



News for Ewes

all the news that's fit to knit

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The Rochester Knitting Guild is an organization to promote interest, appreciation and skill in knitting. Visit our website, www.RochesterKnitting.org



Fall into Socks

Year after year, our most popular and engaging programs have always been our Mini-Workshops. Whether folks have been knitting for 30 years, 30 days or 30 minutes, there's always something to learn or practice, a new method or new technique to try.

This year, we've planned a year of mini-workshops aimed at expanding members' repertoire of skills and techniques for both sock knitting and lace knitting. And kicking off the year in September as we **Fall Into Socks!**

Our Summer Survey on FB and Ravelry was fun and while a few responses fell into the "Eh, socks may or may not be for me" category, most were "*I've made socks and want to learn more*", "*I'd like to enjoy making socks*", and "*Seriously? I've got multiple pairs going now.*" So, let's embrace sock making and master some new skills while we're at it.

For the September meeting, we'll start with a brief overview of sock knitting basics—

- ▶ Why Knit Socks in the first place?
- ▶ Basic Types of Socks and methods of knitting them
- ▶ Knitting in the Round, basic techniques: DPNs 4 or 5, 2 circular needles, or Magic Loop

Mini Workshops

There will be tables for mini-workshops for Knitting in the Round—DPNs, 2 Circulars and Magic Loop and the two cast on methods—Judy's Magic Cast On and Norwegian Twisted Cast On.

Please bring needles and yarn so you can get the most of these skill building workshops.

Knitting in the Round

- DPNs—double pointed needles, a set of 4 or 5 and appropriate yarn to the size of the needles
- Circulars—2 circular needles of the same size, 24" long and yarn to go with.
- Magic Loop—a 40" circular needle and yarn to suit.

Casting On

Knitting needle and yarn of your choice but make your life simple, use smooth yarn so you can see what you're doing and can undo easily.

—Meg Weglarz

2017-18 Calendar

Sep 11 Fall into Socks!

7:00 pm

Temple B'rith Kodesh
2131 Elmwood Ave.
Rochester, NY

Oct 9 Socks: Heels

Nov 13 Shop Night!

Dec 11 Socks: Heels II & Grafting

Doors open at 6:30, business and announcements at 7:00. Program starts promptly at 7:30 pm.

The **HelpTable** with
Lynne Sherwood
Available until 7:30 pm.

Upcoming meetings October 9

Next Board Meeting: September 25

6:30 pm

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

*All members
are welcome to attend.*

Deadline for October Newsletter: September 19

Submit all articles to:

Newsletter
@rochesterknitting.org



President's Message

Welcome back Knitters! Is everyone as excited as I am for our first RKG meeting for the 2017-18 guild year on Monday September 11th?

Meg has been hard at work since May putting together some wonderful programs for our monthly Monday night programs and you are going to love what she has planned! She has planned workshops at most meetings so that we can fulfill the purpose of the guild, which is **to promote interest, appreciation, and skill in knitting.**

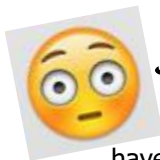
I'm especially looking forward to seeing what everyone has been working on since we last met in May so be prepared to share! Please remember that no matter how experienced a knitter is they were once a beginner. Our guild has members that are brand new to knitting, knitters that haven't knitted in years and have decided to pick up the needles again, knitters that have been only knitting for a few years and some that are very experienced knitters that are amazing. So, if you are a new knitter or maybe you've been knitting for years but haven't been able to devote a lot of time to it please don't think that your work isn't "good enough" to participate in Show and Tell! I've been knitting for 50+ years and I'm definitely not an expert and need help quite often---just ask any of my friends!

One of the things I love about knitting is how willing most knitters are to share their knowledge and love of knitting. I just love it when I'm in a waiting area knitting while waiting for my turn and someone says "Oh, what are you working on?" Next thing I know we're talking about other projects we have in progress and what we want to start next.

Let's make this year the year we all make an effort to share our love of knitting through teaching, learning and sharing. So, don't be shy, bring in your projects, ask for help, offer help, and encourage each other to learn new techniques and skills that will help increase confidence and skill levels.

See you Monday September 11th!

—Amelia Templar



Just for fun ...

To encourage all of our knitters, submit knitting horror stories/disasters that you have overcome. We'll share them in future newsletters.

Community Knitting

I hope fingers have been busy this summer. If so, bring your items for Community Knitting on the first meeting. If not, now is a good time to start hats, scarves, baby items. See you soon.

