



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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Yarn Bag Raffle

The bag raffle that will be taking place during our guild meeting on Monday, May 14th is going to be HUGE! With over 230 lots (!), this year's raffle promises to be a fast-paced and exciting evening. In addition to a wide variety of beautiful yarns from acrylics to silk, in every weight from lace to bulky, there will also be knitting needles, crochet hooks, magazines, patterns, kits, embellishments and much more.

How does the Bag Raffle work?

Raffle tickets are purchased, 3 for \$1, at a table set up near the Community Knitting table. Names are then either written on the tickets or **BRING ADDRESS LABELS TO MAKE IT REALLY EASY!** Each lot is numbered and will have a brown lunch bag near it with a matching number. Once your tickets are labeled it's just a matter of dropping a ticket into the bag that is assigned to the items you'd like to win! A time will be set for the raffle closing and then one ticket will be pulled for each lot and the lucky winner announced.

Thank you to all who donated to the raffle this year. Without your generosity, our biggest fundraiser would not be possible.

Good Luck to all and **DON'T FORGET THE ADDRESS LABELS!**

—Amelia Templar and Natalie Klein

Sneak Peak at 2018 Programs

A Ravelry refresher and how to set up a Knitting Notebook you'll use starts us off in September. The programs for the year will be all about color and texture knitting... stripes and stranded knitting, slipped stitch and mosaic patterns, plain and purl textures, traveling stitches and cables, we're going to have some fun! Of course, our recurring programs like Shop Night, visiting teacher/speaker night and the Yarn Auction will round out the year.

See you all in September!

—Meg Weglarz

Members please note!

We were not able to reserve our usual meeting place for any Monday in September 2018, so **FOR SEPTEMBER ONLY**, our meeting will change locations:

MONDAY - September 10, 2018

7:00 pm Meeting Start

LOCATION:

First Baptist Church of Rochester
175 Allens Creek Road
Rochester, NY 14618

Park in the lot behind the building (to the west, parallel with Monroe Ave.)

[MAP HERE](#)

2018-19 Calendar

May 14 Yarn Raffle

Temple B'rith Kodesh

Sept 10 Ravelry Refresher & Notebook Setup

First Baptist Church

Doors open at 6:30
Announcements at 7:00.
Program starts afterward.

Help Table

with Lynne Sherwood
Available until 7:30 pm.

Next Board Meeting:

May 21

6:30 pm

First Baptist Church
of Rochester
175 Allens Creek Road
Rochester NY 14618

*All members
are welcome to attend.*

Deadline for September Newsletter

Submit all articles by **August 19**
to:

newsletter@rochesterknitting.org

Find us on the web @ www.rochesterknitting.org. Password to the members only area is **k2togtbl**.

President's Message

I have enjoyed every minute as president of RKG for the past three years. It has been a wonderful experience but I couldn't have done it without help from my fellow board members, the committee chairpersons and help from many of the guild members. I wish that I could have done more for the guild but I won't be giving up. I have several things in mind and I will have more time to work on my ideas as Immediate Past President.

Alisson Goldberg, Web mistress, has worked with Sarah Shepard, Treasurer, to add PayPal to our website for membership fees. She's also constantly updating our website and our presence on social media. Thank you Alisson! We're so thankful that you are so talented! Love the dancing sheep!

Holly Bauer-Mergen, Auditor, performs the annual audit of the Treasurer's books following the May meeting. Holly has been very busy this year with classes on Monday nights and hasn't been able to attend many board or guild meetings but checks in with the treasurer to see how everything is going. We also keep in touch via e-mail and the monthly board meeting minutes. Thank you Holly! And thank you for working with us even with your hectic Monday schedule.

Cheri Switzer, Membership, has done a wonderful job of collecting membership dues and keeping the membership roster up to date even with the change of PayPal payments that can be made on the website and the fact that the member still has to fill out the paperwork for membership and turn it in. Cheri just takes it all in stride and does what needs to be done. Cheri is also willing to help anyone that needs help. Thank you Cheri!

Deb Goehring, Community Service, has been involved in community knitting for three years now. The first two years she shared the position with Betsy McGee who unfortunately due to illness has been unable to help Deb. Members have done a lot of knitting and have certainly kept Deb busy! Thank you Deb! I appreciate all you have done!

Barbara Gay and Lelanda Covill, Library, are both very dedicated and committed to the library and have done a great job. Especially considering that Lelanda was involved in a terrible auto accident this past July 4th. She has had numerous surgeries and hospitalizations due to the many fractures and then infections. Barbara also has been in constant pain due to a fractured pelvis and a back problem which requires surgery in April. It's amazing what they have been able to accomplish given their health problems. Barbara's husband, Ron, had a ruptured Aorta a few days before our March meeting and has been in intensive care at Strong. So thank you Barbara and Lelanda for going above and beyond!

