

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

Happy Fall!

This year we celebrate our 40th anniversary. The guild was founded November 24, 1986 by a group of forty-two knitting enthusiasts, and the first public meeting was held February 1987. We will be celebrating with a party in October and surprises throughout the guild year. I look forward to sharing stories that span the years. If you have anecdotes or photos you'd like to share, please send them to president@rochesterknitting.org

Over the summer I spent my time exploring a lot of other crafts that involve fibers. In addition to knitting, I've dabbled in sashiko, weaving, cross stitching, bargello needlepoint, embroidery, sewing, and crochet. It was really fun to remove any expectations of what I should make and just play for the summer. What did you get up to this summer? I hope you bring some of these items to show and tell! I look forward to seeing you all at our September meeting

Thanks
Ingrid Lembach



Vice Presidents' Message

Welcome back everyone! We hope everyone had a great summer and will be coming to our first meeting with plenty of finished items to show off.

For our first meeting, we will be playing a fun game of 'finding the threads' bingo to let everyone reconnect and get to know some new people. We also ask you to come prepared with your favorite fiber-themed myth, fact, or trivia, and help us with future programming material!

Anna and Sharah have decided to venture into nascent territory this year, and are planning an exploration of fiber properties. We are excited about all the things we'll learn so that we can embrace new fibers with excitement and a sense of wonder, instead of feeling stuck on fibers we already know! Buckle up, we're going to have a lot of fun and do a lot of learning this year! Thanks

Anna Powell and Sharah Blankenship

New Volunteer Opportunity

The RKG Board would like to announce a new committee this year: the Long-Term Planning Committee. The Guild has changed a lot over the past 40 years and will continue to change in the next 40 years. Please consider joining the Long-Term Planning Committee to have some influence on the guild's future and financial security. I envision a time commitment of a couple of hours a month while we brainstorm and discuss opportunities for the years ahead. You can multi-task by bringing your latest fiber

project along while expressing your ideas, opinions, and experiences. Ideally, we'll have a balance of long-time and newer members to discuss both the "good old days" and the latest trends. If you have experience with other organizations, either as a member or a parent, the Long-Term-Planning Committee need you! Please contact me at Treasurer@rochesterknitting.org if you are willing to volunteer.

Heather Lieb

Upcoming Meetings

All Hands Meetings

September 28th

October 12th (yarn sale)

November 9th

December 14th

meeting starts at 7:00

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

Board Meetings

October 19th

November 16th

December 21st

7:00 via Zoom

Link upon request

Membership

Welcome! A new year starts soon! Beat the rush at our first meeting by filling in the membership form at the end of this newsletter and having your check ready.

Even better, go to Membership | Rochester Knitting Guild 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 paid up members 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.

Please note: both new members and renewing members must fill out a membership form each year.!

Anne Dorscheid

Web Site Team

STAY TUNED FOR OUR NEW WEBSITE! It will be released in connection with our anniversary celebration at the October meeting. And we want you to be on it! Please send your project pictures to webmistress@rochesterknitting.org. We want to feature our members' work in our new gallery, but we can't do it without your help.

Nikki, Rachel & Joan

Shop Liaison

Hello Rochester Knitting Guild,

It seems as though we were just together at the picnic, and now we are grooving to sweater weather season.

At this current writing member shops remain as stated on the website. Stay tuned as there will be updates, meaning some additions to the member shops.

I am always on the lookout for either new shop members, or small business for our vendor night.

Please reach out to me, so I can follow up.

Thanks very much, see you next month with a write-up on a member shop.

Brenda Mudd

Guild Secretary Needed

We need a new Guild secretary ASAP because it will be pretty difficult to do this newsletter without someone to take minutes at the board meetings and share them with me so I know what to put in this lovely document.

Life happens and this board position is now vacant to volunteer or get more information, contact Ingrid our board president at president@rochesterknitting.org.

Workshops

Registration for the RKG Fall Knitting Workshop is now open for RKG members! Join us and Nicole Cleveland from Goldenrod Fiber Studio for a weekend of fun as we learn how to print on fabric and how to dye fiber and shift shades using plants and other elements on Nov 7th and 8th at the Rotary Cabin in Camp Eastman. Registration opens for non-members on October 2. So, register today before classes sell out! [Register Now!](#)

Would you like to help ensure the success of our Workshop? We need volunteers for 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 and thank you

Rocio Blanco

Community Knitting

Welcome back Guild members! Summer has been a busy time for me with respect to the Guild. All of my "regulars" have already reached out to see if the Guild is able to provide items for their organizations! Right now I have the following specific open requests:

SPIRIT NY: winter items and socks for homeless high school students (need items by late Oct)

The Vineyard: winter items for adults and children

School #3: winter items for children

Meal on Wheels: lap blankets and shawls for their 2026 Warmest Wishes drive (need items by early Nov)

Remember as always, we accept donations of ANY knitted or crocheted items - hats, scarves, socks, shawls, blankets, baby items, etc. If you can make it, I can find a good home for it somewhere in our area.

