



# 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](http://www.RochesterKnitting.org)

## ♥ Cables

Knitting cables always seems like magic to me. A simple piece of flat knitting is transformed into three dimensional ropes and braids or a latticework of diamonds simply by rearranging the order of the stitches as you knit them. It's alchemy with knitting needles.

Our February program will be all about cables—how to knit cables from both written and charted directions; different kinds of cables and methods of cabling.

Bring worsted weight yarn and needles to cable along and try it yourself.

See you on the 11th!

—Meg Weglarz

## Community Knitting Update



### Wow!

You donated more than 200 hats to our winter hat drive! I counted 118 child-and adult-size hats along with 118 preemie- and baby-size hats. We also received scarves, toddler blankets, mittens, and yarn to continue our efforts.

A giant thank you to all our members who gave their time and resources to this drive!

New project kits will be available at our next meeting.

Blankets are also still needed for Golisano Children's hospital toddlers. Donations should be approximately 36 in. by 36 in. with no "holes," loose yarn, or fringe that can get tangled around tiny fingers.

Catholic Family Services and Wilmot Cancer Center are also asking for hats, scarves, and mittens!

Wilmot Cancer Center also has an immediate need for washable lap robes, at least 32"x 40", preferably 48". There's also a need for large shawls.

Thank you! Bins will be available at the charitable knitting table.

—Natalie Klein

## Yarn Auction

Snowed in?! It's the perfect time to go through your yarn stash, pull out those skeins that never seem to make it onto your needles, and donate them to the auction. We also accept needles and other knitting-related items.

Don't wait to donate! It takes a lot of time and hands to prepare for the auction. We need to start sorting soon.

—Natalie Klein



## 2018-19 Calendar

### Feb 11 Cables

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

### Mar 11

### Help Table

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

### Next Board Meeting:

**Feb 26**

**6:30 pm**

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

*All members are welcome*

### Deadline for February Newsletter

Submit all articles by **Feb. 19** to:  
[newsletter@rochesterknitting.org](mailto:newsletter@rochesterknitting.org)

**Find us on the web @**  
**[www.rochesterknitting.org](http://www.rochesterknitting.org)**  
Password to the members only  
area is **P2togtbl**.

## President's Message

Hello Guilders—

I want to talk about knitting deadlines. Do you use them? I have in the past when I'm knitting samples that are needed for shop events or big fiber events like Vogue Knitting Live. I find that having a target end date keeps me moving on my project and helps me avoid "cast-on-itis" when new patterns hit Ravelry. This is great when every day a new, shiny pattern appears in my suggestions page or in my Instagram feed.

With my "stash bash" project, I have set up a queue on Ravelry and a couple of the patterns I picked have tentative completion dates. I'm hoping to hit these targets as one project is for a gift, and the other I would like to have finished before my birthday. Fingers crossed that I can get them both done!

Happy knitting,

—Sarah Shepard, President

PS: The "Meet the Board" feature will return in our March newsletter!

## Coming Up!

RKG member Marcia Weinert was privileged to travel to Lithuania for two weeks in the summer of 2017, with a group of knitters hosted by this year's RKG guest teacher, Donna Druchunas. Marcia will offer a brief travelogue of their interactions with Lithuanian spinners, knitters, weavers, felters, and crocheters as part of an evening program sponsored by the Weavers Guild of Rochester. The program, which is free and open to the public, will take place from 6:30-8:30 pm on March 18 at the Weaving and Fiber Arts Center, 349 W. Commercial Ave., East Rochester. Hope to see you there!



## RKG Spring Retreat

Camp Stella Maris

Feb 28 - March 3, 2019

Overnight accommodations are sold out, but there are a few workshop spots available on Saturday.

Contact [Nina.requeno@gmail.com](mailto:Nina.requeno@gmail.com)

## TKGA Master Hand Knitter Program

Are you working on the Master Hand Knitter program through TKGA? Have you succeeded? Or have you stalled in the middle like I have? Would you like to complete it? I would. I have finally put this on my Bucket List!

If you are beginning, in the middle, or finished, and would like to get together and support one another, please let me know. We can find somewhere central to meet, and hopefully a day that works, and GET 'ER DONE!

Email me at [knitknapp@gmail.com](mailto:knitknapp@gmail.com) if interested.

—Pam Knapp

## Did You Know?

We offer free business card-size ads in the guild newsletter to members & member shops.





**Rochester Knitting Guild welcomes**

**Donna Druchunas**

**Four Days of Workshops  
April 5-8, 2019**

The Rochester Knitting Guild is delighted to welcome **Donna Druchunas** for our Spring

2019 Workshops! She is the author of numerous knitting books and designer of over 400 patterns on Ravelry. She teaches in the US, Canada and Europe and holds retreats at her private studio.

We have chosen a unique and interesting array of workshop topics for our members, find the Descriptions attached to this newsletter or on the [www.rochesterknitting.org](http://www.rochesterknitting.org) website. PLEASE NOTE that Lithuanian Colorwork Mittens and Explore Japanese Knitting: Socks are sold out, and there is limited space available in most other classes. Please register ASAP to grab your seat in one of Donna's classes!

