

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

Just in time for spring, my Anker's Summer Shirt by PetiteKnit is finished! I can't wait to wear it for Show and Tell at the April meeting. I'd love to see what else you've been working on over the winter. We are always looking for project photos to feature on our social media. If you have photos of WIPs or FOs, please send them to Marcie at director2year@rochesterknitting.org. Thanks to the patient instruction provided by Anna and Sarah at our annual retreat, I've also been dabbling a bit in crochet and now have a new craft to explore! I'm so glad to be part of guild community.

Ingrid Lembach
President

Last chance to donate!

April is the last chance to donate to the yarn auction at a general meeting. I've already had one "am I really going to use this" session with my stash, and it yielded a bag of yarn to donate. I feel a second, tougher round will yield more.

Upcoming Meetings

All Hands Meetings
April 14th
May 12th (auction)
June 9th (picnic)

Board Meetings
April 21st
May 19th
June 16th

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

7:00 via Zoom
Link upon request

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

April Meeting

We hope everyone enjoyed our Zoom presentation by Bristol Ivy, whether it was in the comfort of your own home or at one of our participating shops' watch parties. We definitely walked away inspired to put Bristol's math to the test in future projects. A special thank you to Cindy and Cheri for all of their hard work organizing Bristol as a guest speaker and workshop instructor.

For April's program we are planning to put your knowledge of knitwear to the test with a fun game we put together called "Ravelry or Runway?". Can you spot the knitwear pattern amongst the commercial products? Come out to the April meeting to see if we can pull the wool over your eyes!

Anna Powell & Sarah Blankenship
Vice Presidents

By-law changes

In January, a group of guild members met and reviewed our by-laws to ensure that they still support our mission. Attached to this newsletter are the proposed changes that will be voted on at the May meeting. In order to change any by-laws our general membership must vote on any proposed changes after a period of review.

The Rochester Knitting Guild Board

Yarn Auction

Just a reminder, April is the last meeting before the May yarn and tool auction. Please consider looking through your crafting space and donating any yarn or tools (needles, hooks, project bags, notions, winders and other accessories) that need a new home. The auction is an important fundraiser for the guild, and it all starts with your donations.

Please drop off any 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. Thank you!

Pat Butterfield
Community Knitting and yarn auction

Community Knitting

Only 3 more opportunities before our summer break to drop off any finished items you have to donate - the April meeting, the May meeting, or the June summer get together. If you donate in April or May, one ticket will be added to the drawing at the May meeting for every single item that you donate (as I have been doing for all the donations since September). The drawing is for a \$25 gift certificate to the member shop of your choice, and two winners will be chosen!

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



Guild Election

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. Please consider this important position for our guild board. It's easy and fun and you get to work with all the lovelies on our board.

Any of these positions may be filled by a team

Past President
Margaret Mullen

Help Wanted: Workshops

After many years of excellence our workshop/guest speaker coordinators are stepping down. If you are interested in taking over this volunteer board position, please contact Guild president Ingrid ASAP at president@rochesterknitting.org This is a great position for a team

Shop News

March is lingering with its weather for spring. We have already changed the clocks for spring. Let's get moving on this weather & show us some sunshine.

Anyway, were there any thoughts on the March shop?

If you guessed Tina Turner Knits, then you were correct. Visit the shop to see what she has. Also, there is always chocolate on the table!

Onto our April Shop:

This place is tucked into a plaza with other stores. You never know what you might find. Whether it be beads, fabric, yarn, more yarn, or needlepoint. Also, a weekly special could bring you in. All the workers are volunteers. Who are we?

