

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

We have already experienced a frost or two, and I find myself pulling out my trusty hand knits to keep me warm. I think this year I'll make a new hat. Perhaps I'll find the perfect skein about our November shop night? Wonderful fibers and other items will inspire and delight from our great lineup of vendors. I know you'll find something for everyone on your list, including yourself! And if

you truly can't decide what to get, BUY ONE OF EVERYTHING.

Happy Shopping (and Knitting)!

Ingrid Lembach
President

Help needed

The Guild needs a coordinator(s) for our spring workshops and guest speakers ASAP! This is the perfect position for a duo or team. This board position selects who will be speaking to the guild and who will be presenting our annual workshops.

If you have questions or are interested in volunteering for this position, contact any board member including Guild president

[Ingrid Lembach](#)

Upcoming Meetings

All Hands Meetings
November 10th (shop night)
December 8th
January 12
February 9

meeting starts at 7:00

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

Board Meetings
October 13th
(2nd week)
November 17th
December 15th
January 19th

7:00 via Zoom
Link upon request

November Preview

November is our annual shop night! Bring your wallets and support our local vendors. All are welcome for this event. Bring your friends, family, and anyone else you can squeeze into your vehicle

The following vendors are confirmed as of the creation of this newsletter

- Tina Turner Knits
- Heart Forge
- Acorn Designs
- Megs & Co
- Fuzzy Bunny
- Lift Bridge Yarns
- Strings 'n Things
- H & H Alpacas
- The Brookie Lady, Melanie DeiSanti, will be here with sweet treats!

RKG Logo Contest

Make your mark on the Rochester Knitting Guild and shape the future of the Guild's look! We're creating a new visual identity to launch with our redesigned website next fall — and we want you to be part of it.

We love our sheepish emblem, but we have to admit that advancements in technology and increased screen resolution have left it pixelated and outdated. We're using this opportunity to consider new emblems, or allow members to refresh our old emblem! Submit your design idea for the Guild's new emblem or mark — a visual symbol that represents who we are as a community of fiber artists.

Contest rules and guidelines will be released on our website on November 10th and will be announced at our meeting.

Community Knitting

Thank you to all the Guild members that made lap blankets and shawls for Meals on Wheels. A big thank you to the Chili Senior Center "Chain Gang" for all the blankets and shawls they donated as well. Last week I was able to donate 34 lap blankets and 17 shawls to Meals on Wheels for their "Warmest Wishes" holiday delivery. I can still take blankets and shawls in the Nov meeting. After that, any donated will go towards the 2026 campaign. Nov will also be the last meeting to donate for SPIRIT NYS for this year.

In the Oct meeting I asked for suggestions for places to donate children's items and received many ideas. I am still working on identifying contact people and planning donations. I hope to have all these donations done before Thanksgiving, and will share the details in the Dec newsletter. As always, I can accept donations of any items at any times during the year. So, for example, don't stop donating hats just because the SPIRIT NYS donation deadline will close after the Nov meeting. I can truly find good homes for any items you can make.

Pat Butterfield
Community Knitting and Yarn Auction

Yarn Auction

In late Oct the Guild was privileged to accept a large donation of yarn, books and tools in memory of Suzanne Brendze. Suzanne was a long time Guild member who lost her battle with cancer in September. Her husband Craig recalled her connection to the Guild and reached out to us to enable this donation of Suzanne's knitting treasures. Most of these items will be included in the book, yarn and tools auctions to raise money to support the Guild. Some yarn will also be available at the community knitting table for those willing to create items to donate. Thank you again to Suzanne's family for this generous gift.

Additional items for the yarn and tool auction can always be dropped off at the Community Knitting table at any Guild meeting.

Pat Butterfield
Community Knitting
and Yarn Auction



Suzanne Brendze

Treasurer

Please remember that RKG is not a business when sending transactions in Venmo. Venmo considers us friends and family. Even though RKG provides many opportunities, they are not taxable goods and services. Venmo takes out a fee for business purchases. If a transaction to RKG is accidentally misclassified, the sender will have to contact Venmo to get the fees refunded. Unfortunately, every transaction must be scrutinized as Venmo tends to default to the business classification. Thanks in advance for your attention to detail and your contribution to the guild.

Heather Lieb
Treasurer

Shop Liaison

At this writing, I am currently visiting South Carolina. It's raining & the wind is blowing, guess what...It's Sweater Weather. I chuckle every time I see that skit.

There's no better time to have our annual Shop Nite, This year it's on Monday November 10th at 7 p.m. Bring friends, family. Guests are welcome.

Onto our member shop feature of the month. I took a Saturday morning to visit The Fuzzy Bunny. Or as it was previously known as Honeoye Craft Lab.

Elizabeth the owner has been around for 12 years. Her anniversary will be the 1st weekend of December, with some surprises in store.

The yarn & crafts are diverse. You will find an assortment of yarns ranging from Cascade, fuzzy bunny hand-dyed, local farm alpaca, to name a few. There are also teas, chocolates. And a great assortment of accessories to be found, including local products from Heartforge Solutions. A complement of chiaogoo needles are also available.

Sit & knit can be found on Saturdays. Call the shop to confirm

Last but certainly not least, when you enter there is a free table of patterns, notions.