—Cindy Proano and Cheri Switzer

### **Class Highlight: Successful Lace Knitting**

Monday April 8, 2019, 9:00 am - Noon

This lace class requires Advanced Beginner to Intermediate experience and more experienced knitters will expand their knowledge of useful chart theory and lace skills...and Donna says there will be a LOT of swatching! This deep dive into chart theory and stitch construction can build your lace designing skills.



### **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](http://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

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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

For our February meeting, please bring treats to share if your last name begins with letters M through S. All are appreciated, but in honor of Valentine's day, let's make it a heart-y treat! No meat products, please. Also, please try to remember to bring your own mug as it is more environmentally friendly.

Treat-bring schedule for 2019 is as follows:

February M through S  
March T through Z  
April A through C  
May D through K

—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.

—Sarah Shepard, President

# Debby Abrahams

Individual Lessons: \$30; Group Lessons (3 or more): \$25 ea.

Knitting Teacher & Coach

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| <b>Retreat</b>                    | Nina Raqueño                              |                                                                                                    |

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

# RKG Member Shops

Please remember to call ahead to check hours

## Amelia's Fabric & Yarn Shoppe

Nancy E. Vornaran  
7 Upton St.  
Hilton, NY 14468  
585-392-1192  
<http://ameliasfabricandyarnshoppe.com>

## Black Purl

Village Gate  
274 N. Goodman St. Suite D102  
Rochester NY 14607  
585-309-7871  
[info@blackpurlfibres.com](mailto:info@blackpurlfibres.com)

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## Little Button Craft and Press

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Rochester, New York 14619  
585-371-7891  
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## Sew Green of Rochester

438 West Main Street  
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Support our local yarn shops !

## Spring Workshop Classes

*Donna Druchunas*

**April 5, 6, 7 & 8, 2019**

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

## Stories in Stitches

**Friday - April 5, 2019, 9am - Noon**

**Experience:** Intermediate. Knitters should have basic knitting skills plus experience with reading charts.

**Description:** In this workshop, we will learn about stories from knitters around the world, and we will learn to knit a pattern stitch from each region and knit a sampler. Stories and techniques will be different in every workshop, but each class will include topics as diverse as: Bavarian twisted-traveling stitches, Irish cables from the Aran Islands, two-color knitting from Norway, Danish texture patterns, Japanese bobbles, Ukrainian lace, Estonian nupps, Andean popcorn stitch, Lithuanian two-color braids, Latvian fringe cast-on, and Swedish twined knitting.

## Grandma's Knitting

**Friday - April 5, 2019, 1:30 - 4:30 pm**

**Skill Level:** All skill levels welcome.

**Description:** Learn the version of Continental knitting traditionally used in Lithuania and many other parts of Eastern Europe. This technique is sometimes called Combination or Eastern Uncrossed knitting in the west, but in Lithuania it's known as Grandma's Knitting. This is a fast way to knit and many knitters find it gives them the most even tension of any technique they've tried.

## Bosnian Toe-Up Sock

**Saturday April 6, 2019: 9 am-Noon + 1:30 - 4:30 pm**  
(6 hour class with lunch break)

**Experience:** Intermediate, need to know how to knit with double-pointed needles (or 2 circulars or 1 long circular for magic loop)

**Description:** In this class we will learn how to make a fascinating Bosnian toe-up sock that has a rectangular toe that is knitted flat, but without purls! The rest of the sock is knitted in-the-round with an "after-thought" heel, and decorative finishing. I have several examples of hand-knit Bosnian slipper socks that we will examine closely. We will knit a complete mini sock to learn the techniques, and you'll have a pattern to knit full-sized socks on your own.

## Lithuanian Colorwork Mittens

**Sunday - April 7, 2019, 9am - Noon**

**Experience:** Intermediate, need to know how to knit with double-pointed needles (or 2 circulars or 1 long circular for magic loop)

**Description:** Learn to make fabulous colorwork mittens. Choose your own cuff style, thumb technique, and fingertip shaping from traditional options and decorate your mitten with Lithuanian colorwork motifs. A basic pattern is provided, but you'll learn how to make custom-fitted mittens on the fly with just a few key measurements. In this class we will also learn how to embellish our mittens with knitted fringe, baltic braids, and a decorative cast on

## Lithuanian Beaded Wristwarmer

**Sunday - April 7, 2019, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm**

**Experience:** Beginners welcome! If you can do the knit stitch, you can make these beaded wrist warmers. (Note: the supplies vary by level so more experienced knitters will be sufficiently challenged!)

**Description:** Beads add a fabulous touch! Knowing just the basics of knitting, you can easily create colorful designs with beads. Using only garter stitch and learning how to read and work from beading charts, in this workshop, we will make beautiful jeweled wrist warmer cuffs that are inspired by those popular in Lithuania. We will also learn beautiful crochet trim stitches, with and without beads, for trimming the wrist warmers.

