

# 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](https://Rochesterknitting.org)

## President's Message

Happy October! I happen to think it's the best month of the year, and not just because it's my birthday month. All the best parts of fall hit their peak – the leaf colors, autumn harvests and a celebration of food, and of course, fiber events every weekend! One of my favorite things about our meetings is seeing what projects people have in progress. I get some great ideas for future projects. It's also a perfect place to get some advice on a stitch, or something that hasn't gone quite right. After input at the meeting, I've been able to finish off my pigeon purse. It will be great fun to show off a finished item to the crowd at show and tell! See you this month on the THIRD Monday in October!

*Ingrid Lembach  
President*



## Upcoming Meetings

*All Hands Meetings*  
October 20<sup>th</sup> (3rd week)  
November 10<sup>th</sup> (shop night)  
December 8<sup>th</sup>  
January 12<sup>th</sup>  
meeting starts at 7:00

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

*Board Meetings*  
October 13<sup>th</sup>  
(2nd week)  
November 17<sup>th</sup>  
December 15<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 via Zoom  
Link upon request

## October Preview

We had such fun at the September meeting, catching up with everyone, seeing all the new makes, and the Speed Knitting & Crocheting Contest! Thank you all for participating, and congrats to our winners! Beatriz B. for Knitting and Kat P. for Crochet!

For the October meeting, we start our year of sustainability discussions! Join us for a fun meeting, "Treasure Hunting for Yarrrrrrnn!" We'll discuss the pros and cons of different thrifting options. It's a topic that comes up frequently, and I personally love to think about and discuss, because it's often a bit more complex than I had been led to believe!

We have a challenge for you to help add to our presentation. We are looking for you to share some stories about bargains you have found in your own thrifting adventures! Did you find a goldmine of someone's old stash at a garage sale or second hand store? Have you tried to harvest yarn from a thrifted sweater? Any 'new to you' tools that were too good a deal to pass up? Any treasures or fun yarns to tell?

Add your story to our Ravelry forum: Please tag @faeriedreamz <https://www.ravelry.com/discuss/rkg---rochester-knitting-guild/4376591/1-25>

Or post in the Discord, in the new "meeting-topics" channel. Please tag @faeriedreamz

<https://discord.com/channels/1364034437159063562/1422616349401808947>

Please tag Sarah, listed above, to be sure I read it! I'll share a couple during our meeting, and everyone who participates will be entered in a raffle to win something fun from Rhinebeck!

*Anna and Sarah  
Vice Presidents*

## Next Meeting: October 20<sup>th</sup>

## Membership

Don't miss out on an exciting year of great programs, guest speakers and workshops. Send in your membership form and check payable to Rochester Knitting Guild to: RKG Membership PO Box 92264, Rochester, NY 14692., or register online at <https://rochesterknitting.org/membership/>. You can send your payment via Venmo to @RKG Treasurer.

Membership cards and badges for new members will be available at the next meeting, October 20th. Please remember to wear your badge to meetings. If you need a replacement badge, please write to [membership@rochesterknitting.org](mailto:membership@rochesterknitting.org).

*Joan Fernbach*  
Membership

## Community Knitting

Welcome back guild members! I know I'm about a month late saying this, but due to some family issues I'm just getting back to the Guild starting with the Oct meeting. A big thank you to Natalie who filled in for me at the September meeting and collected your donations from all the summer projects. As always, we accept donations of any knitted or crocheted items - hats, scarves, socks, shawls, blankets, etc. If you can make it, I can find a good home for it!

I currently have requests from 2 worthy organizations. Once again, my contact at SPIRIT NYS has reached out for help. Just a reminder, SPIRIT NYS is a non-profit organization that helps homeless teens in the Rochester area stay in high school, graduate and get into college. They are in need of knitted hats, scarves, socks and mittens or gloves for the students currently in their program. I don't have a cut-off date from them yet on donations, but I would expect them to need the items by Nov at the latest. Meals on Wheels also continues to ask for lap blankets for the Warmest Wishes campaign in Nov/Dec. They prefer blankets approximately 36" square, but are flexible on the size and fiber.

I am currently working on identifying a group for children's items. I hope to share more on this in next month's newsletter.