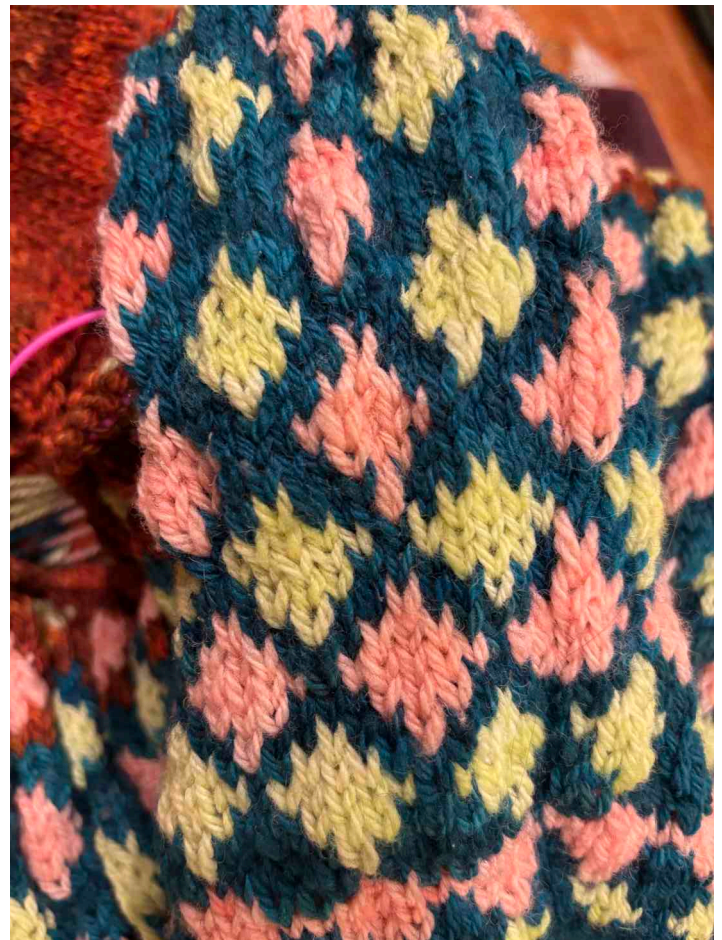
Submitted guesses and suggestions through the Guild web site.

Be well all,
Brenda Mudd
Shop Liaison



Guild Notes

- **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.



Tips from the Help Table

A Dye Disaster

I bought two skeins of gorgeous blue marled yarn at a fiber festival, and saved them for the perfect project. When that project presented itself--a dk weight, striped, triangular shawl, I was delighted to pull out one skein.

Not so delighted when, after soaking and spinning the shawl to block it, excess dye turned my yellow cashmere green. Fortunately, the green looked good, so I sent it on to the recipient, who didn't need to know the truth.

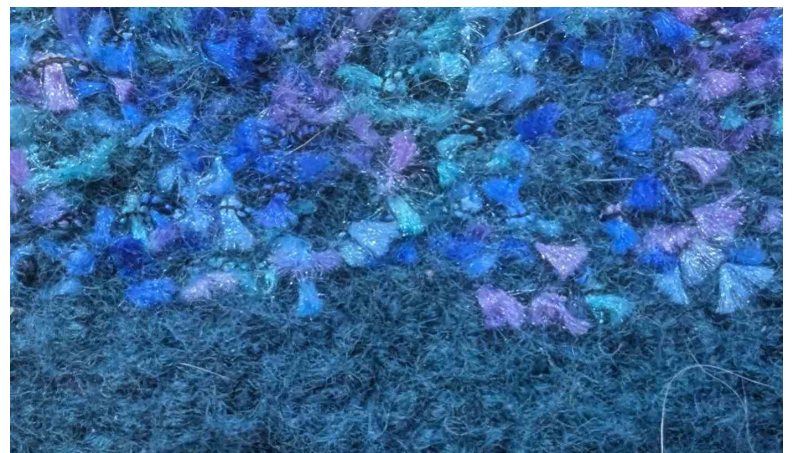
I still liked the yarn, so I turned it back into a hank, and rinsed it and spun dried it at least 8 times. That was good enough, and my next test swatch, which used an old novelty yarn, came out just fine. So I decided to rinse the other hank as well.

It did not go as planned. I knit this bag, and threw it in the washer to felt it, and as you see, the dye from that second hank turned the novelty yarn, once pink and purple, to blue. The bag was usable, but not as pretty as I hoped.

You can also see a color difference between the bottom third and the top two thirds of the bag.

So my tip today is always rigorously test your swatch for color fastness. I didn't check the second hank, and that led directly to my disappointment. Rinse, rinse, rinse until that water runs clear.

*Debby Abrahams
Help Table*



April Blocks

April Knit Block - Mini Diamond

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 plus 2)

cast on 42 sts.

Row 1 (RS): K1, *k1, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk, k2; repeat from * to last st, k1.

Row 2 and all WS rows: Purl.

Row 3: K1, *k2tog, yo, k3, yo, ssk, k1; repeat from * to last st, k1.

April Crochet Block - Lace Ripples

Recommended Yarn: Red Heart Super Saver 3 colors

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

Gauge: Finished square = 10" square.

