

# News for Ewes

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

[Rochesterknitting.org](http://Rochesterknitting.org)



## AUCTION NIGHT IS HERE!!

### President's Message

As we round out another guild season, I think about the fun programming and community at each of our meetings. At our meeting in May, we will hold board elections for next year, a vote on the proposed by-law changes (see the end of this newsletter) and our much anticipated yarn and tools auction! Though this is our last formal meeting for the season, don't forget about our start of summer picnic on June 9 at Quinzi Lodge.

*Ingrid Lembach*  
President

### Upcoming Meetings

*All Hands Meetings*  
May 12<sup>th</sup> (auction)  
June 9<sup>th</sup> (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*  
May 19<sup>th</sup>  
June 16<sup>th</sup>

7:00 via Zoom  
Link upon request

### May Meeting

Sharah and I had a ton of fun putting programs together this year. We hope everyone was able to walk away from this guild year learning something new and having some fun experiences. We'd like to thank everyone who helped make this year's program possible once more. We are very fortunate to have so many skilled individuals to lean on.

We're looking at building a theme around sustainability next year. So we plan on touching on topics like mending and repurposing. Please reach out to [vicepresident@rochesterknitting.org](mailto:vicepresident@rochesterknitting.org) if you have any experience with repairing knit/crochet, upcycling yarn, or reworking your makes. If you have any tips or ideas related to the topics, we'd love to hear those too! Additionally if there is any topic you would like to see or host; we're open to any suggestions.

*Anna Powell & Sharah Blankenship*  
Vice Presidents

### Bylaw 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.

We will be voting to change our bylaws to read as attached to the end of this newsletter during our May meeting.

*The Rochester Knitting Guild Board*

## Yarn & Tool Auction

Due to the generosity of so many of our Guild members, we have a large amount of yarn in a range of fibers and weights for the auction on May 12th. In addition, this year we are adding tool & notions to the auction. Please bring a reusable shopping bag to get your new treasures home. Cash, check or Venmo will be accepted. And remember, the auction is open to nonmembers as well.

This year's auction will be silent again (write your bids on the lot slip) with a few adjustments. We will be closing out the auction in stages, using a totaling table for ease of check out, and will be ending the evening with a fire sale.

## Community Knitting

Thanks to some busy knitters and crocheters, I was able to drop off 29 lap blankets to the Meals on Wheels team towards their goal of 200 blankets for the holiday baskets. Those still working on a blanket or willing to start one, don't worry! They are collecting blankets until early Nov.

Please drop off any items you have to donate early at the May meeting. Any item donated in that meeting will get you one raffle ticket added to the drawing for a \$25 gift certificate to the member shop of your choice. There will be 2 winners drawn at the start of the May meeting. Good luck, and thanks for all the wonderful donations this year!

*Pat Butterfield*

*Community Knitting and yarn auction*



## Library

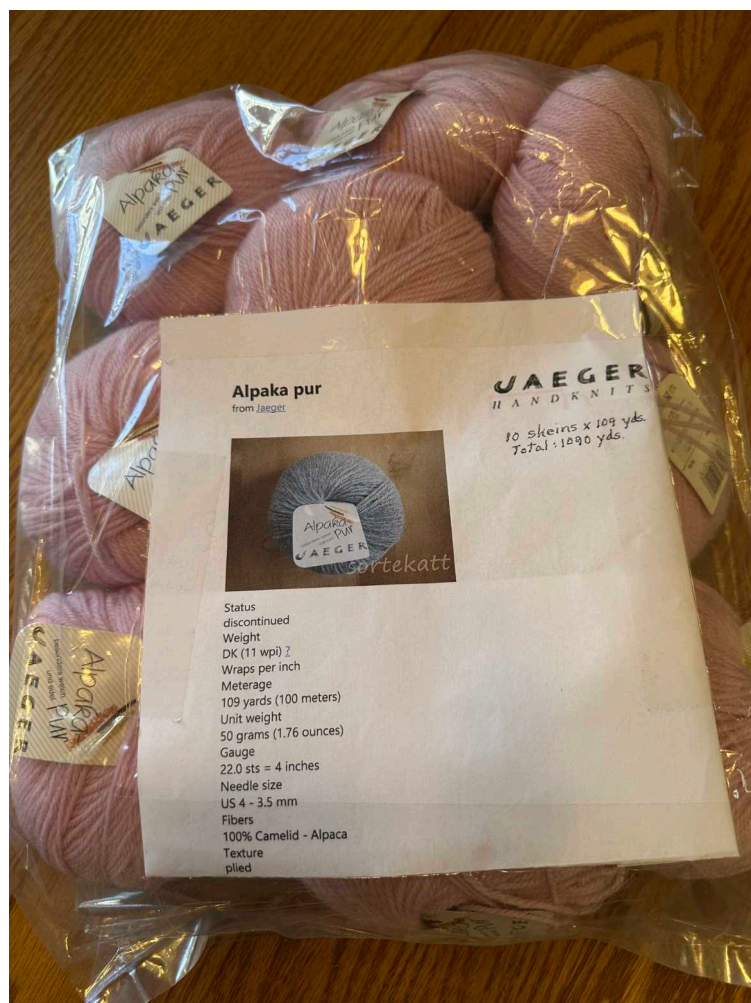
Whether you are planning some projects for community knitting, or just need a project for that special skein you found at the yarn auction, please stop by the library table in May and check out a project book or two for the summer.