*Pat Butterfeld*  
Community Knitting and Yarn Auction

## Yarn Auction

Is it too early to think about this season's yarn auction - definitely not! As fall approaches and you're sorting through your yarn in the planning of holiday projects, take the opportunity to put some aside to donate for the May yarn auction. The auction is critical in helping the Guild offset the rising costs of operation. We will also take donations of tools and notions. Just drop any donations off at the Community Knitting table in the front of the room, and I'll happily store the items until the auction in May.

*Pat Butterfeld*  
Community Knitting and Yarn Auction

## Guild Notes

- *Good news!* The 2025-2026 RKG budget has been approved. If you have any questions about the budget, please email Heather at [Treasurer@rochesterknitting.com](mailto:Treasurer@rochesterknitting.com)
- *Save the date:* The RKG Spring Knitting Retreat will be held Feb 26<sup>th</sup> to Mar 1<sup>st</sup> at Camp Stella Maris.
- *Show and Tell:* Remember to bring your projects to share with us
- *October meeting:* Our October meeting will be on the *third* Monday (**the 20<sup>th</sup>** this season because of a scheduling conflict)
- *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](mailto:director2year@rochesterknitting.org)
- *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. To avoid any yarn-related accidents, please use a lidded container for your liquid refreshments.



## Shop Liaison

I hope everyone enjoyed the first knitting guild meeting of the year.

This month's feature yarn shop is Expressions in NeedleArt in Canandaigua

The shop is divided just about in half, yarn to needle arts.

You will find an assortment of yarn companies including Emma's yarn, Malabrigo, Blue Sky, and Cascade. Many yarn weights are available along with a great assortment of books, and notions.

Lori has been the shop owner for 30 years.

The needle art selection seems quite extensive, along with all of the wide assortment of threads and ribbons to be used in your needle art projects. Lori currently has her needlepoint classes on hold, but hopes to bring those back.

She is located at 110 S Main St. Canandaigua, NY 14424. Hours are 10-4 Tuesdays, 10-5 Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 10-3 Saturdays, closed Sunday & Mondays. As always, good to check if she is there at 585-394-4870.

Pay Lori a visit, and use your member discount! She is part of the passport booklet also! Enjoy our beautiful fall colors. Happy knitting.

*Brenda Mudd  
Shop Liaison*

## Member Shops

Looking for something to do to get over that midweek hump? Try Fiber Night.

If you're a fiber crafter in Rochester, NY—knitting, crocheting, spinning, weaving, embroidering (or however you play with yarn and thread) Fiber Night is where you want to be.

We're a welcoming, inclusive, and low-key group of fiber lovers who gather to create, connect, and unwind. Think cozy vibes, creative energy, and great company—whether you're a beginner or a seasoned pro, you'll find your people here.

No drama, no pressure, just good chats, good yarn, *and a whole lot of inspiration*. Bring your current project and come stitch the night away with us.

📍 Fiber Night — Rochester's coziest midweek hangout for all things fiber.

We meet every Wednesday night, 6-8 pm at various locations around town including Flight Wine Bar downtown and Lift Bridge Yarns in Fairport. Learn more here <https://www.megsandco.com/rochester-fiber-night>

Tina Turner Knits & Birch Tree Fiber Arts Co.  
2025  
**MEN'S  
Makers Retreat**  
DECEMBER 12-14  
Asbury Retreat Center, Perry NY

Come join us at the picturesque Asbury Retreat Center  
16 Lakeside Ave, Silver Lake, NY 14549  
for a men's weekend full of knitting, crocheting, spinning and tons of laughter!

Fiber Show - December 12 & 13

Buffalo Yarn Truck  
Birch Tree Fiber Arts Co.  
DND Fibers  
Firefly Farm Soap  
Manic Punk Fibers  
The Woolroom at Longmeadow Farm

Class offerings include Fiber Prep, Drop Spindle, Decorative Stitching, Tape Loom Weaving, Various Knitting classes and Yarn Dyeing!

For further details visit: [www.tinaturnerknits.com](http://www.tinaturnerknits.com) or [birchtreefiberartsco.com](http://birchtreefiberartsco.com)  
To register, please email Tina at [knittingcircle@tinaturnerknits.com](mailto:knittingcircle@tinaturnerknits.com)



## Tips from the Help Table

### *Frog or Fudge*

You might have heard that there are two knitting stitches: knit and purl. I say there are two more: frogging and fudging. Frogging comes from the sound frogs make: “Rip-it, rip-it, rip-it”. And fudging, well, that means doing something to conceal, but not cure, a knitting mistake.