Use any size hook to obtain the specified gauge.

With A, ch 34.

Row 1 (RS): Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across, turn – 33 sc.

Row 2 (WS): Ch 1, sc in first sc, * sc in next st, ch 1, skip next st, hdc in next st, ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st, (ch 1, skip next st, tr in next st) twice, ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st, hdc in next st, ch 1, skip next st, sc in next st *, ch 1, skip next st; rep from * to * once, ending with sc in last sc. Fasten off A, turn.

Row 3: Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in each st and ch-1 sp across, turn.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in each sc across. Fasten off B, turn.

Row 5: Join C with sl st to first sc, ch 4 (counts as a tr), skip first sc, * tr in next sc, ch 1, skip next sc, dc in next sc, ch 1, skip next sc, hdc in next sc, (ch 1, skip next sc, sc in next sc) twice, ch 1, skip next sc, hdc in next sc, ch 1, skip next sc, dc in next sc, ch 1, skip next sc, tr in next sc

Row 5: K1, *yo, k5, yo, slip 1, k2tog, pass slip st over; repeat from * to last st, k1.

Row 7: K1, *yo, ssk, k3, k2tog, yo, k1; repeat from * to last st, k1.

Row 9: K1, *k1, yo, ssk, k1, k2tog, yo, k2; repeat from * to last st, k1.

Row 11: K1, *k2, yo, slip 1, k2tog, pass slip st over, yo, k3; repeat from * to last st, k1.

Row 12: Purl.

Repeat Rows 1-12 until piece measures 10"

Bind off.



*, ch 1, skip next sc; rep from * to * once, ending with tr in last sc, turn.

Row 6: Ch 4 (counts as first tr), skip first st, * tr in next st, ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st, hdc in next st, (ch 1, skip next st, sc in next st) twice, ch 1, skip next st, hdc in next st, ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st, tr in next st *, ch 1, skip next st; rep from * to * once, ending with tr in fourth ch of turn ch-4. Fasten off, turn.

Rows 7-8: Rep rows 3 and 4.

Row 9: Join A with sl st in first sc, ch 1, sc in first sc, * sc in next sc, ch 1, skip next sc, hdc in next sc, ch 1, skip next sc, dc in next sc, (ch 1, skip next ch, tr in next ch) twice, ch 1, skip next sc, dc in next sc, ch 1, skip next sc, hdc in next sc, ch 1, skip next sc, sc in next sc *, ch 1, skip next sc; rep from * to * once, ending with sc in last sc, turn.

Rows 10-25: Rep rows 2-9 twice.

Row 26: Ch 1, sc in each st and each ch-1 sp across. Fasten off A.



2024-2025 Board

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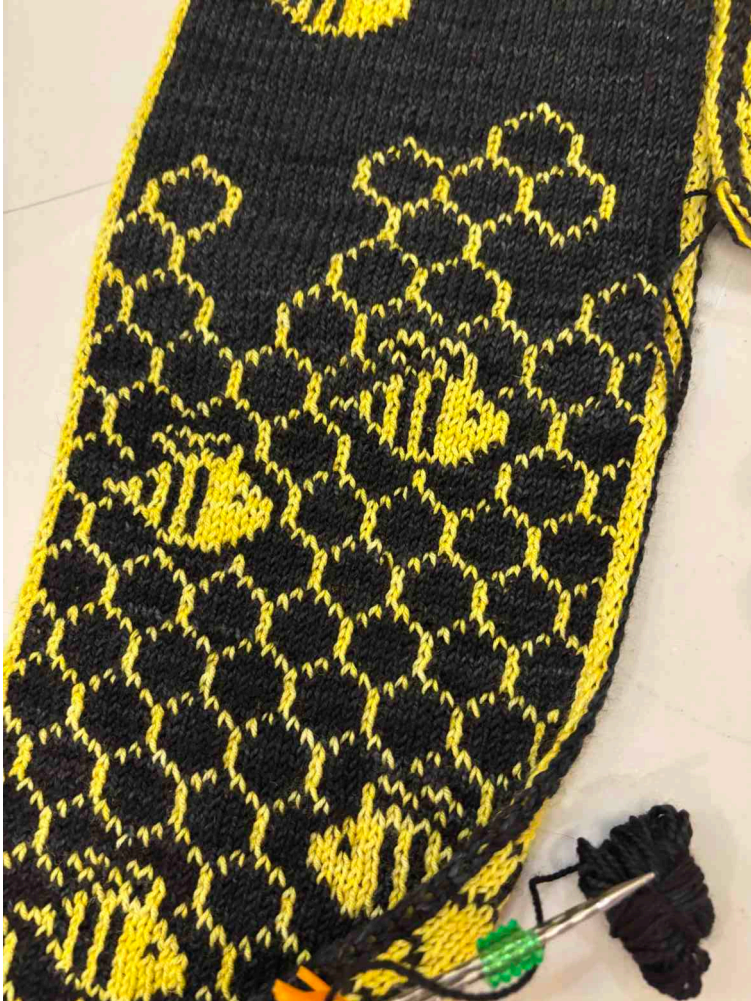
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Lift Bridge Yarns

