

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

Attending our annual knitting retreat is always a great reminder of the benefits of our fiber community. Good food, friends, and of course, fiber! Workshops led by past and present guild members challenged and enriched our skills. I hope to see a few finished items at show and tell!

I also get to enjoy these perks at our monthly meetings. The best part of course, is the people. I've met so many great people through our Guild and talking about our Guild out in the Rochester community. Recently, I visited Sew Green and had 4 separate conversations with both patrons of the shop and volunteers that work at Sew Green. Every interaction was a new spark, and we were all so thrilled to be there and talking passionately about our interests. Light conversation turns into a deep connection, and lifelong friendships are formed. Many of our members have been part of the guild for decades! I also met some new members last month and look forward to seeing their faces at future meetings and classes. I hope to see YOU at our March meeting!

Ingrid Lembach

Help Table

The deeply knowledgeable Debby is now has a Guild email address so that she may accept your your questions for her column *Hints From the Help Table*. Email questions to

helptable@rochesterknitting.org

Upcoming Meetings

All Hands Meetings

February 9th
March 9th
April 13th
May 11th (Yarn Auction)
June 8th (picnic)

meeting starts at 7:00

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

Board Meetings

January 19th
February 16th
March 16th
April 20th
May 18th
7:00 via Zoom
Link upon request

March Preview

Join us on March 9th for a thoughtful conversation about sustainability in our fiber community with a few of our local fiber vendors.

Our Sustainability Panel will explore both the benefits and challenges of sustainable practices in knitting and fiber arts. Together, we'll increase awareness of available options and empower ourselves to make informed decisions as makers.

We hope you'll join us for this engaging discussion!

Workshop Update!

Our workshops are coming up this month! We are looking forward to hosting Nicole for the botanical dye workshop, and we will plan to close registration on March 7th to give Nicole time to prepare our class materials. So if you have been on the fence about joining a class or two, please register soon!

<https://rochesterknitting.org/rkg-2026-spring-workshop-dye-with-plants-by-nicole-cleveland-goldenrod-fiber-studio/>

Anna Powell and Sarah Blankenship
Vice Presidents



Community Knitting and Auction

Thank you for all the donations at the February meeting. Natalie gave me a box full of wonderful items! And unfortunately, I can't make the March guild meeting either, so Natalie will be filling in for me yet again. If you can make it, I can find a home for it, so please drop off any items you have. I haven't run the numbers lately, but only a very small percentage of our guild members actively make items for community knitting donations. If you haven't donated an item before, please consider making something. Yarn is available for free for anyone willing to make items to donate.

We will still be collecting yarn and tool items for the May auction in the March and April guild meetings. It's a great opportunity to clean up your crafting areas and to help raise money for our guild at the same time. There have been very few donations for the auction since the start of 2026. Please consider donating any unused crafting tools or your WWIT (what was I thinking) yarn to our auction. Your WWIT might be someone else's treasure.

Keep those donations coming!

Pat Butterfield

Shop Liaison

So here we are, the month of March... in like a lion and out like a lamb. So how does that translate to knitting, maybe finish that winter sweater, and start a spring top.

This month, have the honor of featuring Heart Forge Solutions. Brian & Sarah started their business 3 years ago.

Designs & ideas come from them both. If Sarah has a quandry, Brian designs a product to potentially ease the task by using 3D printing technology and real time to solve the situation. Using this technology has helped them create modern solutions along with some old world thinking.

Their product range is wide spread, including solutions for spinning, weaving, knitting, crocheting, sewing and more. Sock machine items have also been spotted.

Travel has taken them to Ohio for business with a warm reception from other vendors and attendees.

We thank Brian & Sarah for their participation in the guild.

Our March meeting will feature one of their more recent products as a raffle prize.

Brenda Mudd

Publicity

New RKG Logo

Our logo contest has been closed, all the votes have been counted, and we are happy to announce that our new official logo has been chosen.

The guild has overwhelmingly supported the update to our previous logo, with the same lovable sheep and updated graphics. The sheep in our logo represent the community and care that we have together as a guild, with each of the sheep providing wool to the other.

Shepherd's Wool Market

The Rochester Knitting Guild will be hosting a casual sit and stitch circle at the Shepherd's Wool Market on May 9, 2026. Come hang out, bring a project to work on and maybe a lawn chair, and chat with us after shopping with local fiber vendors. We'll have space in/around the pavilion outside of the market with other local guilds. This is a great daytime opportunity to show off projects that you're working on, projects you've made recently, and new purchases from the market! We look forward to seeing you there!

