

News for Ewes

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The Rochester Knitting Guild is an organization to promote interest, appreciation, and skill in knitting.

Rochesterknitting.org



President's Message

As the days begin to warm and we think of spring, March is the perfect time to refresh your projects and dive into something new. Whether you're working on cozy winter finishes or planning your next seasonal masterpiece, there's always room for inspiration in our fiber world. March also feels like a good time for some spring cleaning of my stash and notions, which lines up perfectly with our May auction. Please bring donations for the auction to our April meeting.

This month our meeting is on Zoom with a presentation from Bristol Ivy. We are partnering with some vendor shops to have viewing parties on that night for those that want to gather to watch the Zoom together. Keep an eye on your inbox for the meeting link!

Ingrid Lembach
President

March is a Zoom meeting!

Bristol Ivy will be presenting "A Slice of Pi: An Exploration of Pi Shawls"



Upcoming Meetings

All Hands Meetings

March 10th (Zoom)
April 14th
May 12th (auction)
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

March 17th
April 21st
May 19th
June 16^h

7:00 via Zoom
Link upon request

March Meeting

Notion night was a great success! What a fun night we had chatting and sharing our favorite notions! Thank you all for sharing your new finds with the membership! It was so fun to run around the room with a microphone and chat with all of you! I [Sarah] can't remember everything we talked about, but here are a couple of the items that folks were excited about: I'll set up a page on our Ravelry connection so we can continue to share links and discussion points about notions that make our lives easier!

Thanks to Marcie and Anna for manning the stitch marker table, and helping our members make beautiful custom stitch markers! I heard a lot of "thank yous" are owed to Marcie and others for squeezing pliers like crazy to help close those crimp beads. I even heard reports of folks going to the local craft store to buy all the supplies they could, so they could keep making beaded stitch markers. I love combining new crafts!

Anna and Sarah will bring our combined stitch marker supplies to the picnic get-together so the Guild can continue to make DIY stitch markers together.

Please consider donating notions you aren't using anymore for our end-of-year auction - they would be a great boon to the Auction, and someone will be excited to pick up a tool they don't yet have!

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Yarn Auction

This year's yarn auction has turned into a yarn and tool auction! The auction will be at our May meeting, so please drop off any yarn or tool donations at the community knitting table at the April meeting. Can't make the April meeting or have too much to bring in? Just reach out to me at auction@rochesterknitting.org and I can meet you to pick up any items you have.

What kind of tools are we looking for? Think needles and crochet hooks - especially sets that you don't use anymore. Project bags, tote bags, notions, accessories and winders could all find new homes and raise money for the guild in the process. Please use March to clean up your crafting space and bring any and all yarn and tools to the April meeting. Thank you!

Pat Butterfield

Community Knitting and yarn auction

Community Knitting

Our March meeting is via Zoom, so tuck any donations for community knitting aside until our April meeting. And please don't think that with Spring just around the corner (hopefully!) that I won't be collecting hats, scarves and mittens until next year. Most of the donated items have already been distributed to our community. And many organizations start collecting in the late summer/early fall for next season. So, as always, keep those donations coming and I will either distribute or store them as appropriate.

A few more lap blankets have come in for Meals on Wheels, but we still need many more. Please consider knitting or crocheting a blanket for this worthwhile cause. I have lots of medium weight acrylic yarn on hand in assorted colors if you need yarn for this project. I've never crocheted a blanket, and plan to pick up my crochet hook in March and start a blanket myself. Stop by the community knitting table in April and check out my progress! I plan to find an easy free pattern and will share it with anyone who is willing to make a blanket.

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

ROCHESTER KNITTING GUILD 2025–2026 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Guild Members: If you would like to be on the ballot for next years elected positions email pastpresident@rochesterknitting.org to be the on ballot.

Elections will be held at the May 12, 2025 meeting for 7/25–6/26 term all Board members are expected to attend a monthly one hour board meeting via zoom. Below is a description of each elected position.

President (Officer)The President shall preside at all meetings of the Guild and of the Executive Board; shall appoint the chairperson of all standing and special committees as defined in Article VI; may serve as member of all committees except the Nominating Committee; and shall perform all other duties usually associated with the office.

Vice President (Officer)The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President during that officer's absence and succeed to that office should it be vacated before completion of the term; and shall act as chairperson of the Program Committee.