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Amelia's Fabric and Yarn Shop

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Yarn Culture

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Megs & Co. Yarn Shop

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The Ewe's Yarn Gathering

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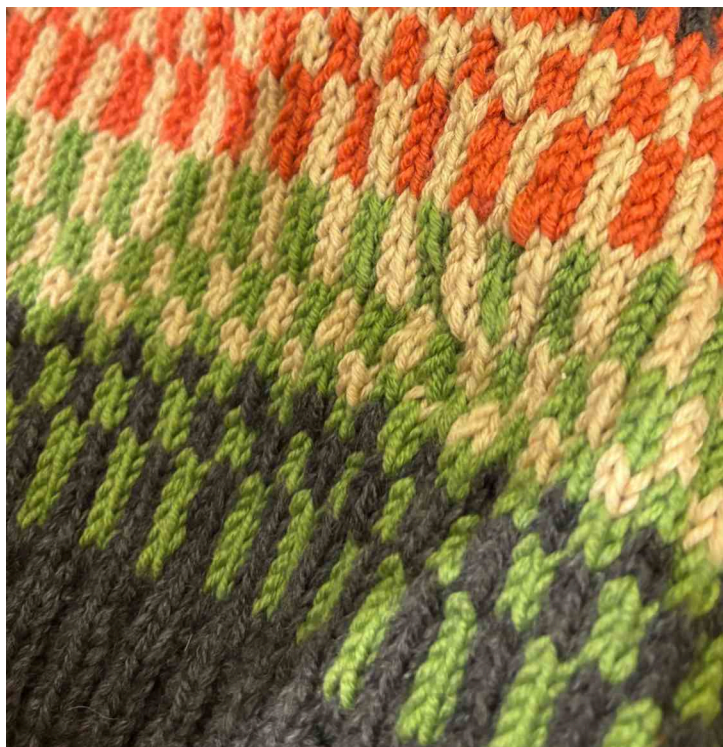
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ROCHESTER KNITTING GUILD
BY-LAWS
Amended April, 2016

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Rochester Knitting Guild, hereinafter referred to as the Guild.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of this Guild shall be to promote interest, appreciation, and skill in knitting.

Article III. Membership

Membership shall be open to any person interested in the purpose of this organization upon payment of their dues. There shall be six (6) classes of membership. Participation in any Guild shows or sales shall be limited to members.

- A. Charter Membership: Charter members shall be all those members that became members of the Guild within the first three months of the Guild, November 1986 to January 1987. Charter members shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of General Membership.
- B. General Membership: General members shall be all those members who elect to join the Guild.
- C. Honorary Membership: Honorary Membership shall be granted to those knitters who have made outstanding contributions to the Guild and whom the Guild wishes to honor. No dues are charged and Honorary Members shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of General Membership.
- D. Complimentary Membership: Complimentary Membership shall be granted to those knitters whom the Guild wishes to honor. No dues are charged for the year that the Complimentary Membership is given. Complimentary Members shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of General Membership.
- E. Shop Membership: ~~Shop Membership shall be granted to those commercial organizations that support the purpose of the Guild. Shop members shall also offer to Guild membership a discount on knitting items, at their discretion, that are available in their shops. Shop members shall notify the Guild of the knitting items and discount available to Guild members in their shops.~~ Shop Membership shall be granted to those organizations that support the purpose of the Guild. Shop members shall offer to Guild members a discount on knitting items that are available in their shops. Shop members shall notify the Guild of the knitting items and discount available to Guild members in their shops. Shop memberships are not charged an individual fee. Shop memberships entitle each member shop to two individual memberships with the fees waived and allow for a table at shop night without an additional fee.
- F. Student Membership: Student membership shall be granted to those knitters who show a student identification card or other proof of school registration (either in person or a copy

mailed in with the guild membership form) who elect to join the Guild. Reduced membership dues are charged for the year that the Student Membership is given.