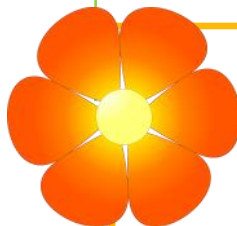
—Betsy McGee and Deb Goehring

Renew Your Membership

All memberships need to be renewed as soon as possible. A membership form is included at the end of this newsletter.

Good news—we can now use PayPal, but still need to fill out and submit the membership form with your PayPal receipt.

Instructions from our treasurer for using PayPal to renew your membership are included in this newsletter on page 6.



Join the RKG "KATE-ALONG" for Fun and Prizes!

The Guild is sponsoring a "Kate-along" that will run until the March, 2018 meeting. We are encouraging members to knit patterns by Kate Atherley, the Guest Instructor for our Spring 2018 Workshops. She has many free patterns on Ravelry and Knitty.com, and our Library has acquired several of her books, including the most recent *Custom Fit Socks* book, which is terrific. We also have several of her instructional videos. Kate also has many Craftsy and Annie's classes as well as free videos.

We invite members to bring their projects knit from Kate Atherley's patterns for a Special Show & Tell at each meeting, starting in October. You can enter each project in a raffle drawing to win a seat at one of the Spring 2018 Workshop classes! Details will be on the RKG website www.rochesterknitting.org.

—Cindy Proano

RMSC Cumming Nature Center

Seeking Artisans in Food & Craft

2nd Annual Heritage Maker

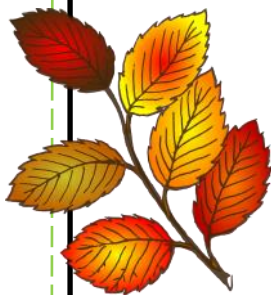
Food and Craft Fair

Saturday, October 15, 2017

9am—3pm

Call 585-374-6160 for info

www.rmssc.org/cummingnaturecenter



Finger Lakes Fiber Festival

Volunteers Needed

Hi everyone! I hope you have all had a great summer! As we are now entering September and beginning the lovely fall season, now is a great time to start think about stocking up for your winter knitting projects and hanging out with your fiber friends by attending the Finger Lakes Fiber Festival, where there will be a wide range of fiber and tools, classes, demonstrations, as well as food and friends!

And if you are planning to attend the festival on Saturday, September 16 and Sunday September 17, why not get in for free? The festival depends on volunteers to be successful, and to thank you for contributing two hours of your time to that success, you will receive free admission (entrance fee of \$7) to the festival for that day. You can sign up by contacting me by e-mail at festvolunteers@gvfhg.org, by phone at [315-264-3718](tel:315-264-3718), or in person at the September meeting.

Thanks and happy knitting!

—Vicki Beighley

Finger Lakes Fiber Festival Volunteer Coordinator
and fellow RKG member

RKG Booth at GVHS Fiber Festival

It's time to prepare for the Fiber Festival! You may recall that in the May 2016 RKG newsletter Amelia asked for suggestions on how to create an interesting and informative "hands on" booth for attendees of the festival in order to share our love of knitting. Several members have offered suggestions and now it's time to implement those ideas. Just one thing though; we need your help to do so!

Part of the plan is to have a knitting project that can be worked from both ends using size 9 circular needles and worsted weight yarn. Guild members at the booth will be able to knit on the project and encourage festival goers to give it a try. In addition to the members needed to man the booth, we need yarn for the "hands on" activity. Please check your stash and leftover yarn for GREEN WORSTED WEIGHT WOOL YARN in amounts of 10 yards or more. Please bring the yarn to our meeting on Monday September 11th.

There will be a signup sheet available on Monday to sign up for a shift on Sat., Sun., or even a shift on both days! Don't let the "hands on" project scare you or keep you from signing up for a shift. The project is going to be very simple and most likely will be either done in stockinette stitch or garter stitch, so don't worry!

If anyone has a knitting project they are currently working on, completed project or anything yarn or knitting related that they would like to display at the booth, I would suggest that you display it during your shift due to the fact that occasionally items grow legs or wings and just disappear.

Details concerning other plans we want to implement will be announced at the September 11th meeting.

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING ON MONDAY Sept 11th
GREEN WORSTED WEIGHT WOOL YARN
10 YARDS OR MORE.**

—Meg Weglarz



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

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.

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, 334-1906 (evenings), 321-9479 (days).

1st Wednesday (except during Lent)—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.

