



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.

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March Program

Lace II—Blocking

Let's face it, Blocking is one of those skills that every knitter really needs to master. Blocking can turn a wrinkly mess of something you have to pull and pat out to see the pattern into the most *stunning* piece of knitting. It's tremendously useful to know, simple to do and well worth the time to perform.

I don't mean steam blocking or misting with a spritz bottle—I mean wet blocking "with discipline" as Leslie Shroyer says. We will be discussing and demonstrating blocking and the difference it can make in your knitting.

Also—Q&A to cover any program this year, socks and lace.

See you soon.

—Meg Weglarz

Yarn Raffle

Out with the old in with the new! Due to the popularity of both the yarn auction and the yarn raffle fundraisers we will be alternating these events. The May 2018 meeting will feature the raffle.

Donations of clean, usable yarn and knitting/crochet supplies may be left at the Yarn Auction table to the left of the stage during meetings. Please contact Natalie Klein, the auction coordinator, to make arrangements for large donations.

—Natalie Klein

Author and knitwear designer **Donna Druchunas** has always been interested in the influence of history and ethnicity on knitting, as evidenced by her numerous books on the regional styles of the Netherlands, Denmark, Norway, the Andes, Iceland, Ireland, Alaska and—most recently—Lithuania. Following her private travels to the land of her ancestors to research **Lithuanian Knitting: Continuing Traditions**, Donna invited interested knitters to join her for two weeks last summer, to visit some of the museum collections and people who most influenced her work. On March 29, 2018, Marcia Weinert will offer a travelogue of photos, stories and artifacts of that amazing journey to interested local knitters, felters, weavers, spinners, and crocheters. The program is free, and will be held at the Webster Public Library, at 980 Hard Road in Webster (just off Route 104) starting at 7 pm.



2018-19 Calendar

Mar 12 More Lace & Book Auction

7:00 pm

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

Apr 9 More Lace

May 14 Yarn Auction

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.*

Next Board Meeting:

Mar 26

6:30 pm

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

All members are welcome to attend.

Deadline for March Newsletter

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

newsletter@rochesterknitting.org



Rochester Knitting Guild welcomes

Kate Atherley

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

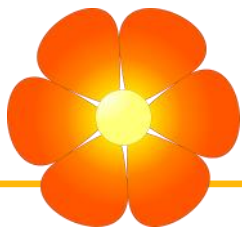


Kate is the Managing Technical Editor and Editorial Assistant for Knitty.com. She is a mathematician, which comes in handy in all aspects of her knitting work. Kate is a highly regarded knitting teacher in Canada and around the globe.

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: Classes for Soxpertise and Expert Tips are sold out; contact Workshops@rochesterknitting.org to be put on the Waitlist.



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

The Guild is sponsoring a "Kate-along" that runs until the March 2018 meeting. Nancy Treuthart was the winner of the November drawing, and Gayle DiSisto won a class in the January drawing. Members who bring their projects knit from Kate Atherley's patterns in March can enter each project into the final raffle drawing in March to win a seat at one of the Spring 2018 Workshop classes! Entry forms and details are on the RKG website www.rochesterknitting.org. Entry forms will also be available at the meeting.

So where can you find any of Kate's patterns? Her patterns are widely available: there are 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.

—Cindy Proano

Community Knitting

Don't forget that we will be knitting Lilac baby hats for May to celebrate the Lilac festival with all the babies born that month!

—Deb Goehring & Betsy McGee



Highland Hospital needs little purple hats for babies born during this year's Lilac Festival which starts Friday, May 12th and runs through Sunday, May 21st. They are estimating they will need at least 70 hats to meet their goal of sending all of the new little ones home in purple lilac style.



President's Message

I am so ready for the upcoming retreat at Camp Stella Maris! Spending time with my knitting friends, learning new knitting techniques and best of all a whole weekend of being able to knit without having thoughts of not knitting and taking care of the never ending chores at home that take priority over everything else and always seem to need to be done NOW!



This brings to mind an article I read about 25 years ago about how women prior to the end of WWII were emotionally better able to cope with whatever life threw at them than present day women can. The reason? Prior to the end of WWII women got together often to help each other with tasks such as spring cleaning, gardening, canning fruits and vegetables and preserving meats. Women would also get together for sewing circles, quilting bees and would also knit, crochet and do other types of needlework together. With all this bonding going on women learned not only how to do all of these things but learned from each other what behaviors and lifestyles were acceptable. The women were not only friends they were a support group.

I can remember as a young child going to my Great Grandfather's house with my Grandmother and joining five or six other female relatives to do the Spring Cleaning. Every inch of that house was cleaned and even spruced up with fresh paint on the kitchen cabinets (inside and out) and all the woodwork on the doorways and baseboards. I often think of that day and how even as a small child I understood how "many hands make light work". Growing up I witnessed many other examples of women working together on a common goal and can even remember how joyful the different activities were for the women.

I have also experienced firsthand the power of women working together while canning, gardening, knitting, crocheting, running food co-ops and many other things such as church and community events. During and after WWII women joined the workforce and most of these shared activities came to an end. I would bet that if a survey of women were done today we would discover that women that participate in guilds, clubs, community groups and organizations that work with those in need are happier, more emotionally stable and comfortable with who they are than women that don't.

Based on my observations over the years I truly believe that it's important to continue our activities and encourage others to do the same.

Never underestimate the power of a woman—and in numbers we are unstoppable!

To any men that may read this: I haven't any proof but I bet this all applies to you as well. Comments welcomed!

—Amelia Templar

Web

The new password for the member section of the web site is **Knit2Together**. Be sure to "like" us on Facebook.



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

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 Yarn Source

Hospitality

The schedule below is for bringing snacks, determined by the first letter in your last name. They could be **green!**

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; and have a great season!

March E thru K
April L thru M
May N thru Z

—Marlene Davidson



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

6 x 6 x 2018

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

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

Library

Having missed the January Newsletter I am going to make up for time with an article about the 22 books the library has to offer on lace, its history, construction, and ethnic varieties. To begin let's start with the basics with Lucy Neatby's DVD *Knitting Gems 3*, *The Formation of Lace Stitches & Lace Shorthand* with Sandy Terp, *Knitting Lace* by Barbara Abbey, and *Knitting Lace: A Workshop with Patterns and Projects*.



For the more advanced and adventurous knitter I would recommend *Knitting Lace* with Meg Swansen, *Sock-Yarn Shawls II* by Jen Lucas. We also have the *Sock-Yarn Shawls* but it is badly damaged and needs to be replaced. Next, I have chosen *Traditional Knitted Lace Shawls* by Martha Waterman and *Knitted Lace A Collection of Favorite Designs from Interweave* by Anne Merrow.



Finally, for the international and traditional lace knitters The Library has *Arctic Lace: Knitting Projects and Stories Inspired by Alaska's Native Knitters* by Donna Druchunas, *Knitted Lace of Estonia: Techniques, Patterns, and Traditions* by Nancy Bush, *Gossamer Webs: The History and Techniques of Orenburg Lace Shawls* by Galina Khmeleva, *The Magic of Shetland Lace Knitting: Techniques and Projects...* By Elizabeth Lovick.

—Barbara Ryon-Covill Gay





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Ninilchik Swoncho Knit-a-Long

March 3, 17 & 31 • 10am – Noon

details at www.yarnculture.com

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