

News for Ewes

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The Rochester Knitting Guild is an organization in Rochester, NY that exists to promote learning fiber arts like knitting and crochet, to provide a social context for fiber enthusiasts, and to encourage the public to learn to explore new fiber crafts and techniques!

Rochesterknitting.org



President's Message

Whatever your tool of choice, I'm sure you have tried your hand at creating a cute little critter. I was delighted to see Anna Powell's handiwork at our September meeting when she pulled out the cutest little dragon hatching from an egg that she crafted with needle felting. I'm trying my hand at a few crochet animals this month and hope to have something to show off soon!

We didn't get to dedicate much time to Guild committees at our last meeting so I encourage everyone to check out the committees available and take part in volunteering at many of our wonderful events, or helping out at the start of a meeting to ensure things run smoothly. We are always grateful for a hand in set up or getting the word out about the guild, and much more.

Thanks
Ingrid Lembach

October Meeting

A big thank you to everyone who played our Connecting the Threads Bingo! We had so much fun finding creative ways to meet new people, make connections, and sharing yarns with our guild community.

October? It's going to be a busy one! We'll have our yarn sale, celebrate a little 40th anniversary fun, and unveil our brand new website!

We'll also have a short presentation introducing some of the fiber terms you'll be hearing throughout the year, so you'll know exactly what we're talking about as we weave our way through the months ahead.

There's a lot happening, so you won't want to miss this one! Come join us, catch up with old friends, make some new ones, and see what's in store for the year ahead.

Anna Powell and Sharah Blankenship
Vice Presidents

Upcoming Meetings

All Hands Meetings

September 28
October 12th (yarn sale)
November 9
December 14

Doors open : 6:30
meeting starts at 7:00

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

Board Meetings

October 19
November 16
December 21
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November 16
December 21
January 18

7:00 via Zoom
Link upon request



Community Knitting

Thank you for all the wonderful donations at the September meeting. Please keep them coming! There are many organizations that are looking for cold weather items for adults and children. November is the last month to donate to SPIRIT NYS and Meals on Wheels for this year, so If you specifically want your items to go to one of those organizations, please bring them in by the Nov 9th guild meeting. If you prefer to make baby items, Strong is always looking for donations as well. We accept donations of any items any time of the year, so please consider making at least one item to donate this year.

Pat Butterfield

Workshops

There's still time to register for the RKG Fall Knitting Workshops! Nicole Cleveland from Goldenrod Fiber Studio will be teaching us how to print on fabric and how to dye fiber and shift shades using plants and other elements. Join us on Saturday, Nov 7th and Sunday, Nov 8th at the Rotary Cabin in Camp Eastman, 29 Camp Eastman Way, Rochester, NY 14517. Registration is open to all and closes on October 17th, so grab your spot today before classes sell out! <https://rochesterknitting.org/2026-fall-workshop/>

Would you like to help with our workshops? We are still in need of volunteers to help with various tasks such as setting up, tearing down, greeting and checking in participants, lunch set up and clean up, etc. Contact the Workshop Committee at workshops@rochesterknitting.org to help us have a great workshop weekend!

Rocio Blanco



Web Site Team

Our newly upgraded website will be released at the anniversary celebration at our October meeting. We hope you will check it out after the meeting to see what new information we are offering, in a more organized and easily navigated design. We welcome your feedback and suggestions, so let us know what you think, and what else you would like to see.

Nikki, Rachel & Joan

Membership

Welcome all new and returning members!

New and returning members can join anytime during the year. Bring a fiber buddy to check out a meeting as a guest or have them join at <https://rochesterknitting.org/membership/> and fill in the online registration form and pay by Venmo, or mail it with your check payable to Rochester Knitting Guild to: RKG Membership PO Box 92264, Rochester, NY 14692, or bring cash or a check with you to the meeting.

The members-only password will be supplied in an email to all members in good standing (registered with dues paid) in October. 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.

Hope to see you at the October meeting

Anne Dorscheid



Notes from the Help Table

The tool no knitter should be without:

The Tunisian crochet hook

In particular: the Knit Pro interchangeable Tunisian crochet hook. That is what I use, together with my Knit Pro interchangeable needles.