Article IV. Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Guild shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, two (2) Directors, and the Immediate Past President.

Section 2. All officers may be re-elected up to a total of three (3) one (1) year terms, except for Immediate Past President. The directors shall hold office for two (2) years, being elected on alternate years.

Section 3. Duties

- A. President: 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.
- B. Vice President: 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 (see Article VI, Section 3).
- C. Secretary: 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.
- D. Treasurer: 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. Books shall be audited according to Article VI, Section 3.
- E. Immediate Past President: The Immediate Past President shall be Chair of the standing Nominating Committee (see Article IV, Section 4 and Article VI, Section 3).

Section 4. Election

The Nominating Committee shall request nomination in writing for officers at the March Guild meeting, shall obtain consent from the qualified candidates, and shall present a slate of officers at the April meeting. Election of officers shall take place at the May meeting. Newly elected officers shall take office following the May meeting. A vacancy in office shall be filled by the Nominating Committee in consultation with the President unless otherwise allowed for under these By-laws.

Article V. Meetings

Section 1. There shall be at least eight (8) regular meetings a year. Time and place will be determined by the availability of a suitable place for the program to be presented.

Section 2. The Annual Meeting shall be held at the time of the regular meeting in May. It shall include the election of officers and the annual reports of the officers and committee chairpersons. Written copies of all reports shall be given to the newly elected Executive Board.

Section 3. At all meetings of the Guild, forty (40) members shall constitute a quorum.

Article VI. Executive Board

Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers and appointed Chairs of the Standing Committees.

Section 2. The duties of the Executive Board shall be to conduct all business of the Guild between meetings; to approve the plans of the standing and special committees; and to approve the President's proposed budget for the fiscal year.

Section 3. Chairpersons of the Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Elected Officers. Committee Chairpersons may appoint committee members to assist them with the work of their committee. Standing Committees of the Guild shall be:

- A. Program shall consist of the Vice President and any appointed members of the Guild and shall plan and present to the Executive Board future programs of the Guild.
- B. Nominating shall consist of at least 3 members, one of whom must be the Immediate Past President, who shall act as Chairperson of the Committee performing duties specified in Article IV, Section 4E. In the absence of an immediate Past President, the Chairperson for the Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Elected Officers.
- C. Auditing shall audit the Treasurer's books yearly following the Annual Meeting and distribute a copy of the report at the meeting following the issuance of the audit report.
- D. Newsletter shall be responsible for the preparation and distribution of the newsletter and liaison between the Guild and other guilds.
- E. Hospitality shall be responsible for the set-up of all meetings of the Guild including the meeting room and the serving of all refreshments.
- F. Membership shall receive dues and applications for membership and maintain a membership list and membership applications.
- G. Community Projects shall be responsible for coordinating the Community Projects chosen by the Guild.

- H. Publicity shall be responsible for all publicity and announcements of the Guild's activities.
- I. Library and Knitting Resources shall be responsible for the maintenance of all library material and the distribution of Guild resources to members.
- J. Shop Liaison shall be responsible for the liaison between the Guild's Shop members and the Guild.
- K. Yarn Auction shall be responsible for the collection and coordination of yarn and other items for the guild's auction.
- L. Web Site shall be responsible for the maintenance and update of the guild's web site and information contained therein.

Section 4. Special committees may be named by the President subject to the approval of the elected officers.

Section 5. A majority of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Board.

Section 6: The President and the Treasurer will have signatory approval for the Guild banking duties. Both shall be on record for the financial institution(s) where the Guild's banking takes place. Any changes to the designated signatories require review and approval of the Executive Board.

Article VII. Dues

Section 1. Dues shall be payable to the Rochester Knitting Guild along with a Guild Membership form no later than the first meeting in the Fall.

Section 2. New members joining during the fiscal year (September 1 through August 31) shall pay full dues.

Section 3. The amount of dues shall be determined by the Executive Board according to the needs of the Guild.

Article VIII. Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in *Robert's Rules, Newly Revised*, shall govern the Guild in all cases where they are applicable and where they are not inconsistent with the by-laws of the Guild.

Article IX. Amending the Guild's By-Laws

The by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Guild by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum, provided the proposed amendment(s) was submitted in writing and discussed at a previous regular meeting.