Pam Knapp and Nancy Thomas, Newsletter Team, assemble all the articles and information given to them and turn it into a monthly newsletter! I assure you that it is not an easy thing to do since just getting the articles sent to them by deadline is only the first obstacle. Pam and Nancy are great about reminding the board and committee members about updates for future events that may have already been in a newsletter but could be freshened up. The result of their teamwork is a beautiful and informative newsletter. Thank you both for your hard work and dedication to the guild.

Natalie Klein, annual Yarn Auction/Raffle, has taken charge of the event for the last few years and done a wonderful job soliciting for the yarn, storing the yarn, gathering workers to sort the yarn into lots and to get the yarn transported and displayed on Auction/Raffle night. It's a fun event that requires a lot of work during the entire guild year. Thank you Natalie and members that have helped to make it such a fun and successful event.

Marlene Davidson, Hospitality, does a wonderful job of keeping the hospitality supply cabinet fully stocked and ready for our monthly meetings. Marlene also makes sure that all the necessary plates, cups, napkins, cutlery and other supplies needed for tea and coffee are on the Hospitality tables as well as arranging the goodies on plates and in bowls. She keeps an eye on the tables all night and straightens it up as needed. Marlene you've been doing a wonderful job for several years and I want you to thank you and for you to know that you are appreciated.

Patti Tyler, Shop Liaison, visits our member shops to inform them of upcoming events and to make sure that if there are any problems that involve the guild they can let us know and to the new shops in the area she lets them know what being a member shop means and if they are interested in joining the RKG, Patti will bring that information to the next board meeting for discussion. Patti also purchases the yarn and other monthly raffle prizes from member shops. Tough job but someone has to do it! Just kidding Patti, thank you for keeping a line of communication open with the member shops. And for purchasing such beautiful yarns and accessories for the raffles.

Cindy Proano and Cheri Switzer, Workshops, both do a wonderful job in selecting well known teachers to teach at our spring workshops and to speak at our guild meeting. The selection is just the tip of the iceberg; classes need to be chosen, travel arrangements need to be made and accommodations booked for the instructor. A schedule of classes with descriptions is prepared and published in the newsletter. The signup can now begin and over the next several months announcements are made at each meeting as well as monthly newsletter articles to encourage members to sign up for classes. Once the instructor arrives on Thursday its nonstop for Cindy and Cheri; providing transportation for the instructor, ensuring the classes run smoothly and the instructor has everything needed for the classes and then it's more transportation. This starts when the instructor arrives on Thursday and doesn't end until the instructor leaves on Tuesday. So next time you see Cindy and Cheri be sure to thank them for a job well done year after year. Thank you Cindy and Cheri for your time and dedication to ensure the Workshops are a success!

Nina Raqueno, Spring Retreat, has taken ownership of the retreat from day one! This past March was the eighth retreat (all at Camp Stella Maris) and Nina has everything down to a science and the weekend runs like a well oiled machine. There's great food, wonderful and interesting classes, silly games with cash prizes, lots of time to knit, read or just kick back and enjoy being at a retreat with others that share your love of all things that have anything to do with knitting. Thank you Nina for all the time and effort you (and your family) put into the retreat. Oh, I almost forgot the cash prizes were paid out with monopoly money!

Lynne Sherwood, Help Table, assists anyone that is having any kind of knitting problem. It could be that someone needs help understanding pattern instructions, help fixing a mistake or what did I do wrong question. Thank you Lynne for sharing your wealth of knowledge and expertise with the membership.

There have been many members that have helped out with mini workshops, membership registration, and the raffle table and behind the scenes tasks. I thank you all for your willingness to help out and it is greatly appreciated!

—Amelia Templar

Board of Directors Election

2018-19 Rochester Knitting Guild

Have you wanted to make a difference in the Rochester Knitting Guild? Consider running for office for the 2018-2019 season.

Nominations for officers for next year will be taken through April 30. So start thinking about who would make a good President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary or Director. The positions are held for one year with a three year maximum. The Director position is a two year position.

