

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

Happy fall everyone! What have you been up to this summer? I've been adding crochet to my crafting time making squares for lap blankets to donate through our community table for Meals on Wheels. Please share your finished items at show and tell, and make a stop at our library to return summer borrows and get some inspirations for fall. Have you seen this hysterical pigeon purse pattern by Emma Manos? What other bird patterns are out there? I look forward to seeing new and returning members at our September meeting. Save time by renewing your membership through the guild website, or bringing a completed membership form with you to the meeting. We will have plenty of forms and help on hand.

Ingrid Lembach
President



Upcoming Meetings

All Hands Meetings

September 8th
October 20th (3rd week)
November 10th (shop night
meeting starts at 7:00

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

Board Meetings

September 15th
October 13th
(2nd week)
November 17th

7:00 via Zoom
Link upon request

September Preview

Welcome back everyone! Anna and I are excited to be serving in the Vice President Role for 2025 – 2026. We had a blast running programming last year! Thank you all for participating and having fun with us!

For the September meeting, we have planned a short, but sweet activity — we'd like to invite you to participate in the 2nd Annual RKG 25 – 26 Speed Knitting Contest AND 1st Annual RGK 25-26 Speed Crochet Contest!

We'll have 15 slots available for the knitting contest and 15 slots for the crochet contest and we'll be visiting you in the membership lines prior to the meeting start so you can sign up to participate. Materials will be provided for all contestants; we are excited to find out who has the fastest needles or hooks in the Guild!

If you have a specific needle or hook preference, please bring your size 6 (4mm) needles or H-hook (5 mm) hook to participate in the Crochet contest. We will have several Susan Bates and several Boye hooks available, and we will have double pointed aluminum size 6 needles available.

There will be a fun prize for each contest, but we aren't going to tell you what! Join us to have fun, egg each other on, and welcome fall!

We had several folks enjoying the block of the month in the newsletter last year, but decided to make things a little simpler this year, so Anna will be providing a Granny-of-the-Month, so you can brush up on your crochet skills, if you want to!

Anna and Sharah
Vice Presidents



Membership

A new year starts soon! Beat the rush at our first meeting by filling in the membership form at the end of this newsletter and having your check ready. Even better, go to <https://rochesterknitting.org/membership/> and fill in the online registration form and pay by Venmo (<https://venmo.com/u/RKGTreasurer>) or bring cash or a check with you to the meeting. As last year, the members-only password will be supplied in an email to all paid up members after September 15th. Dues remain at \$30, \$15 for Auxiliary Members (Students with Valid ID or family member in the same household). Please wear your ID badge to the meetings. We do not supply new badges each year, but ask that you hold on to yours where you can find it again. If you lose it, we will supply one new one at no charge, but any further replacements will incur a fee of \$2.

Please note: both new members and renewing members must fill out a membership form each year.

Joan Fernbach
Membership

Shop Liaison

Welcome all to the new 2025 season of the knitting guild.

I will be trying to feature a shop or 2 each month. We have some nice raffle prizes for our meetings this year.

This month my visit was to Amelia's Yarn & Fabric, but don't be fooled, Nancy is the name of the shop. It is housed in the antiques & Findings on Ridge road, space #438. She is open Wednesday through Saturday, but you can still shop even if Nancy is not there. Payment is at the front of the shops area.

She carries all weights of yarn, Chiaogoo needles-metal & lykke wood. Many finished items for ideas & inspiration.

Pay her a visit. She does offer the guild discount.

Brenda Mudd
Shop Liaison



Join our Discord Server!

The guild has created a Discord server to help members communicate between meetings. Discord is an online messaging service that allows communities to share, chat, and collaborate together at any time. We have dedicated spaces in our server for chatting, sharing pictures of WIPs and finished projects, for discussing community and charity crafting, and even to ask for crafting assistance from fellow members.

Join here: <https://discord.gg/J5UMgQ3rZ4>

If you have any questions about Discord or are having issues with accessing our server, we'll have a table dedicated to answering technical questions at our next meeting.