Books checked out at the May meeting will not be due back until September, so it's also the perfect time to practice a new technique – we have books for that as well.

Members can check out our catalog before the meeting – see the link in the members area of the guild website.

*Katy Mulvey*  
*Library*

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## JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL PICNIC ON JUNE 9th!

**Where: Quinzi Lodge, 100 Eyer Park, East Rochester, NY 14445**

**What: Our year end picnic held at a lodge with indoor and outdoor space - dogs are welcome**

**When: 6:30pm-9:00pm**

Refreshments: meat and veggie hot dogs will be provided along with buns and condiments.

Guild members are encouraged to bring a dish to pass based on your last name, A–L: side dishes, M–Z desserts

The guild will provide plates, napkins, and utensils.

Feel free to bring friends and family, and chairs to sit outside, weather permitting!

Answer this poll so that we know how many hot dogs to purchase:

<https://forms.gle/j1nMascQynnEXF2T6>

If you receive a paper copy of this newsletter, please notify a board member if you plan to attend. Natalie will be making a list at the check in table for the may meeting.

### Shop Liaison

May is the month we think of flowers that bloom. Some might be pastel in color, while others are vibrant in their shade. Yarn shops certainly encourage us with their selections of color and weights. Try a weight that is new to you and let me know what you think.

Speaking of yarn shops, did you guess what April's shop description was? It was Crafting for Good. There is an assortment of weights there and great prices.

Sorry, no shop for this newsletter, but stay tuned for the year end one.

Enjoy the flowers.  
*Brenda Mudd*  
Shop Liaison

### New Sit & Stitch

The Victor Farmington Library Has added a new opportunity to Stitch with others in our community

*Steady Stitchers Needlework Group*  
Tuesdays from 11:00AM-1:00PM  
Victor Farmington Library  
14 West Main St.  
Victor, NY 14512  
585-924-2637

For further details: <https://victorfarmingtonlibrary.libcal.com/event/14126111>

### Help Needed: Workshops/Guest Speaker coordinator

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](mailto:president@rochesterknitting.org). This is a great position for a team.



## Tips from the Help Table

### *A Twisted Increase*

Many a pattern, from lace to cables, calls for increases, and knitters have their favorites. Mine is the twisted yarn over.

Knit one front and back K1fb) is my particular bugaboo. It tightens the stitch from which it was made, and so introduces a design detail not necessarily desired. If feasible, I replace it with

Ro 1; Yarn Over

Ro 2: k1tw through yarnover (Twist 1: "tw")

In other words, r 1: YO; R2: K1tw.

This minimizes the size of the gap that a regular yarn over leaves, especially if it occurs next to a slipped stitch selvedge. Of course, it, too, creates a design detail, but one I prefer. If you like the looser edge, you don't have to twist stitches at all.

The picture shows a garter square folded into a triangle, so as to display the invisibility of the K1tw.

The only time it doesn't work is when it is adjacent to a slipped stitch, as in Stephen West's Daybreak.

*Debby Abrahams*  
*Help Table*

*Help Table*



## Guild Notes

- **Welcome!** The Guild has two new board members. Katey Mulvy is our new librarian and Rachel Silva is taking over publicity for us.
- **Votes:** Guild members will be asked to fill out two ballots at the May meeting. First will be election for the 2025–2026 Guild board. Second will be a referendum to update the Guild bylaws.
- **Friends are welcome:** The May meeting is open to all! Bring your friends, family, significant others, acquaintances, coworkers, and anyone else you know to join us for the yarn auction.
- The photos in this newsletter are some of the lots up for grab at our annual auction.
- **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](mailto:director2year@rochesterknitting.org)
- **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.

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# May Blocks

2024/2025 Sampler Make Along - Last Blocks!

Block - Tumbleweeds

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 2 sts plus 1)

cast on 42 sts.

With B, cast on 41 sts.

Row 1 (RS): K1 with B, \* wyif slip 1, k1 with B; repeat from \* to end.

Row 2: With B, purl.

Crochet Block - Wagon Wheel

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.

Wheel This square is worked completely on the RS without turning.

PS (3-hdc Puff st): (Yo and draw up a loop) 3 times in same sp, yo and draw through all 7 loops on hook.