Treasurer (Officer)The Treasurer shall receive, hold and account for all moneys of the Guild and shall keep a proper account thereof. A statement of account will be published twice a year in the Guild Newsletter.

Secretary (Officer)The Secretary shall record the minutes of all business meetings of the Guild and the Executive Board and may carry on necessary correspondence on behalf of the Guild.

Director Liaison with members; other duties in support of the board.

Past President

Margaret Mullen

Library

Katy Mulvey has agreed to take over as the Guild's Librarian, effective in June. She'll be working alongside me until then. She brings new ideas and enthusiasm, as well as library experience.

Thank you to Candice Wells who graciously stepped up to assist me as co-librarian after I lost my first co-librarian, my daughter Kate, to cancer last spring.

Joan Dupont and Candice Wells

Library

Tips from the Help Table

On the Border

At the February meeting, I showed off my partly finished machine-knit strip afghan. Well, I finished it, but first, I had to solve two problems. When I sewed the strips together, the top and bottom of the strips did not align perfectly, and the sides curled too much. What to do?

I went to the yarn shop in my basement, and found the perfect novelty yarn to conceal the imperfections of the top and bottom edges. A thousand stitches or so fixed that problem. Next, I knit a seed stitch border in black to help control the curl. (Only took two days.)

Afterwards, the yarn being superwash, I washed and dried it, with the results you see here.

Borders can be an easy, attractive answer when your edges are problematic. Swatching can help, and if you don't care for the result, you can always frog it, and try something else.

*Debby Abrahams
Help Table*



Guild Notes

- *Welcome!:* Lisa G. is graciously filling in as the Guild secretary until she can be elected into the position in May
- *Reminder:* Guild member shops offer our members a discount. Remember your membership card the next time you are out shopping. Any discount given is entirely at each member shop's discretion.
- *Donations:* 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.
- *Share!:* Show us your projects! Send photos of your works in progress and finished projects for work-in-progress Wednesday and finished Friday on the Guild's social media accounts. Send photos and pattern titles to Marcie Shapiro at director2year@rochesterknitting.org
- *Help needed:* The Guild has open spots on our board. These include, director, 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.
- Please be on time for our in-person meeting because the temple doors automatically lock at 7:00 on meeting nights.

Shop News

March, fable says "It comes in like a lion, but goes out like a lamb." Let's see what this March brings.

So, did anyone guess the yarn shop I had described in the February newsletter? If you thought Strings & Things in Palmyra, then you were correct. Go for a visit and tell me what interesting but little known fact you found out about Strings & Things.

Onto March's shop.

A teacher at heart, with yarn added as a benefit. Quality, cost effective yarn, some with flair. Tucked in at NOTA or close by. But do not ask her to sing!

Have fun this month. Please send suggestions/input, or just a quick note. I enjoy all I hear.

*Brenda Mudd
Shop Liaison*

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*



March Meeting (cont.)

Here are a couple of the items from notions night folks were excited about:

The all-in-one kit called the Knit & Crochet Kit - available lots of place online, but the original seems to be: <https://summercampfibers.com/collections/the-knit-crochet-kit>

We were all thrilled with the idea of a knitted holder for all your doodads!

Knitted Pin Cushion or Knitting Doo-dads Cushion;
Ravelry link: <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/pin-cushion-or-knitting-doo-dads-cushion>
Web archive link: https://web.archive.org/web/20150625043917/http://people.delphiforums.com/knit_chat/fingerpuppets/pincushion.htm#pincushion.htm

Foldable scissors that get through airports - Amazon link: <https://www.amazon.com/Slip-N-Snip-Original-Folding-Safety-Scissors/dp/B005J091G0>

Check our local crafting thrift stores too - I found a set just a few days ago!