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

Web

The password for the member section of the web site is [toeupcuffdown](#). Be sure to "like" us on Facebook.

Hospitality

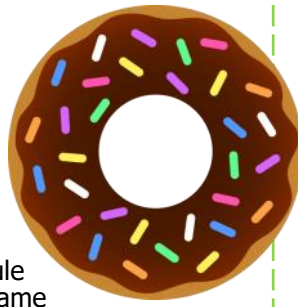
Welcome back, Knitters!

As always, the Board members will be providing snacks/treats to share at our first meeting of the season. The schedule for the remainder of the year by last name is below. 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.

Thank you; and have a great season!

Sep	RKG Board
Oct	A thru D
Nov	E thru K
Dec	L thru M
Jan	N thru Z
Feb	A thru D
March	E thru K
April	L thru M
May	N thru Z

—Marlene Davidson



Yarn Auction

The Yarn Auction/Bag Raffle will return in May.



A small reminder: we are very privileged to be guests at the home of our host, Temple B'rith Kodesh. The Temple provides us with a wonderful place to meet each month and enjoy all our Guild has to offer.
In order for us to continue to enjoy this location, please remember to be mindful of our surroundings. Should you wish to smoke, please remember smoking is only appropriate outside in an area not directly in front of the entrance. Thank you for your consideration.

—Amelia Templar, President

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

RKG Member Shops

Please remember to call ahead to check hours

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Support our local yarn shops !

A New Way to Pay Dues!

The Guild can now accept annual due payments through PayPal! Here's how:

Go to PayPal – www.paypal.com

Sign in if you have an existing PayPal account or sign up if you do not

If you are new to PayPal, you will be asked to input a credit card number or bank account from which funds can be sent.

Once you are in the site, go to "Pay or send money"

Then go to "Pay for goods or services"

Enter treasurer@rochesterknitting.org as the recipient and click "next"

Enter the dollar amount

Make sure USD (US dollar) is selected

\$25.00 for standard dues

\$15.00 for each additional membership you are paying for (for example, you and a spouse would be $\$25 + \$15 = \$40$).

\$15.00 for student dues (please be able show proof of enrollment if asked)

In the "add a note" section, please list your name

If you are paying for more than one person OR someone other than you, please list their name(s).

For example: "Sue Smith is paying for herself and Jane Doe"

Select the bank account or credit card from which you want to send the funds

Confirm your shipping (billing) address

Select "Send money now"

You're done!

Please note that you will still need to complete and hand in a Membership Form (attached to the newsletter) and turn it in at a Guild Meeting. You will not receive your Membership Card or name tag until payment is confirmed.

PayPal is a secure site and the Guild will NOT have access to your account.

If you have any questions, please see me at a Guild meeting or send an email to treasurer@rochesterknitting.org.

—Sarah Shepard, Treasurer

2017-2018 ROCHESTER KNITTING GUILD MEMBERSHIP

The Rochester Knitting Guild (RKG) invites you to join or renew your membership for the coming year, which runs from September 2017 to September 2018. 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 **\$25.00**, \$15.00 for students with an ID (cash or check) per year and are due **at or before** the September meeting. Bring your dues to the September meeting or mail to **Membership, RKG, PO Box 92264, Rochester, NY 14692**.

The Guild's success depends on participation by ALL members of the Guild. Please consider taking part this year!

Auction

Help gather yarn for the annual auction, transport, sort and display, act as runners during the auction

*Library

Help display and pack up the library, accept and organize returned books

Programming

Help plan and/or deliver Guild programs, prepare samples and handouts

Community Service

Help collect and record donations at Guild meetings, facilitate distribution of finished items

Membership

Greet members and visitors, hand out door prize tickets, sell raffle tickets and organize name tags

*Social Media/Publicity

Contribute content and help manage Guild's social media outlets

Hospitality

Help set up and clean up refreshment tables

Nominating Committee

Help prepare a slate of nominations, talk to nominees to be sure they are willing to serve

***HELP** desperately needed



2017-2018 RKG Membership Form – Date _____ New or Renew (circle one)

Please Print Clearly- Address Label maybe used!