Three reasons I love them

1. Like any crochet hook, they are an antidote to disaster. Use them to catch dropped stitches, and relink them quickly and safely. The hook is cut a tiny bit deeper, for better hold.
2. You can use them for cast-ons and cast-offs. I generally use the Imitaton I-Cord Cast on and Cast Off. Again, this is something you can do with a regular hook, or even a knitting needle.
3. But here's where they really shine. If you have to pick up 400 stitches from the edge of a shawl, you . appreciate their attachment to the cable. You have the convenience of the crochet hook and the length of your circular.

When they are off the cable, they fit in your needle holder.

Give them a try. They might make knitting faster and easier for you.

Debby Abrahams



Guild Notes

- *October meeting:* Bring your favorite drink to accompany a slice of cake.
- *Security:* The temple's doors are now locked at all times. Please enter the main doors at the rear of the building so that the security guard on duty may let you into the building.
- *Guild Committees:* Joining a guild committee is a great way to help you get what you want from the Guild. We currently have openings for long-term planning, programming, and workshops. Contact a board member if you are interested (ask at the check-in table at meetings or us an e-mail address from later in this newsletter).
- *Guild Payments:* the Guild accepts cash, check, and Venmo. When using Venmo, treat the Guild as a friend because we are not classified as a business.
- *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
- *Mark your calendars:* Our friends at the Weaver's Guild are holding their holiday sale on November 14th and 15th. The Sheperd's Wool Market will be May 8th, 2027.
- *Show and Tell:* Remember to bring your projects to share with us
- *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. Please use a container with a lid for any liquids to avoid any yarn-related accidents.



Library

New Books

We will have two new sweater books in the library this month. These are design/fit books more than specific patterns, but promise to lead you to a perfectly fitting sweater.

I am adding Amy Herzog's *Ultimate Sweater Book* and the brand-new *Knitter's Sweater Fitting Bible* by Kim McBrien Evans.

Because they are "fit" books, I hope that the information will also be useful to crocheters. I plan to add another book or two to the library in the spring; if you have any books you think would be a good fit for the guild library, please drop by the library table and let me know what would be useful to you.

From the Cabinet

Here's a book that hasn't gone out recently that you may have missed.

Two-End Knitting by Anne-Maj Ling. This is an advanced technique book for a traditional form of Scandinavian knitting. If you are looking to expand your technical skills, this would make for an interesting project this winter.

Katy Mulvey



Shop Liaison

This month we are featuring member shop *Knit for You*.

Kathy Tevington is the creator of this family affair.

It started as a very small thought in about 2017, after taking a bracelet making class 15 years ago, and has flourished to what it is today. There were some "growing pains" along the way which has helped to make the products extra special. Knitting with beads and wire, particularly bracelets have become a favorite of hers.

Much of her inspiration comes from beads that she finds wherever she travels, including garage sales and old jewelry that friends and family no longer wear. Some beads are from Norway, Finland, Wales, France...She finds one or two beads that give her an idea and then arranges them with ones she already has.

The products she sells are hand knit wire bracelets, earrings, bead bowls that hold stitch markers and small jewelry, greeting cards and scarves and cowls.

Thank you Kathy for enriching our guild by being a member shop.

Kathy will be at our Shop Night on November 9th. Look for her there.

Contact Knit For You! By Kathy Tevington at kteving@gmail.com, 716-949-0785, Instagram: knitforyouny, Facebook: Knit For You, or Etsy: KnitForYouNY

Brenda Mudd



2026—2027 Board

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Member Shops

For more detailed information visit our [Member Shops web page](#)

Amelia's Fabric and Yarn Shoppe

ameliasfabricandyarnshoppe.com

Bead & Fiber Fantasy

beadfiberfantasy.com

Birch Tree Fiber Arts Co.

www.birchtreefiberartscs.com

Crafting for Good

<https://craftingforgood.xyz/>

Expressions in Needleart

expressionsinneedleart.com

Embraceable Ewe

erin@embraceableewe.com

Knit For You

<https://sites.google.com/view/knitforyouny/home>

Lift Bridge Yarns

www.liftbridgeyarns.com

Megs & Co. Yarn Shop

www.megsandco.com/shop

Rabbit Row Yarns &

Haberdashery

www.rabbitrowyarns.com

Heart Forge Solutions

<https://heartforge.solutions/>

Strings 'n Things Yarn Shoppe

stringsnthingsyarn.com

Tina Turner Knits

tinaturnerknits.com/

Yarn Culture

<https://yarnculture.com>

Sew Green

Rochester

www.sewgreenrochester.org

The Fuzzy Bunny

www.fuzzybunnyyarn.com



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2026 Fall Workshop

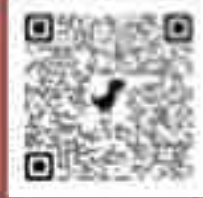
Dyewith Plants!

