pot Holder" (on Ravelry) that makes great hostess gifts. On the right side of the work, the pattern is K1, S11 with yarn in front of work. On the reverse side, it's P1, S11 with yarn in back of work. But as I knit along, instead of that S11 with yarn in front, I think, YIF. And S11 with yarn in back, I think, YIB. To me, it's just easier to keep track of where I am with the least verbiage possible.

The same goes for knitting brioche stitch. Instead of Brioche K1, yo, S11, I say to myself, Hit it, meaning knit (or purl) the stitch, and Hood it, meaning yo, S11. Again, a minimum of instructions that makes it easier for me to know where I am in the row.

The point of telling you this? To encourage you to find your own abbreviations and mnemonics to make your knitting rhythm simpler and easier to follow. Whether it's with a pop song, a made-up word, a nursery rhyme, or silly expression, let your mind find the words that keep your knitting in good order.

*Debby Abrahams
Help Table*



We are Moving!

CNY Fiber Festival
June 7 - 8, 2025

Herkimer County Fairgrounds
135 Cemetery St.
Frankfort, NY 13340

Come celebrate with us in our new location!



www.cnyfiberarts.org

Community Knitting

I know this is a bit of a repeat from January, but I'm putting out another request for lap blankets for the Meals on Wheels 2025 Warmest Wishes event. They are looking for 200 lap blankets to give out with their holiday food delivery at the end of the year. Acrylic or soft wool blankets approximately 34"x36" in colors for men and women are needed. So far, I've only had about 4 blankets donated, so many more are needed. And given our recent temps, cold weather items for men, women and children are still needed in our community.

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*

Join us for the 17th annual
Shepherd's Wool Market



May 10th, 2025

Rush United Methodist Church, 6200
Rush Lima Rd Rush, NY 14543

Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

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*



February Blocks

February Knit Block - *Pueblo*

Recommended Needles: 5mm (US 8)

Gauge: Finished square = 10" square.

Use any size needles to obtain the specified gauge.

(multiple of 8 sts)

With A, cast on 40 sts.

Row 1 (RS): With A, *k4, wyib slip 1, k3; repeat from * to end.

Row 2: With A, *p3, wyif slip 1, p4; repeat from * to end.

Row 3: With B, *k2, [k1, wyib slip 1] 3 times; repeat from * to end.

Row 4: With B, *[wyif slip 1, p1] 3 times, p2; repeat from * to end.

Row 5: With A, *[wyib slip 1, k1] 3 times, k2; repeat from * to end.

Row 6: With A, *p2, [p1, wyif slip 1] 3 times; repeat from * to end.

February Crochet Block - *Twinkle, Twinkle*

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

Gauge: Finished square = 10" square.

Use any size hook to obtain the specified gauge.

Carry color not in use loosely on wrong side of work, working over it with matching color when possible. Do not pull too tightly or piece will not lay flat.

When changing from one color to another, work last stitch of old color until 2 loops remain on hook, drop old color, pick up new color, yo and complete st with new color.

With A, ch 34.

Row 1 (RS): Change to B, dc in fourth ch from hook and in next 5 ch, (with A, dc in next 2 ch, with B, dc in next 6 ch) three times, with A, dc in last ch, turn – 32 dc.

Row 2: With A, ch 3 (counts as a dc), skip first st, dc in next 2 sts, with B, dc in next 2 sts, (with A, dc in next 6

Row 7: With B, *k3, wyib slip 1, k4; repeat from * to end.

Row 8: With B, *p4, wyif slip 1, p3; repeat from * to end.

Row 9: With A, * wyib slip 1, k7; repeat from * to end.

Row 10: With A, *p7, wyif slip 1; repeat from * to end.

Row 11: With B, *[k1, wyib slip 1] twice, k3, wyib slip 1; repeat from * to end.

Row 12: With B, *wyif slip 1, p3, [wyif slip 1, p1] twice; repeat from * to end.

Row 13: With A, *wyib slip 1, k3, [wyib slip 1, k1] twice; repeat from * to end.

Row 14: With A, *[p1, wyif slip 1] twice, p3, wyif slip 1; repeat from * to end.

Row 15: With B, *k7, wyib slip 1; repeat from * to end.

Row 16: With B, *wyif slip 1, p7; repeat from * to end.

Repeat Rows 1-16 until piece measures 10" from beginning. Bind off.



sts, with B, dc in next 2 sts) 3 times, With A, dc in next 2 sts, dc in third ch of turn ch-3, turn.

Row 3: With A, ch 3, skip first st, with B, dc in next 6 sts, (with A, dc in next 2 sts, with B, dc in next 6 sts) 3 times, with A, dc in third ch of turn ch-3, turn.

Row 4: With B, ch 3, skip first st, dc in next 2 sts, with A, dc in next 2 sts, (with B, dc in next 6 sts, with A, dc in next 2 sts) 3 times, with B, dc in next 2 sts, dc in third ch of turn ch-3, turn.