Current Nominees are as follows:

President: Sarah Shepard

Vice President: Meg Weglarz

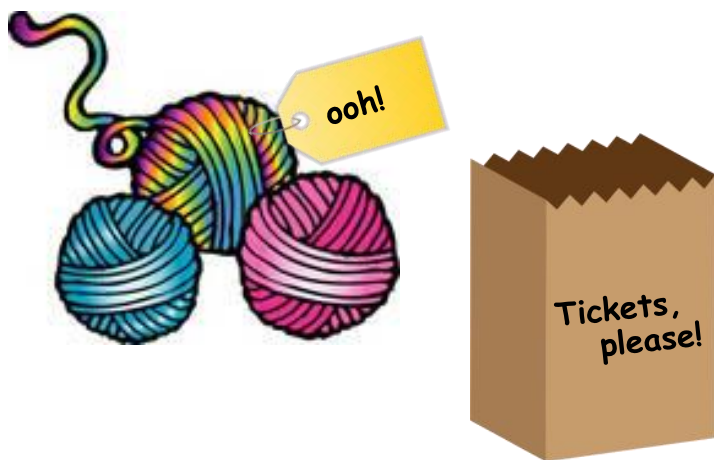
Treasurer: Marcia Weinert

Secretary: **could be you!**

Director (2 positions): Debbie Fister, Marlene Davidson, Ron Tyler

Please contact Tina Turner:

knittingcircle@tinaturnerknits.com until April 30 if you or someone you know would be a good addition to the board.



Community Knitting

Thank you all for all of the wonderful donations we've had this year! We received over 40 hats this month, many of them purple. We also received a pair of fingerless mittens. Don't forget, Highland Hospital is requesting Lilac-colored baby hats for the month of May. If you are looking for small items to knit for charity over the summer, the Knitted Knockers project would be a good one. They are small and easy to work with. Stop by the table for the pattern if you'd like to work on them.

If you have turned in items for Community Knitting at any time this year and haven't yet filled out a slip of paper with your name on it, please stop by the table in May and do so, one for each item you've donated. We will be doing our drawing in May, so be sure that you have your slips filled out so that you have a chance to win!

It has been my pleasure to work at this table for the last 3 years. I have enjoyed my time. But, all good things must end. I will not be working this table next year, so that means there's are open volunteer positions. This is a good position for you, or to share with a friend! If you are interested in knowing more, stop by the table in May and I'll explain the duties.

Thank you,

—Deb Goehring & Betsy McGee



Come Knit with Us...

Are you getting together with another group of knitters and would welcome a few new faces? Please contact Pam Knapp (see the Board listing) to have your group listed here.

Mondays—Sit and Stitch, 3:30-5 at Webster Public Library, 980 Ridge Road, Webster. Contact the library at 872-7075.

Tuesdays—Knitting Circle, 1-3, at Irondequoit Public Library, 1290 Titus Avenue, Irondequoit. Room 213, the Laurelton room. Contact the library at 336-6062.

Wednesdays—Knit Clique, 12-2 pm at Brighton Library, 2300 Elmwood Avenue. Contact the library at 784-5300 or visit their website: www.Brightonlibrary.org/library/Adults_prog.htm.

Thursdays—Informal Knit Together. Penn Yan Library, 1-3 pm, 214 Main St., Penn Yan, NY. Contact: Pam Ells, 585-526-5327.

Fridays—Volunteers needed for Legacy Clover Blossom Senior Living Community women. 11 am in the Sun Room. Contact Carol D'Agostino, 478-4960

1st Tuesday—6:30-8 p.m. at 1st Congregational Church, 65 Church St., Spencerport (makes lap robes for charity from 8" squares). Come join us. Call Holly Bauer-Mergen at 352-4548 with questions.

3rd Tuesday—Monthly Prayer Shawls group—7 pm at Panera Bread on Hylan Dr. near Marketplace Mall in Henrietta. Open to all fiber arts. Contact is Mary Ellen Arden, 405-3435.

4th Tuesday—Hilton-Parma Knitting and Needlework Group—6:30-9 pm at Hilton Community Center Senior Lounge on Henry St. Contact is Noreen DeBruycker, 352-6611.

2nd Thursday—Fun & relaxing, self-directed program 6:30-8 p.m. at the Gates Public Library. Bring your own snack or beverage if you wish. Contact: Mary Jo C. Smith, Librarian, 585-247-6446

2nd Thursday—of each month. 2:00 pm at the Ogden Farmers' Library, 269 Ogden Road, Spencerport, NY 14559. For more info or questions, call the library at 617-6181 and ask for Kate (Adult Librarian). Bring your projects and socialize while you work!

3rd Saturdays—of each month, 10 am—1 pm at the 12 Corners Starbucks in Brighton, NY. KAPS for KIDS, a knitting group sponsored by the CURE and the Yarne Source

Hospitality

The schedule below is for bringing snacks, determined by the first letter in your last name.