Yarn Sleeves: purchasable, but i found this DIY link, and who doesn't love a good DIY? (Pro Tip - don't have nylons? Get socks at your local Dollar Tree - still cheap enough to work!) <https://www.petalstopicots.com/diy-yarn-cozy-yarn-hack/>

Sock ruler: a ruler that form fits your sock shape, so measuring doesn't hurt! There are lots on the internet to choose from, and some of our local stops may also carry them! https://katrinkles.com/products/socks-rule-ruler-for-measuring-socks-adult-amp-kid-sizes-available-1?srsltid=AfmBOopYABDCjHK_FMJmOkRmVycn8LwHW2idAF8MHgGeZ3ji4oZyrkhM

3-d printed inserts for Altoid tins: What a neat hack, there are lots of options to choose from on Etsy! https://www.etsy.com/listing/1737786461/altoid-tin-insert-divider-insert?ga_order=most_relevant&ga_search_type=all&ga_view_type=gallery&ga_search_query=3d+print+tin+tin&ref=sr_gallery-1-3&content_source=8ea8e62eb3773b1c55d23d200782c3b28991fc0b%253A1737786461&organic_search_click=1&logging_key=8ea8e62eb3773b1c55d23d200782c3b28991fc0b%3A1737786461&variation0=4538440491

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*Anna Powell & Sarah Blankenship
Vice Presidents*



March Blocks

February Knit Block - Acorns

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 8 sts)

Cast on 48 sts.

Rows 1 and 7 (WS): *P1, k2, p2, k2, p1; repeat from * to end.

Row 2: *K1, p1, RT, LT, p1, k1; repeat from * to end.

Row 3: *P1, k1, p1, k2, p1, k1, p1; repeat from * to end.

Row 4: *K1, RT, p2, LT, k1; repeat from * to end.

Row 5: *P2, k4, p2; repeat from * to end.

Row 6: Knit.

Row 8: *LT, p1, k2, p1, RT; repeat from * to end.

Row 9: *K1, p1, k1, p2, k1, p1, k1; repeat from * to end.

Row 10: *P1, LT, k2, RT, p1; repeat from * to end.

Row 11: *K2, p4, k2; repeat from * to end.

Row 12: Knit.

Repeat Rows 1-12 until piece measures 10" from beginning.

Bind off.



F[[Crochet Block Image Here](#)]

February Crochet Block - Shell

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.

Shell: (Dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc) in same st.

ch 34.

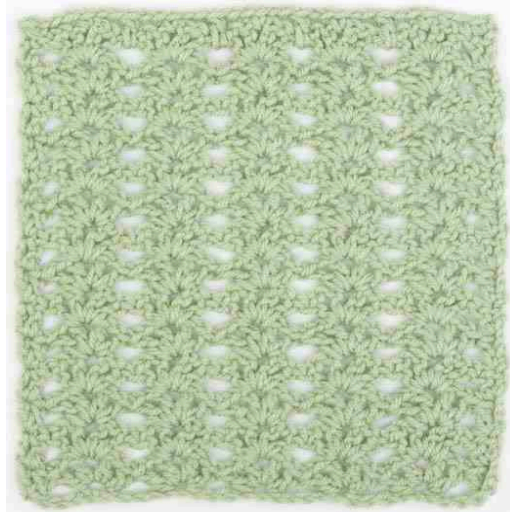
Row 1: Dc in fourth ch from hook, * skip next 4 ch, shell in next ch; rep from * 4 times more, ending with skip next 4 ch, 2 dc in last ch, turn – 5 shells.

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), dc in first dc, * shell in center ch-1 sp of next shell; rep from * 4 times more, ending with 2 dc in third ch of turn ch-3, turn.

Rows 3-14: Rep Row 2, turn.

Row 15: Ch 1, sc in first 2 dc, *ch 2, sc in center ch-1 sp of next shell, ch 2, dc in space between 2 shells; rep from * 4 times more, ending with ch 2, sc in top of turning ch 3.

Fasten off.



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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

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4390 Buffalo rd.
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**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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Rochester Knitting Guild

presents



guest speaker
Bristol Ivy

topic
A Slice of Pi
An Exploration of Pi Shawls

7pm, March 10th
Zoom Guild Meeting

Guild members will be sent a Zoom link in advance of the meeting.

Not a RKG member?

SCAN CODE to request a Zoom invite!



or email membership@rochesterknitting.org for a Zoom link to the meeting.

March 15th Zoom Workshops



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spots still available!

for more information on the workshops please email workshops@rochesterknitting.org

Open to all, in-person viewing available at the following locations:

Lift Bridge Yarns

23 N. Main St,
Fairport, NY 14450

Rabbit Row Yarns & Haberdashery

24 E Market St,
Corning, NY 14830
*Tea and Cocoa Station will be available
~kindly bring a lidded mug to partake~*

The Fuzzy Bunny

6 Honeoye Commons, US-20A,
Honeoye, NY 14471

Meetup at: 6:30 pm (all locations)