with Nicole Cleveland
Goldenrod Fiber Studio

Sat., Nov. 7 & Sun., Nov. 8

Camp Eastman Rotary Lodge
29 Camp Eastman Way
Rochester, NY 14517

Registration opens soon!



Please check back soon to sign up
by scanning the QRcode! For
questions contact
workshops@rochesterknitting.org

Workshop 1: Autumn Leaf Eco-Printing on Fabric

10:30am-1:30 pm (Saturday or Sunday)

\$45 RKGmember

\$55 RKGnon-member

In this class, we'll learn how to use leaf litter to print Autumn leaves directly onto the following options included: ½ yd. linen fabric, silk bandana, or a cotton bandana (Class materials available for selection during registration)

Workshop 2: Yarn Dying with Shades of Autumn

2:30pm- 6 pm (Saturday or Sunday)

\$55 RKGmember

\$65 RKGnon-member

In this class, we'll explore how we can shift bright, botanically dyed pink, yellow and orange to earthy, rustic Autumn shades by immersion dyeing cotton/linen DK yarn or cotton embroidery floss with one of the following options included:

8 20-gram mini skeins, 8 50-gram mini skeins, 8 20-yard embroidery floss, 8 100-yard floss. (Class materials available for selection during registration)





Stay in the beautiful Wegman House



Knitted Gnomes



Tunisian Crochet:
Lace Technique

ROCHESTER KNITTING GUILD

Spring Knitting Retreat *And Crochet*

At Camp Stella Maris, Livonia, NY

Feb 25 – Feb 28 2027

Come Treat Yourself to a Crafty Retreat



A weekend of knitting and crochet fun.

Friday Evening:

- Show & Tell

Saturday Workshop Choices:

- Knitted Gnomes
- I-cord Beaded Bracelet
- Knitted Nordic Ornament
- Tunisian Crochet: Lace Technique

Saturday Evening:

- Game Night

Depart Sunday afternoon

Weekend Retreat Fee Includes:

- Choice of 2 Saturday Workshops
- Meals Friday Dinner through Sunday Brunch
- Overnight Group Accommodations

Reserve Your Bunk Today!

Please select the desired workshops and enclose the completed form with a check payable to the Rochester Knitting Guild mail to:
Nina Raqueno 5710 Old Orchard PT Livonia, NY 14487

Now accepting Venmo @RKG_Treasurer ATTN RETREAT
and email registration form to nina.raqueno@gmail.com



Ewe NEED a Retreat!



Take a workshop or two



Knitted Nordic Ornament



I-cord beaded Bracelet
and Viking Braid

RKG Spring Knitting Retreat
Feb 26 – Feb 28, 2027
(Extra Night Thursday Feb.25th)

Name: _____

Email address: _____

(Confirmation, complete weekend schedule, & supply list will be sent by email.)

☐ Non RKG Guild Member Fee \$ 30

☐ Knitting Weekend Fee \$ 250

☐ Weekend Fee (no workshops) \$ 200

☐ Saturday Day Camper Only \$ 80

(Workshops, Lunch & Snacks Included)

☐ XTRA Thurs. Night Lodging \$ 100

Total Deposit Included \$ _____

Balance Due February 1, 2027 \$ _____

Questions? Contact Nina Raqueno by phone at (585) 281-3846 or by email at nina.raqueno@gmail.com.

Please select 1 Morning and 1 Afternoon Workshop

____ Knitted Nordic Ornaments(AM)

____ Tunisian Crochet: Lace Technique (AM)

____ Knitted Gnome (PM)

____ I-cord beaded bracelet class (PM)

____ Crochet Refresher (Friday afternoon)

**Can't join us for the
entire weekend?**

**Join us for Saturday
Workshops!
(9am-4pm)**