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The Rochester Knitting Guild is an organization to promote interest, appreciation and skill in knitting.

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Rochester Knitting Guild welcomes...

Donna Druchunas

Our **April 8th** meeting will feature our Guest Instructor, **Donna Druchunas**. 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.

Donna's presentation will reflect on her research and knowledge of the history and rise in popularity of knitting in the last 50 years and highlight the work of a fascinating fiber artist who had a significant impact on knitting in general and knitting lace in particular: **Dorothy Read, the Lady and Her Laces**.

As a knitter, chances are you've heard of Barbara Walker, Elizabeth Zimmerman, and Mary Walker Phillips. It's also likely that you haven't heard of Dorothy Reade. Yet these four women were all equally responsible for the rise of knitting's popularity in the United States at the end of the twentieth century, and for reviving the crafts of knitting and spinning that were thought to be dying out with the older generation. Although Walker, Zimmerman, and Phillips are more well known today, Dorothy Reade may have been the most creative and prolific of them all. She contributed patterns to Barbara Walker's stitch dictionaries, sparred with Elizabeth Zimmerman about knitting technicalities, and created knitted art pieces that compete for originality and detail with Mary Walker Phillips' works. Between 1964 and 1969 alone, Dorothy Reade's handspun, hand-knitted pieces were featured in almost twenty exhibits and museums as far flung as Washington state, Washington DC, and Lima, Peru. In addition, she studied knitting traditions from around the world, taught knitting and spinning workshops, and pioneered the use of charts for communicating complex knitting instructions in a compact and clear style.

Donna's talk will introduce us to Reade and her unique relationship with knitting, designing and reinventing charting lace, and about her involvement with the Oomingmak Knitting Co-op in Alaska, where 250 Native Alaskan women from remote coastal villages of Alaska knit Qiviut items by hand.

Donna's books will be available at the meeting for sale with signing opportunities. Please join us!

—Cindy Proano and Cheri Switzer

Yarn Auction

April is the last meeting for auction donations! Please drop your donations of clean, usable yarn and knitting-related supplies at the auction table!

—Natalie Klein



2018-19 Calendar

Apr 8 Presentation by
Donna Druchunas

May 13 Yarn Auction with
Carol Ritter

Help Table

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

Next Board Meeting:

Apr 29

6:30 pm

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

All members are welcome

Deadline for April Newsletter

Submit all articles by **Apr. 19** to:
newsletter@rochesterknitting.org

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www.rochesterknitting.org
Password to the members only
area is **P2togtbl**.

President's Message

Last month I talked about learning and improving the brioche stitch, which I initially learned from taking a class. I originally thought I didn't have the skills to take the class but was encouraged to do so. Did you know that the Guild has expert knitting instructors in our midst? Check our newsletter's advertisements to find a teacher near you or drop into one of the open knitting sessions we have listed.

Each April, we host a renowned instructor that teaches FOUR days' worth of workshops in their specialty area of knitting. Our guest this year is Donna Druchunas of Vermont. Ms. Druchunas is passionate about lace, historical patterns, and international knitting influences. It should be a great weekend to soak up some new skills!

I hope that you all found a workshop to attend to learn more from Donna while she is visiting. If not, I encourage you to seek out a class to boost your knitting to the next level.