Rachel Silva

From the February Meeting

A couple of topics came up during the February meeting that seemed new to some members. Here's a brief explanation

Barber cord

This is a great tool that allows you to try on your project as you work on it. Here's a short video demonstration of how to use barber cord or similar product

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WnYp_4LfCes

Tunisian crochet

This technique was commonly known as the afghan stitch. Tunisian crochet has moved beyond this simplified description with a wide selection of current patterns and stitches. Essentially a fabric is created with a long crochet hook during which stitches are picked up and left on the hook during a forward pass and worked off during the return pass for more information, check out this web site

<https://acrochetjourney.com/2014/11/21/tunisian-crochet-101-introduction-and-tools/>



Hints from the help Table

More Knitting Friends

Does this happen to you? You wind your leftover yarn carefully into tight little balls, with the ends neatly tucked in. You place it gently in its storage container. But the next time you open that container, your lovingly tended yarn has halfway unraveled, and tangled itself into two or three other balls of equally disarrayed yarn.

Well, Aunt Netty has a fabulous solution. Now, normally, I prefer to offer tips you won't find elsewhere, but this one is so good, I have to share it. If you've never seen one, you bend it to snap it open, slide it through your hair, and bend it again to snap it closed. Apply it to your yarn ball, and no loose ends to escape. And they are not expensive. I paid \$8 for a pack of 120 assorted color clips, which might just be enough for all of my WIPs and leftovers. Maybe. But if not, well, \$8 for 120 clips is less than 7 cents a piece.

It's snap hair clips to the rescue.

Debby Abrahams

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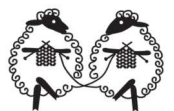
Treasurer

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Heather Lieb

Guild Notes

- *Save the date:* The Guild picnic is back! We will be gathering at Quinzi lodge in East Rochester on June 8th for a meal together before our summer break.
- *Elections:* The Guild cannot exist without the Board. Please consider running for office or volunteering for a board position. Interested? Contact [Margaret Mullen](#).
- *Miss the January Meeting?:* A recording of our meeting with Jennifer Raymond of the Tinking Turtle is available in the “[Members Only](#)” section of the Guild Web site. A password is required but all members in good standing should have received one from our membership team
- *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
- *Upcoming Fiber Events:* The Sheperd’s Wool Market is May 9th at the Rush United Methodist Church and the CNY Fiber Arts Festival is June 6th and 7th at Herkimer County Fairgrounds.
- *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.



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March Block

Imagine

This pattern includes round by round graphics to help you visualize where the stitches go. They are not meant to be complete instructions. Rather, they complement it. Use them with the pattern to help you see where to place your stitches.

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

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

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Birch Tree Fiber Arts Co.
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Expressions in Needleart
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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>



Rochester Knitting Guild 2026 Spring Workshop

Dye With Plants! with Nicole Cleveland, Goldenrod Fiber Studio

Sat, March 28th

East Lodge, Churchville Park
101 N Main St, Churchville, NY 14428

Sun, March 29th

West Lodge, Churchville Park
101 N Main St, Churchville, NY 14428

**Registration
Open to members
on the RKG website!**



**non - member
registration opens
February 10th**

Workshop 1: Dye With Plants! – Fabric
10:30am – 1:30pm (Sat & Sun)
\$40 RKG Member Class Rate
*** Additional materials fee (\$14/\$16)**

In this class, we will work with whole, dried botanical dye plants to create beautiful watercolor effects on cloth. Choose between a cotton bandana, cotton drawstring project bag, or silk scarf. You will learn the essentials of natural dyeing, including the pre-treatment processes of scouring and mordanting, as well as techniques for effective bundled botanical dyeing. All materials will be pre-treated before the workshop.

Workshop 2: Dye With Plants! – Yarn
2:30pm – 6:30pm (Sat & Sun)
\$50 RKG Member Class Rate
*** Additional materials fee (\$9/\$24)**

In this class, we will work with whole, dried botanical dye plants to create beautiful speckled and variegated yarns. This extended class will cover the essentials of natural dyeing, including the pre-treatment processes of scouring and mordanting, as well as techniques for effective bundle AND immersion dyeing with plants. The yarns for this workshop will be pre-treated prior, and participants have the option to submit their own stash yarns to be pre-treated for the workshop.

Optional Lunch Provided
1:30pm – 2:30pm
\$8