So when you see a mistake, which repair option should you choose? Do you frog back to the mistake, or save yourself the time and effort by fudging?

Here are a few factors to guide your decision. Is the mistake fatal? Will it always be visible or throw the pattern off? An example could be a dropped stitch in the middle of a lace motif. Left unfixed, this type of problem can result in a hole, or multiply itself with each successive row. Sadly, frogging can be the only way to repair it. Trying to fudge it might make the problem worse.

Is the mistake trivial? Say, an extra stitch in a row? If you can simply knit two stitches together, then fudging is fine.

Are you a perfectionist? Will even a small error drive you crazy? Frog it. You will never be proud of work that doesn't meet your standards. Worse, you will likely feel the need to point out the mistakes to people who would never otherwise notice.

Are you on a deadline—is a friend's special event imminent? If both alternatives are equally accessible, which will take the least time?

Did you use lifelines? Sometimes, that means that if fudging doesn't work, you can frog without worry about dropping stitches.

Are you willing to take risks? If you are a careful fudger, the risk can pay off with savings of time and effort.

The more you knit, the better able you will be to judge which option is the right one for the specific problem. If you are uncertain, don't be afraid to ask a fellow knitter for advice.

In all cases, remember the Zen of Knitting: Some days, you knit; some days you tinker; some days, you drop your knitting back into your project bag, and pick up the chocolate.

*Debby Abrahams*  
*Help Table*

## October Block

### *Resilience*

I hope folks had fun with last month's Simbelmynë block. For those that haven't started the make along, it's never too late to jump in and make a square. And if anyone has any trouble along the way please don't hesitate to ask for help in the Discord chat channel or the Ravelry forum thread.

This month's block introduces front post and back post stitches to add texture to the finished piece. Here is a helpful video link if you need a visual on how to create a front post and back post stitch. ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S42\\_486HrEU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S42_486HrEU))

<https://everytrickonthehook.com/patterns-2/resilience/>



# 2025-2026 Board

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## Join our Discord Server!

The guild has created a Discord server to help members communicate between meetings. Discord is an online messaging service that allows communities to share, chat, and collaborate together at any time. We have dedicated spaces in our server for chatting, sharing pictures of WIPs and finished projects, for discussing community and charity crafting, and even to ask for crafting assistance from fellow members.

Join here: <https://discord.gg/J5UMgQ3rZ4>

If you have any questions about Discord or are having issues with accessing our server, we'll have a table dedicated to answering technical questions at our next meeting.

*Rachel Silva*  
Publicity



# Member Shops

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

**Amelia's Fabric and Yarn Shoppe**  
[ameliasfabricandyarnshoppe.com](http://ameliasfabricandyarnshoppe.com)

**Bead & Fiber Fantasy**  
[beadfiberfantasy.com](http://beadfiberfantasy.com)

**Birch Tree Fiber Arts Co.**  
[www.birchtreefiberartsco.com](http://www.birchtreefiberartsco.com)

**Crafting for Good**  
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**Expressions in Needleart**  
[expressionsinneedleart.com](http://expressionsinneedleart.com)

**Embraceable Ewe**  
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**The Fuzzy Bunny**  
[www.fuzzybunnyarn.com](http://www.fuzzybunnyarn.com)

**Heart Forge Solutions**  
<https://heartforge.solutions/>

**Knit For You**

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

**Lift Bridge Yarns**  
[www.liftbridgeyarns.com](http://www.liftbridgeyarns.com)

**Little Button Craft & Press**  
[www.littlebuttoncraft.com](http://www.littlebuttoncraft.com)

**Megs & Co. Yarn Shop**  
[www.megsandco.com/shop](http://www.megsandco.com/shop)

**Rabbit Row Yarns & Haberdashery**  
[www.rabbitrowyarns.com](http://www.rabbitrowyarns.com)

**Sew Green Rochester**  
[www.sewgreenrochester.org](http://www.sewgreenrochester.org)

**Strings 'n Things Yarn Shoppe**  
[stringsnthingsyarn.com](http://stringsnthingsyarn.com)

**Yarn Culture**  
<https://yarnculture.com>