Rachel Silva
Publicity

Guild Notes

- *Food and drinks:* You are welcome to bring food and drink to our meetings. Please do not bring meat into the building out of respect for our hosts. To avoid any yarn-related accidents, please use a lidded container for your liquid refreshments.
- *Financial report:* the guild's most recent financial report is attached to this newsletter
- *Show and Tell:* Remember to bring your summer projects to share with us
- *October meeting:* Our October meeting will be on the *third* Monday (**the 20th**) this season because of a scheduling conflict
- *Payment:* The guild accepts cash, check or **Venmo** for
- *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



Tips from the Help Table

Fair-Isle Friend

One challenge of multi-color knitting is managing the multiple strands. Mostly, it's because the strands get twisted and the gauge goes wild— too tight or too loose.

Now, some people will hold one yarn in one hand, and the second one in the other. That's both picking and throwing. So it might not work for people who are not comfortable with one or the other. For them, I recommend a handy "yarn guide."

If you're a picker, it's easy to keep your yarn in order: first you work with the color closest to your finger tip. Next, you work with the next color, always picking over the top of first yarn. The yarn never gets twisted and you easily control the knitting tension.

If you're a thrower, you take your first color from the wrist end and the second from the fingertip end

The yarn guide works for purling, too, and a plus is that you can actually use up to four different strands.

On a personal note, I rotate the guide to point the hinge toward my finger tip, because the plastic ring is snug. Of course, your choice.

Like much of knitting, there's a learning curve, but practice makes perfect. And if you need clarification, or a demo please wander over to the Help Table. I'll be glad to help out.

Debby Abrahams
Help Table



September block

Simbelmynë

I hope many of you enjoyed last year's make along. This year's make along focus' on a variety of crochet blocks designed by Polly Plum that are bursting in color. You can dig through your stash and find bits and bobs in a similar weight and go wild with colors, or treat yourself to something new. If you want the full color effect I would recommend gathering 6-9 colors of the same weight, but 3-4 colors should work as well. The patterns are written for a heavy worsted/aran weight yarn, like Vanna's choice or red heart, but they will work with any weight yarn as long as you scale down to the appropriate hook size for that yarn.

There are a variety of fun crochet techniques in store for us with this make along, but we are starting things off with a block that looks intricate but is easy to make. The pattern uses only chains, single, half double, and double crochets and works up quickly. It's perfect for a beginner who's ready to see just what else can be done with basic stitches - or for an experienced crocheter to breeze through.

<https://everytrickonthehook.com/patterns-2/simbelmynë/>



2025-2026 Board

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Member Shops

Expressions in Needleart

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585-394-4870
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expressionsinneedleart.com

The Fuzzy Bunny

6 Honeoye Commons
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fuzzybunnyarn@gmail.com
www.fuzzybunnyarn.com

Tina Turner Knits

16 North Goodman St.,
Suite 101
Rochester, NY 14607
585-820-4507
www.tinaturnerknits.com

Lift Bridge Yarns

23 North Main St.
Fairport, NY 14450
(585) 364-0521
www.liftbridgeyarns.com

Strings 'n Things

330 E. Main St.
Palmyra, NY 14522
315-310-1656
stringsnthings2021@gmail.com
stringsnthingsyarn.com

Sew Green of Rochester

438 West Main Street
Rochester, NY 14608
585-328-2642
www.sewgreenrochester.org

Amelia's Fabric and Yarn Shop

3200 West Ridge Road #438.
Rochester, NY 14626
585-392-1192
ameliasfabricandyarnshoppe.com

Rabbit Row Yarns & Haberdashery

24 E Market St.
Corning, NY 14830
607-654-7383
www.rabbitrowyarns.com

Little Button Craft and Press

658 South Avenue
Rochester, NY 14619
585-371-7891
Shelby@LittleButtonCraft.com
www.littlebuttoncraft.com

Crafting for Good

4390 Buffalo rd.
North Chili, NY 14514
(585) 617-3427

Bead and Fiber Fantasy

4849 Cory Corners
Marion NY 14505
315-690-1108
www.beadfiberfantasy.com/

Knit for You

kteving@gmail.com
<https://sites.google.com/view/knitforyounyhome>

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/>



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

INCOME	BUDGET	YE 6/30/25	Budget Over/(Under)
Membership Dues	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 4,455.00	\$ (945.00)
Guest Artist Workshop	\$ 960.00	\$ 1,495.00	\$ 535.00
Library Fines	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Raffle Ticket Sales	\$ 400.00	\$ 357.00	\$ (43.00)
Silent Book Auction	\$ 100.00	\$ 151.00	\$ 51.00
Yarn Auction	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,998.00	\$ 998.00
Newsletter Ads	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Spring Retreat	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Insurance Refund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Donations	\$ -	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$13,860.00	\$ 15,461.00	\$ 1,601.00