—Sarah Shepard, President

Library

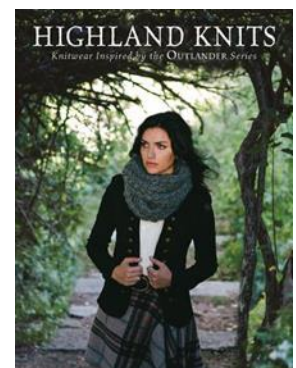
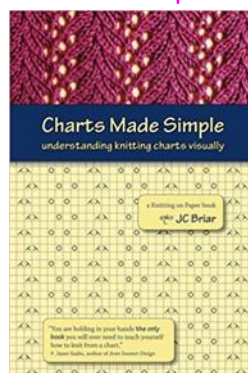
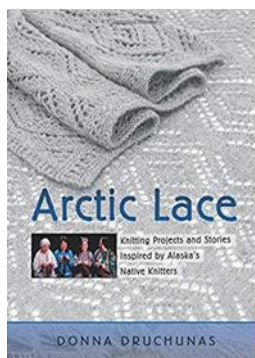
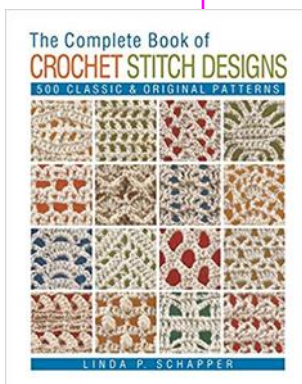
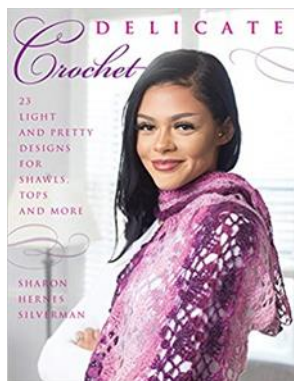
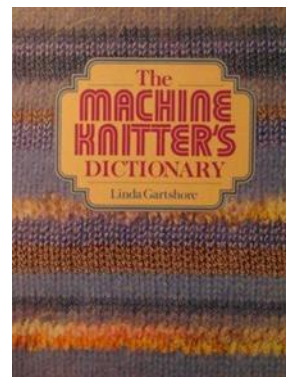
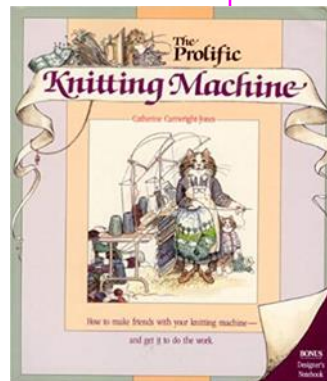
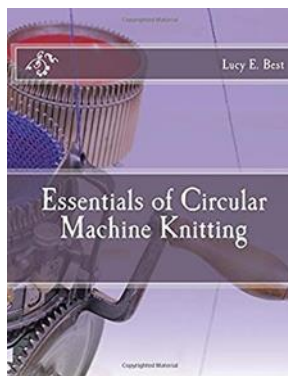
As many of you will know by the size of the book sale the event was a whopping success. Unfortunately, we will not know how much was raised for the guild until Monday next.

This month we will introduce you all to some of the new books that have been introduced into the library over the past few months and some of the books we still hope to obtain. First off are the books for knitting machines including a book for the circular sock knitting machine.

Next, Lelanda selected several crochet books that rival many knitting book subjects from Celtic crochet to prayer shawls, scarves, mittens and especially socks.

We have ordered some new books on lace, ethnic knitting from new countries such as the DVD *Knitting Old World Lace: from Shetland to Orenburg, Arctic Lace from Alaska*, two old favorites, *Knitted Lace of Estonia* and *Victorian Lace Today*. Finally as a request of some of our members we have added or will add soon some new subjects: Reversible Knitting, Reading Charts, yarn substitution, and books on color. We are also purchasing television themed books from the Outland series and Downton Abbey.

—Lelanda Covill
and Barbara Ryon Covill Gay



Nominations

Please submit your name (or the name of a friend) to Amelia Templar if you are willing to run for or take a position on the Rochester Knitting Guild Board. We always need help and can use your expertise whatever that may be. We will be voting on officers for next year at the May meeting.

Community Knitting Update

Thanks for all of the wonderful donations you have made to our charitable knitting causes!

Volunteers Needed!

Chrysalis House needs volunteers to teach their clients to crochet Tuesday evenings from 5 to 6 p.m. Starting April 30th. Contact Natalie to volunteer or for more information.

While we are always happy to accept donations of cold-weather items, we're shifting our focus to smaller projects that make a house a home such as washcloths, hot pads, amigurumi for a child or that afghan for the back of a couch (made by a small group), a bolster pillow, or small baskets.

We're planning next year's projects! Submit your charitable knitting suggestions as soon as possible.

—Natalie Klein



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

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

For our April meeting, please bring treats to share if your last name begins with letters A through C. All are appreciated, but in honor of April, let's make it a Spring-y treat! No meat products, please. Don't forget that special "knitting mug" for your drink—I know you all have at least one.



Treat-bringing schedule for 2019 is as follows:

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

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

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Please remember to call ahead to check hours

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