## Successful Lace Knitting

**Monday - April 8, 2019, 9am - Noon**

**Skill Level:** For the advanced-beginner to intermediate knitter. Students should know how to cast on, bind off, knit, and purl, and should have completed several projects.

**Description:** For years I tried to learn how to knit lace, and was frustrated as I failed each time. I finally gave up because I wanted to have fun knitting and enjoy my hobby. I was able to knit cables, fair isle, intarsia, and even entrelac with no problems, but lace stymied me over and over again. I thought I would never be able to knit lace, until I stumbled onto Dorothy Reade's simple techniques. Working from charts, understanding decreases, and

knitting with worsted-weight yarn and larger needles gave me the confidence and practice I needed to ease into lace knitting. If I learned how to knit lace after years of frustration and failure, I know other knitters can, too! In this workshop we will discuss the tools and yarns used to knit lace, learn how to follow lace charts, and make one swatch in worsted-weight yarn and one in sport-weight yarn. Students will then be ready to knit a lace-weight swatch on their own, and move on to making a simple project such as a lace scarf or hat.

## Explore Japanese Knitting: Socks

**Monday - April 8, 2019, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm**

**Experience:** Intermediate. Knitters should have experience knitting several pairs of socks on double-pointed needles (or 2 circulars or 1 long circular for magic loop) and understand the basic construction of a sock (cuff, calf, ankle, heel, heel turn, instep, foot toe).

**Description:** Japanese knitting books are hot right now. Although the patterns are written entirely in Japanese, they are not impossible for American audiences to read. Very light on text and very heavy on charts and schematics, with a cheat sheet of translations, any adventurous knitter can enter the world of Japanese knitting. In this class we will learn how to understand Japanese sock patterns, focusing on the charts and schematics. Because Japanese patterns usually are written for one size, we will also discuss how to resize the patterns. In addition, we will learn a few interesting Japanese stitches and techniques that can be used to add an extra level of finesse to any project.

**Supplies Lists and Homework  
will be sent out in  
February 2019**

*The Rochester Knitting Guild is delighted to welcome **Donna Druchunas** for our Spring 2019 Workshops!* Donna escaped a corporate cubicle to honor her passions for knitting, world travel, research and writing. She is the author of six knitting books including *Lithuanian Knitting: Continuing Traditions*, *Arctic Lace* and *Successful Lace Knitting*. Her book series, *Stories in Stitches*, features historical patterns and essays. Donna lives in Vermont with her husband, mother and three cats who all help her test the usability and comfort of her finished knitted items. She teaches in the US, Canada and Europe and holds retreats at her private studio.

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

**Registration:** Registration for 2018-2019 members will **begin at the October 8th Guild meeting**, following this procedure:

Select your classes and **submit payment**.

Member registration will continue until the November 5<sup>th</sup> 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 8*. No phone or e-mail registrations accepted.

**Lunches:** Lunch breaks will be 1½ 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, 2019. Due to our commitment to the teacher, **no** cancellation can be accepted after March 1, 2019, 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 [Cheri.switzer@gmail.com](mailto:Cheri.switzer@gmail.com) or by phone at 585-385-2690 (evenings) or Cindy Proano [ciproano@gmail.com](mailto:ciproano@gmail.com) or phone 585-506-6447.

**Fees:** \$40 for guild members; \$45 for non-members (see special fee for Saturday workshop).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print clearly.** Homework and supply list will be sent by email in early 2019

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 (Sat. double class \$75)**

**Non-members: \$45 (Sat. double class \$85)**

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| <b>Stories in Stitches</b><br>(Adv. Beginner-Intermediate, read charts)      | <b>Friday</b>   | <b>April 5, 2019, 9am - Noon</b>                                                          | \$ _____ |
| <b>Grandma's Knitting</b><br>(All)                                           | <b>Friday</b>   | <b>April 5, 2019, 1:30 - 4:30 pm</b>                                                      | \$ _____ |
| <b>Bosnian Toe-Up Sock</b><br>(Intermediate, knit circular)                  | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>April 6, 2019, 9 am - Noon</b><br><b>+ 1:30 - 4:30 pm (6 hour class see fee above)</b> | \$ _____ |
| <b>Lithuanian Colorwork Mittens</b><br>(Intermediate, knit circular)         | <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>April 7, 2019, 9am - Noon</b>                                                          | \$ _____ |
| <b>Lithuanian Beaded Wristwarmers</b><br>(Beginners and Up)                  | <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>April 7, 2019, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm</b>                                                   | \$ _____ |
| <b>Successful Lace Knitting</b><br>(Adv. Beginner)                           | <b>Monday</b>   | <b>April 8, 2019, 9am - Noon</b>                                                          | \$ _____ |
| <b>Explore Japanese Knitting: Socks</b><br>(Intermediate, knit several pair) | <b>Monday</b>   | <b>April 8, 2019, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm</b>                                                   | \$ _____ |

**Total Amount Due** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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