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City and Zip Code _____

Email _____ Ravelry ID _____

Can we send you the newsletter as an Adobe Acrobat document via email? Yes _____ No _____

Occasionally photos may be taken at Guild events, is it ok if we publish your photo? Yes _____ No _____

Committee(s) you'd like to help with, **please circle**:

Auction/Raffle

Community Service

Hospitality

Library

Membership

Nominating

Programming

Social Media/Publicity

Please list a special talent or technique you'd like to share at a meeting:

Suggestions for meeting programs or workshops:

OFFICE USE

Date

Check No:

Cash Amount

New Member Pac Mem Card

Rochester Knitting Guild welcomes

Kate Atherley

Four Days of Workshops: April 6, 7, 8 & 9, 2018



Kate is the Managing Technical Editor and Editorial Assistant for Knitty.com. She is a mathematician, which comes in handy in all aspects of her knitting work. Kate is a highly regarded knitting teacher in Canada and around the globe.

Kate is the author of five knitting books (according to Amazon); the most recent, *Custom Socks: Knit to Fit Your Feet*, has been acclaimed across the knitting community. She also has many instructional DVDs as well as classes on Craftsy and other on-line venues. If you search

Ravelry Patterns, you'll find 260 patterns by Kate! She has many patterns that are extremely popular: her Bigger on the Inside Shawl from Knitty has nearly 2,000 projects on Ravelry, and her Basic Ribbed Socks have over 8,000 projects!

According to Knitty, Kate loves double-pointed needles, kitten heels and strong coffee. We hope she'll love the Rochester Knitting Guild, too!

NOTE: On Friday morning 4/6, we are offering two 2-hour classes instead of one 3-hour class! The fee will be \$25 for one 2-hour class, \$40 if you register for both for members; non-member fees would be \$25/\$45.

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

Registration: Registration for 2017-2018 members will begin at the October 9th Guild meeting, following this procedure:

- Select your classes and **submit payment**.
- Member registration will continue until the November 13th meeting; after that date, non-members may register if space is available.
- If not registering in person, please send registration with payment by mail to Cheri Switzer at the address on the form *after October 9*. No phone or e-mail registrations accepted.

Lunches: Lunch breaks will be 1 ½ hours. You may brown-bag it or go out to eat. There are a huge variety of eateries in that area of Monroe Avenue. No snacks or beverages will be provided at the workshops, but you may bring your own. The Workshop Classroom will NOT be open over the lunch hour, but there may be additional space at the facility if you bring your lunch.

Waiting list: If a workshop is full by the time your registration is received, you will be contacted either by phone or email to ask if you wish to be on a waiting list for that workshop, and hold your registration.

Cancellation: You may cancel your registration subject to a \$15 fee until March 1, 2018. Due to our commitment to the teacher, **no** cancellation can be accepted after March 1, 2018, unless your seat can be filled. The cancellation would still be subject to the \$15 fee. Your check will be cashed within one week.

Reminder: Only registered attendees are permitted in the classroom.

Inquiries: Any inquiries should be made to Cheri Switzer by email to cswitzer@rochester.rr.com or by phone at 585-385-2690 (evenings) or Cindy Proano ciproano@gmail.com or phone 585-506-6447.

Fees: \$40 for guild members; \$45 for non-members; except Fri. morning classes, see note above.

**Rochester Knitting Guild
Kate Atherley Spring Workshops
April 6, 7, 8, & 9, 2018**

Name: _____ e-mail _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: Day _____ Evening _____

Please print clearly. Homework and supply list will be sent by email in early 2018

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

Members: \$40 (see below fee for short classes)

Non-members: \$45

Short Row Skills (Adv. Beginner-Intermed)

Fee \$25 for 1/only/\$40/\$45 both

\$ _____

Friday - April 6, 2018, **8am – 10am**

Crochet for Knitters (All) Fee \$25 for 1 only/\$40/\$45 both

\$ _____

Friday - April 6, 2018, **10am – Noon**

Fearless Finishing (All)

\$ _____

Friday - April 6, 2018, 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Going My Way: Socks the Way You Want (have knit 2 pair socks)

\$ _____

Saturday – April 7, 2018, 9am – 12pm

Next Steps in Lace Knitting (Intermed-some lace exper)

\$ _____

Saturday – April 7, 2018, 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Soxpertise (Intermed-have knit several pair socks)

\$ _____

Sunday – April 8, 2018, 9am – 12pm

**Stranded Colorwork for Beginners: Cherry Fizz Hat
(knit in round exper)**

\$ _____

Sunday – April 8, 2018, 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Next Steps in Cabling (some cabling experience)

\$ _____

Monday April 9, 2018, 9am – 12pm

Expert Tips/Methods/Better Edges (Beginner to Intermed)

\$ _____

Monday April 9, 2018, 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Total Amount Due \$ _____

Check # _____