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

Rochester Knitting Guild 40 Years

President's Message

"The days grow short, the nights grow long, the autumn turns to winter's song." – Unknown

November brings with it a desire to make everything warm and cozy. I found some fuzzy merino/alpaca yarn in my stash, selected a pair of needles, and cast on to swatch. A meditation of stitches, each one adding to the square in my hands, preparation for a cozy hug in the shape of a textured pullover sweater. My animalistic urge to hibernate translated into yarn, a wearable burrow to wrap myself in, when I absolutely must leave the warmth of my home. I hope you find a moment this month to enjoy the simple pleasure of yarn.

Thanks
Ingrid Lembach



Upcoming Meetings

All Hands Meetings
November 9 (shop night)
December 14
January 11 (Zoom)
February 8

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

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

Board Meetings
November 16
December 21
January 18

7:00 via Zoom
Link upon request

November Meeting

November is our annual Shop Night! Come prepared to shop some of our member shops and local favorite vendors.

Door prizes will once again be vouchers to use during this event, so don't forget to pick up your raffle ticket(s)!

I will be bringing a extra tote bag to take home my purchases . I also don't want to answer any questions about what I'm bringing into the house, so said bag will be dark.

I, Natalie of this newsletter, am filling in as the vendor ringmaster for the evening. Therefore, I am looking for a few volunteers to help the vendors take their wares and equipment to and fom their vehicles before and after the meeting. We use wheeled carts, so there will be no long-distance carrying. Please contact me at newsletter@rochesterknitting.org if you are interested.

Doors open at 6:30

Please respect the "doors open at 6:30" policy when we have our general meeting. The building may be open, but the event space is not. We only have a a very limited amount of time to set up, prepare, make last minute-adjustments and meet before the doors open for social time. Like you, the members involved in set up are coming, from school, work, and other obligations. If you need to come early, you can hang out in the lobby, make friends with the security guard *du jour*, check out the items the temple has on display, or take a lap through the halls that surround the event space.



Community Knitting

In the last 2 weeks, over 340 lap blankets and cold weather items have been donated into our community. The November meeting is the last chance to donate lap blankets for Meals on Wheels or items for Spirit NYS for this season. But if you miss dropoff in Nov, don't worry. I can accept any items any time of year. And if you haven't donated to Community Knitting before, please consider making an item to donate. Just one hat or scarf could help a person in need stay warm this winter. Thank you for your continued support of this important program.

Pat Butterfield

Workshops

Our Fall workshops may be imminent, but the committee is already putting together all kinds of great ideas for another fabulous workshop in Spring of 2027! We're considering having it on a weekend in either March or April and thinking of highlighting topics such as rare-breed fleeces, entrelac, dragon scale crochet, stacked increases, or maybe how to add beading to your knitting. So, if you have any ideas for future workshops, feedback regarding past workshops, or would like to lend a hand and join the Workshops Committee, please contact me, the Workshops Committee Coordinator Rocio J Blanco via email at workshops@rochesterknitting.org or in person at our monthly meetings. I usually have a Workshops sign with me. Lastly and most importantly, I want to thank the many folks who have helped to make our Fall 2026 workshops such a success. I'm still new to the guild, but everyone has been nothing but supportive as I continue to learn how I can help the guild.

Rocio Blanco

Yarn and Tool Auction

Thank you for all the support you showed during the acrylic yarn sale in Oct. Thanks to your generous purchases, we raised $1495 to support the Guild. We will still be holding the yarn and tool auction in May 2027. Donations can be dropped off at any meeting at the Community Knitting table in the front of the room. The winter months are a great time to organize your crafting area. Make a little room by donating items you no longer need to our auction.

Pat Butterfield

Membership

It's not too late to join! We are happy for new and returning members all throughout the year. Bring a friend along as a guest to try out a meeting. Hope to see you soon.

Anne Dorscheid

Shop Liaison

Among the cobwebs of a brick & mortar yarn store was Yarn Culture. Though no longer a retail shop, Patti Odinak, of Yarn Culture is still very active in the yarn world in a few ways.

Online, one feature is Crave yarn. Hand-dyed Sport & DK weights are currently available. She will be debuting the newest member to the Crave Yarn family called Roam; a Bluefaced Leister wool, silk & cashmere blend at Lift Bridge Yarns late November. Be on the lookout.