Please remember we are guests of the Temple, and in respect, **do not bring any meat products.** Also, to help with environmental concerns, and saving money, please bring your own mug for coffee or tea.

Thanks for sharing!

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—Marlene Davidson



Crafting Democracy: Fiber Arts & Activism

The Central Branch of the Rochester Public Library downtown is accepting submissions for the August 2019 show, "Crafting Democracy: Fiber Arts & Activism". Details about how to apply can be found here: <https://www.craftingdemocracy.com/>. The deadline to submit photos of intended works is June 1, 2018. Decisions will be announced in August 2018.



The show, which welcomes submissions from fiber artists from around the world, explores how the fiber arts can supplement cultural conversations about the "social fabric" of the U.S.

In order to draw attention between the local and the global, the work of Rochester-area residents of all ages will be on display along with that of art-activists ("craftivists") from across the U.S. and abroad, who use the traditional tools of craft (yarn, thread, textiles) to make statements about socio-political, cultural, and economic issues that have engaged them, prompting them to turn to craft as a pathway to positive change, and a tool for enacting social justice.

Hinda Mandell, Ph.D. / Associate Professor / School of Communication / RIT/ Rochester, NY

Check out my books!

1. Editor of "Crafting Dissent" (under contract with Rowman & Littlefield)
2. Co-editor of Nasty Women and Bad Hombres: Gender and Race in the US 2016 Presidential Election (forthcoming with University of Rochester Press)
3. **Sex Scandals, Gender and Power in Contemporary American Politics (2017)**
4. Co-editor of **Scandal in a Digital Age (2016)** omghinda.com / [@hindamandell](https://twitter.com/hindamandell) and [@crochetactivism](https://twitter.com/crochetactivism)

RKG 2015-16 Board of Directors

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Nominating Committee	Tina Turner	pastpresident@rochesterknitting.org
Workshops	Cindy Proano, Cheri Switzer	workshops@rochesterknitting.org

There is Room for You! There are vacant positions—please consider volunteering!

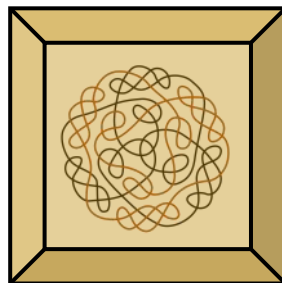
Knitted Knockers

Judy Earley from "Knitted Knockers Roc!" would like to thank the guild members that have knitted the Knitted Knockers for the Knitted Knockers organization. The recipients are very grateful and thankful that these knitters have invested time and money to provide them with the Knitted Knockers.

All the info for Knitted Knockers is on their website: www.knittedknockers.org. The website includes patterns for knit and crochet knockers and an acceptable yarn list that must be adhered to due to the sensitivity of the area that they are placed.

I would like to suggest that this is a great summer project; it's a small portable project, they're made with cotton, you don't have to weave in the ends or stuff them and donations tend to drop off during the summer.

—Amelia Templar



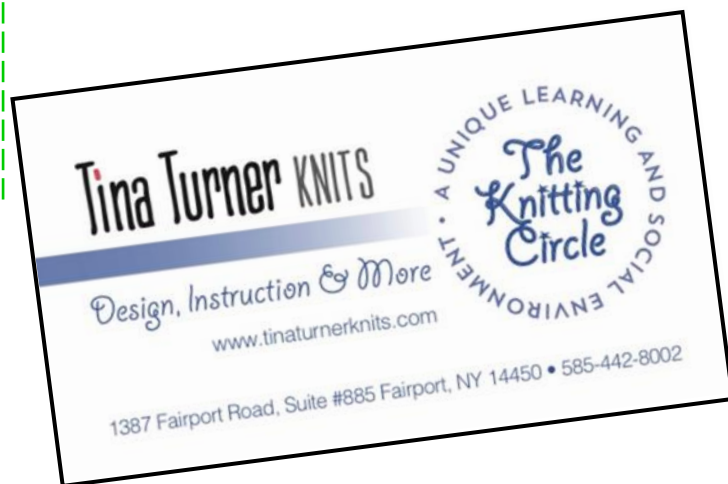
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The International Small Art Phenomenon

June 2nd-July 15th, 2018

Each summer Rochester Contemporary Art Center's 6 x 6 exhibition brings together thousands of original artworks made and donated (some by well known artists and some like you and me). The artworks must be six inches square and signed only on the back to be exhibited anonymously. Participation is free. All artworks will be exhibited and for sale for \$20.00 each to benefit RoCo.

Entries accepted now thru April 15th. For more information visit http://www.roco6x6.org/6x6x2016_intro.php



RKG Member Shops

Please remember to call ahead to check hours

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