Row 5: With B, ch 3, skip first st, with A, dc in next 6 sts, (with B, dc in next 2 sts, with A, dc in next 6 sts) 3 times, with B, dc in third ch of turn ch-3, turn.

Row 6: Rep row 4.

Row 7: Rep row 3.

Rows 8-16: Rep rows 2-7 once; then rep rows 2-4. Fasten off both colors.



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Birch Tree Fiber Arts
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expressionsinneedleart@yahoo.com
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

The Ewe's Yarn Gathering

716-771-4515

Heart Forge Solutions

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

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Rabbit Row Yarns & Haberdashery

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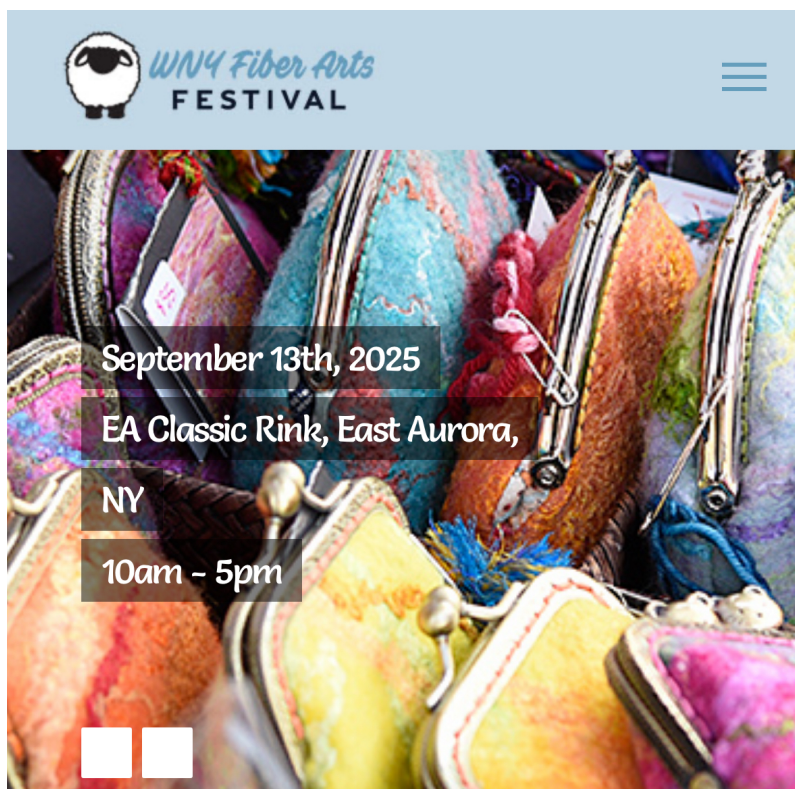
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Rochester Knitting Guild 2024-2025 Mid-Year Income & Expense Report

INCOME	BUDGET	As of 12/31/24
Membership Dues	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 4,095.00
Guest Artist Workshop	\$ 960.00	\$ -
Library Fines	\$ -	\$ -
Raffle Ticket Sales	\$ 400.00	\$ 212.00
Silent Book Auction	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Yarn Auction	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Newsletter Ads	\$ -	\$ -
Spring Retreat	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 965.00
Insurance Refund	\$ -	\$ -
Donations	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL INCOME	\$13,860.00	\$ 5,272.00

	BUDGET	As of 12/31/24
INCOME - EXPENSE	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 107.27
Begin Bank Balance (7/1/24)		\$ 13,170.53
Ending Bank Balance (12/31/24)		\$ 13,277.80
Petty Cash		\$ 100.00
Heather Lieb, Treasurer		
treasurer@rochesterknitting.org		

EXPENSES	BUDGET	As of 12/31/24
Community Knitting	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Raffle Prizes	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
Board Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Guild Programming	\$ 650.00	\$ 300.00
Guest Artist Workshop	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,200.00
Spring Retreat	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -
Bank Fees/Checks	\$ 50.00	\$ -
Membership	\$ 50.00	\$ -
Yarn Auction	\$ 50.00	\$ -
Postage (Other)	\$ 20.00	\$ -
Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ 36.26
Hospitality	\$ -	\$ -
Insurance	\$ 350.00	\$ 300.13
Library (books, etc.)	\$ 400.00	\$ -
P.O. Box Rental	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Rent (Temple)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,100.00
Rent (Pavillion/Lodge)	\$ 150.00	\$ -
Rent (Board Mtgs.)	\$ -	\$ -
Storage Unit	\$ -	\$ -
Newsletter (Printing)	\$ 300.00	\$ 78.27
Newsletter (Postage/Supplies)	\$ 50.00	\$ -
RKG Promotion	\$ 150.00	\$ 9.36
Web Page	\$ 50.00	\$ 850.81
Zoom Fees	\$ 160.00	\$ 159.90
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$14,860.00	\$ 5,164.73

**Rochester Knitting Guild
2025 Spring Workshops with
Bristol Ivy
Saturday, March 15, 2025 VIA ZOOM**



Short Rows

Saturday, March 15, 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 15, 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 via ZOOM**

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

\$ _____

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