Another facet of Yarn Culture is knitting trips, either in collaboration with Modern Daily Knitting, or Patti's own adventure groups. A current one will be Sweden in June 2027 featuring knitwear designer Asa Soderman as a guide. Registration is underway. Other adventures are being looked into like Nashville andMontreal/Quebec.

To explore Crave yarn & the upcoming knitting adventures, go to yarn culture.com or reach out to Patti@yarnculture.com for more info.

Thank you Patti for being a part of the Rochester KnittingGuild.

Brenda Mudd



Tips From the Help Table

Spinning a Yarn

I was at a friend's house, happily knitting away, when the yarn ball jumped out of my knitting bag. I didn't notice, but my friend's cat, Grace, did. She grabbed it and ran off, through the kitchen, up the stairs, and finally around the pedestal sink in the bathroom. Although I found it hilarious, it was a warning of what could have happened. That's when I knew I needed something better than my knitting bag to keep my yarn under control.

That something better was a yarn spinner. As you can see from the pictures, a yarn spinner is simply a rotating spindle that keeps your yarn in place. There are a few types of spinners, stationary and hanging, and each has its merits.

The three three spinners are all mine in the bottom photo are all mine. The one on the left, made by local woodworker Bret Templar, comes apart. When I travel, it's the one I take with me, because it's easy to pack, and doesn't take much room. Like the spinner on the right, it can hold several balls at a time. That's great when you are knitting yarns doubled.

But neither one is good for color work like Fair Isle, when you are knitting multicolor patterns, one color at a time. By pulling on one ball, you also pull on the other, leaving a long strand of unused yarn to get in a tangle. To avoid that, you can use more than one spinner (I have four), or you can use a spinner with multiple spindles, like the one in the middle. That works with all kinds of projects: Fair Isle, stripes, and marls. Using it, I made a gradient scarf out of three colors held together: AAA, AAB, ABB, BBB, BBC, BCC, CCC, CCA, CAA, and back to AAA.





There are two other types of spinners, also shown here The one on the left is a hanging wrist spinner. Many knitters like them for their portability, but as they are single spindles, they have the same limitations as the ones described above. (I confess I had one once, but could not make it work.) The other is a stationary spinner attached not to a base, but hanging from a magnet. I have seen pictures of magnetic spinners with multiple spindles, but have not tried one or seen it in action. Magnetic spinners offer a smooth yarn feed, and easy rewinding, being detachable, and they are also easy to pack.

Like so many things in knitting (and crochet), you have good choices. Each offers advantages. Pick the one that works for you to keep your yarn clean, untangled, and safe from playful cats.

Debby Abrahams



Guild Notes

- *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.
- *Venmo:* Remember the Guild is your *friend* when making Venmo transactions. We are not classified as providing goods or business services for profit. Our treasurer will contact you about any fees related to transactions labeled as a business transaction because of extra fees that are incurred.
- *Guild Payments:* the Guild accepts cash, check, and Venmo.
- S*hare!*: 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. The Embracable Ewe's Yarn gathering is sponsoring a bus trip to the Wild and Wooly fiber Expo in Berea, Ohio this February. More information is available via their Constant Contact page
- *Experienced knitter wanted:*A local community member is looking for someone to knit/copy a vintage stocking from the 1960s.Please contact Tina Turner Knits for direct contact information. knittingcircle@tinaturnerknits.com
- *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.





2026—2027 Board

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Bead & Fiber Fantasy
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Birch Tree Fiber Arts Co.
www.birchtreefiberartsco.com

Crafting for Good

https://craftingforgood.xyz/

Expressions in Needleart
expressionsinneedleart.com

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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.





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



Stay in the beautiful Wegman House





Ewe NEED a 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



Knitted Gnomes



Take a workshop or two



Tunisian Crochet: Lace Technique



Knitted Nordic Ornament

Weekend Retreat Fee Includes:
- Choice of 2 Saturday Workshops
- Meals Friday Dinner through Sunday Brunch
- Overnight Group Accommodations



I-cord beaded Bracelet and Viking Braid

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 @RKGTreasurer ATTN RETREAT
and email registration form to nina.raqueno@gmail.com

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

Can't join us for the entire weekend?
Join us for Saturday Workshops!
(9am-4pm)

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 (Workshops, Lunch & Snacks Included)	$ 80
❑ XTRA Thurs. Night Lodging	$ 100
Total Deposit Included	$ _____
Balance Due February 1, 2027	$ _____

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)

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