	BUDGET	YE 6/30/25
INCOME - EXPENSE	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ (893.77)
Begin Bank Balance (7/1/24)		\$ 13,170.53
Ending Bank Balance (6/30/25)		\$ 12,276.76
Petty Cash		\$ 100.00
Heather Lieb, Treasurer		
treasurer@rochesterknitting.org		

Budget change creating Picnic line item and transferring \$100 from Library line item approved at RKG Board meeting May 2025.

EXPENSES	BUDGET	YE 6/30/25	Budget Over/(Under)
Community Knitting	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00
Raffle Prizes	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ -
Board Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ 19.03	\$ (80.97)
Guild Programming	\$ 650.00	\$ 677.40	\$ 27.40
Spring Retreat	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,492.12	\$ 492.12
Guest Artist Workshop	\$ 900.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,300.00
Picnic (June)	\$ 100.00	\$ 40.97	\$ (8.05)
Bank Fees/Checks	\$ 50.00	\$ 91.95	\$ (35.00)
Membership	\$ 50.00	\$ 15.00	\$ (25.00)
Yarn Auction	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	\$ (9.03)
Postage (Other)	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ (20.00)
Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ 47.05	\$ (52.95)
Hospitality	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Insurance	\$ 350.00	\$ 300.13	\$ (49.87)
Library (books, etc.)	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ (8.00)
P.O. Box Rental	\$ 200.00	\$ 186.05	\$ (300.00)
Rent (Temple)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ (300.00)
Rent (Pavillion/Lodge)	\$ 150.00	\$ 192.00	\$ -
Rent (Board Mtgs.)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Storage Unit	\$ -	\$ 4,700.00	\$ -
Newsletter (Printing)	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	\$ (113.95)
Newsletter (Postage/Supplies)	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ (50.00)
RKG Promotion	\$ 150.00	\$ 27.36	\$ (122.64)
Web Page	\$ 50.00	\$ 850.81	\$ 800.81
Zoom Fees	\$ 160.00	\$ 159.90	\$ (0.10)
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$14,860.00	\$ 16,354.77	\$ 1,494.77

Rochester Knitting Guild Membership Form 2025-2026

The **Rochester Knitting Guild (RKG)** invites you to join or to renew your membership for the coming year, which runs from September 2025 to September 2026. Benefits of being a Guild Member include meetings, discounts at member shops, discounted rates and early registration at Guild functions, Guild Newsletters and access to library materials.

Dues are \$30.00 (\$15.00 for students with an ID) per year and are due at or before the September meeting. Payment can be made by Venmo, cash/check in person at the first meeting, or by mailing your check.

Venmo: @RKG Treasurer - please be sure to include your name and email address in the payment notes so that we can update our membership database.

Check: Please make your check payable to **Rochester Knitting Guild** and bring it to the first meeting or mail it to:
RKG Membership PO Box 92264, Rochester, NY 14692

Please answer all questions:

New or Renewing?

☐ New Member ☐ Renewing Membership

How would you like to pay?

☐ Venmo ☐ Check (mail in check) ☐ Check or cash at first meeting

First Name

Last Name

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email

Committees you would like to help with (optional):

☐ Auction ☐ Publicity ☐ Tech Team ☐ Shop Liaison

☐ Library ☐ Membership ☐ Programming

☐ Workshops ☐ Community Service ☐ Nominating Committee

Are you willing to have your contact information added to a directory so that you can be contacted by other guild members?
(Only personal messages would be allowed. Advertising, soliciting or email blasts would be prohibited.)

☐ Yes ☐ No