Ch 5; join with a sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 5 (counts as tr and ch 1): (Tr, ch 1) 11 times in ring; join with a sl st in fourth ch of beg ch-5 – 12 ch-1 sps.

Rnd 2: Sl st in ch sp, (PS, ch 1) twice in first ch-1 sp and each ch-1 sp around; join with sl st in first puff st – 24 puff sts.

Rnd 3: Sl st in first ch-1 sp, ch 6 (counts as tr and ch 2), tr in same sp (first corner), \* ch 1, dc in next ch-1 sp, (ch 1, hdc in next ch-1 sp) 3 times, ch 1, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1 \*\*, (tr, ch 2, tr) in next ch-1 sp (corner); rep from \* twice

Row 3: K1 with A, \*k1 with A, wyif slip 1; repeat from \* to last 2 sts, k2 with A.

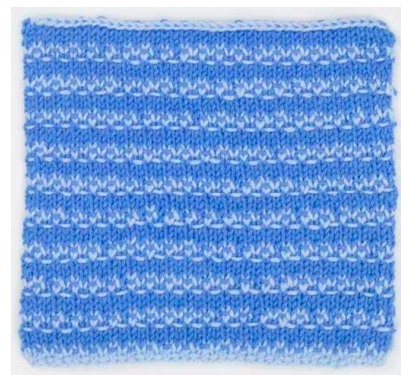
Row 4: With A, purl.

Row 5: With A, knit.

Row 6: With A, purl.

Repeat Rows 1-6 until piece measures 10" from beginning.

Bind off.



more, then rep from \* to \*\* once more; join with sl st in fourth ch of beg ch 6.

Rnd 4: Sl st in next ch-2 sp, (PS, ch 3, PS) in same sp (first corner), \* (ch 1, dc in next ch-1 sp) to next corner \*\*, (ch 1, PS, ch 3, PS) in corner ch-2 sp; rep from \* twice more, then rep from \* to \*\* once more; join with sl st in first puff st.

Rnd 5: Sl st in next ch-3 sp, (PS, ch 3, PS) in same sp (first corner), \* (ch 1, dc in next ch-1 sp) to next corner \*\*, (PS, ch 3, PS) in corner ch-3 sp; rep from \* twice more, then rep from \* to \*\* once more; ch 1; join with sl st in first puff st.

Rnds 6-8: Rep rnd 5.

Rnd 9: Sl st in corner ch-3 sp, ch 1, 3 sc in same ch-3 sp, 2 sc in each ch-1 sp and 3 sc in each corner ch-3 sp around; join with sl st in first sc.

Fasten off.





# 2024-2025 Board

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**Vice Presidents**

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**Treasurer**

**Membership**

**Library/Knit Resources**

**Tech Team**

**Newsletter**

**Community Service**

**Shop Liaison**

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[expressionsinneedleart.com](http://expressionsinneedleart.com)

## ***Lift Bridge Yarns***

23 North Main St.  
Fairport, NY 14450  
(585) 364-0521  
[www.liftbridgeyarns.com](http://www.liftbridgeyarns.com)

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

3200 West Ridge Road  
Rochester, NY 14626  
585-392-1192  
[ameliasfabricandyarnshoppe.com](http://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](mailto:fuzzybunnyarn@gmail.com)  
[www.fuzzybunnyarn.com](http://www.fuzzybunnyarn.com)

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Palmyra, NY 14522  
315-310-1656  
[stringsnthings2021@gmail.com](mailto:stringsnthings2021@gmail.com)  
[stringsnthingsyarn.com](http://stringsnthingsyarn.com)

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

24 E Market St.  
Corning, NY 14830  
607-654-7383  
[www.rabbitrowyarns.com](http://www.rabbitrowyarns.com)

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

4849 Cory Corners  
Marion NY 14505  
315-690-1108  
[www.beadfiberfantasy.com/](http://www.beadfiberfantasy.com/)

## ***Tina Turner Knits***

16 North Goodman St.,  
Suite 101  
Rochester, NY 14607  
585-820-4507  
[www.tinaturnerknits.com](http://www.tinaturnerknits.com)

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

438 West Main Street  
Rochester, NY 14608  
585-328-2642  
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## ***Little Button Craft and Press***

658 South Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14619  
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**ROCHESTER KNITTING GUILD**  
**BY-LAWS**  
**Amended April, 2016**  
**PROPOSED CHANGES FOR 2025**

**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.

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. Fiscal Reviewer shall review the Treasurer's books yearly following the Annual Meeting and distribute a copy of the report at the meeting following the issuance of the final fiscal review 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. Members joining during the fiscal year (September 1 through August 31) shall pay full dues. At the board's discretion, a reduced price membership can be offered after January 1<sup>st</sup>, the terms and conditions to be determined by the board at that time.

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.