Fuzzy Bunny will be at Shop Nite on the 10th of November.

Thank you Elizabeth for being a member shop.

Brenda Mudd
Shop Liaison



Guild Notes

- *Save the date:* The RKG Spring Knitting Retreat will be held Feb 26th to Mar 1st at Camp Stella Maris.
- *Show and Tell:* Remember to bring your projects to share with us
- *Thank you:* The organizers of the WNY Fiber Festival send their thanks to all of the RKG members that trekked to East Aurora to support the festival and drop off donations. Watch this newsletter for the 2026 date.
- *Member shop:* Little Button Craft will be holding their tenth Handmade Holiday event December 6th 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- *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
- *Food and drinks:* You are welcome to bring food and drink to our meetings. Please do not bring meat into the building put of respect for our hosts. Please use a container with a lid for any liquids to avoid any yarn-related accidents.



Hints from the help Table

Tools for Your Knitting Bag

I never take my knitting without my basic knitting tools. I don't mean knitting needles; I mean the accessories that can be necessities.

These include:

Tapestry and sewing needles. If you need to place stitches on waste yarn, the tapestry needle is the way to go. It's also essential for Kitchener stitch and mattress stitch.

Crochet hooks. Crochet hooks are great for picking up dropped stitches. My wooden crochet hooks are interchangeable, which makes them really handy for picking up stitches along an edge, and for binding off. As you can see, I have three sizes, which increase their usefulness.

Tweezers. Every so often, I just need a pair of tweezers

Nail clipper. If you have rough fingernails that snag your knitting, you will be very glad to have a good nail clipper in your bag.

Folding scissors. You can take them on an airplane, and I'm sure you know how and when to use them.

Locking stitch markers. I prefer these to ring markers, because they will work for stitch and row marking.

Point protectors. No matter how carefully I push my knitting back onto the needles, somehow they always manage to slip off. Point protectors are insurance against knitting disaster.

Knitting pouch. To hold all my tools. I had a purple one, but it did not close tightly, so I often found my tools at the bottom of my handbag. This brown one, while not my favorite color, zips tightly. So far, no disasters.

You probably have a few tools that you like to carry as well. Find a way to carry them with you wherever you take your knitting, and you will be a happier knitter.

Debby Abrahams
Help Table



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November Block

Gwendolyn

This month's block continues the fun with post stitches and introduces the popcorn stitch and some variations on shell stitches. The pattern may look intimidating, but Polly has comprehensive instructions and stitch support.

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

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. Please remember to share progress photos in our Discord and Ravelry forums!

<https://www.ravelry.com/discuss/rkg----rochester-knitting-guild/4376585/1-25#3>

<https://discord.com/channels/1364034437159063562/1418272129962606672>



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.birchtreefiberartsc.com

Crafting for Good
Craftingforgood@mail.com

Expressions in Needleart
expressionsinneedleart.com

Embraceable Ewe
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The Fuzzy Bunny
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

Little Button Craft & Press
www.littlebuttoncraft.com

Megs & Co. Yarn Shop
www.megsandco.com/shop

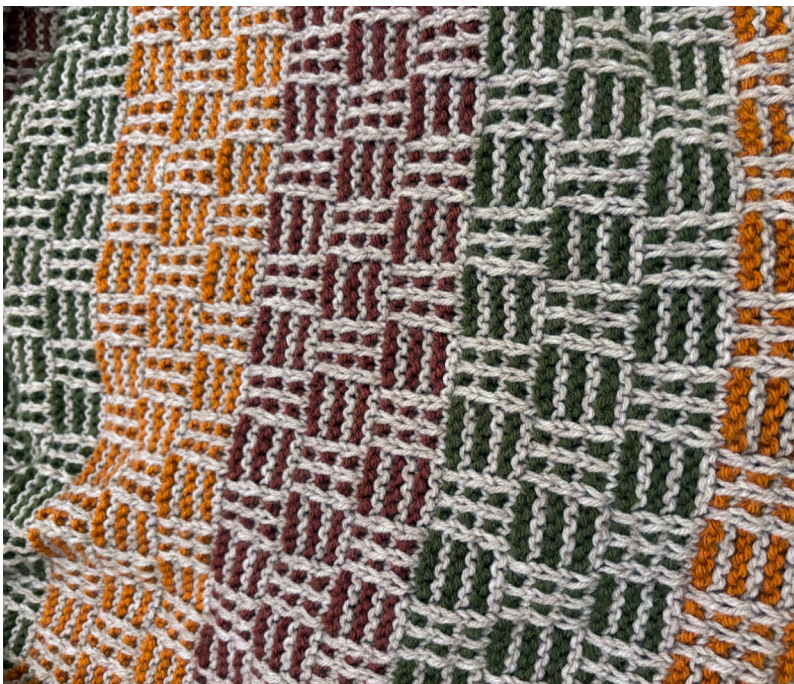
Rabbit Row Yarns & Haberdashery
www.rabbitrowyarns.com

Sew Green Rochester
www.sewgreenrochester.org

Strings 'n Things Yarn Shoppe
stringsnthingsyarn.com

Tina Turner Knits
tinaturnerknits.com/

Yarn Culture
<https://yarnculture.com>



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