Pat Butterfield



Yarn and Tool Auction

A huge thank you to all the members and guests that attended our yarn and tool auction in May. I hope everyone had fun looking at all the wonderful items and engaging in bidding wars with your friends. Thanks to your generous donations and bidding, we were able to bring in \$2,752 for the Guild! This is our biggest fundraiser for the Guild, and all the money goes to supporting our operations. Thank you again!!!

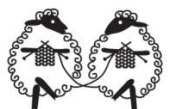
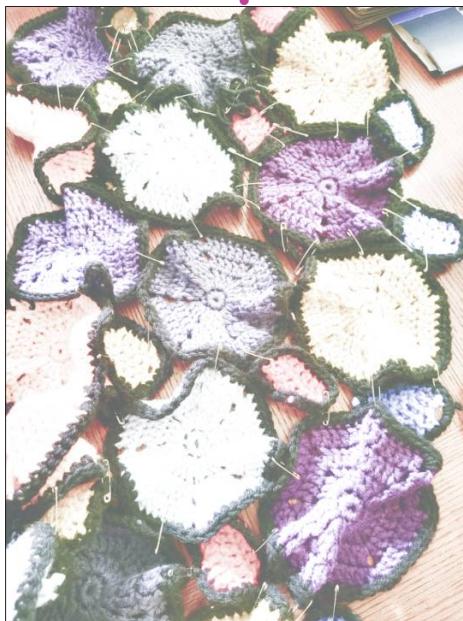
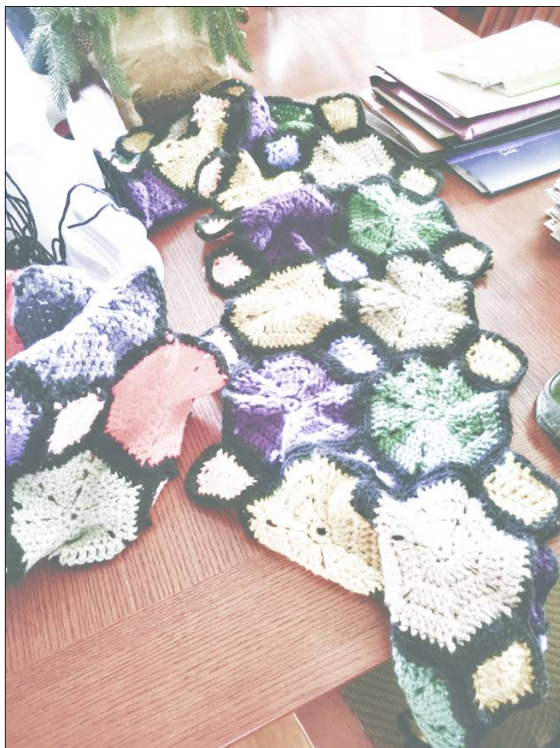
Summer was also very busy for me with respect to auction donations. I have received four significant donations over the summer, with one single donation of over 800 skeins of acrylic yarn! This yarn came from the family of Barb McWilliams. The yarn is in excellent condition; much of it is still bagged from the manufacturer, and it was stored in a climate-controlled storage area before being donated to me. Given the size of this donation, the Guild has decided to hold an acrylic sale during the October Guild meeting. This will not be an auction. The sale will open after the business portion of the meeting. Most skeins will be priced at \$2, with some larger skeins priced at \$4 or \$5. Please bring cash, check or Venmo, as credit cards are not accepted, and a shopping bag for your purchases.

Even though I've gotten some generous donations already, we can always use more. The yarn and tool auction is our primary fundraiser and is critical to help offset the rising costs of operation. 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 Butterfield

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.
- *Help Needed:* The family that donated over 800 skeins of yarn is looking for someone to assemble their mother's final project. The best part: They have the pieces, yarn *and* the pattern. The family is willing to provide compensation for the time put into this project. Please contact **Pat Butterfield** if you are interested in taking on this project. Photos of the project are on this page
- *Guild Payments:* the Guild accepts cash, check, and Venmo. Please see the Treasurer's note about Venmo payments.
- *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 WNY Fiber Arts festival is September 26th.
- *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.



Treasurer's Notes

Thanks to everyone who has paid their RKG dues before the first meeting! There will be a separate check-in line for members who have already joined for the 2026–2027 year. Having these transactions completed in advance will make the historically harried check-in lines more manageable for our first meeting.

If you plan to use Venmo to pay for your RKG membership or workshops, 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.

The board has approved a balanced budget for the 2026–2027 year. If you would like more information, please contact me at Treasurer@rochesterknitting.org. This budget is attached to the end of his newsletter for your review



Notes from the Help Table

2 Strands Together

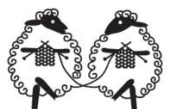
I asked a friend if she wanted something knit; she requested sox for hubby. Now, hubby is holding his own against colon cancer and Alzheimer's, she said, but his feet are always cold. That seemed urgent, and haste was essential. So, heavier gauge for speedy knitting. Not having worsted weight sock yarn, I decided to use 2 thinner sock yarns held together.

But what about gauge? Of course, one should always knit a swatch (tee hee), but here's how to start. The quickest method is to combine the separate gauges and divide by 3. So, $2 * 7 \text{ st./in} = 14$; $14/3 = 4.66 \text{ st./in}$. So, worsted weight-ish.

Or suppose you need a bulky weight yarn, but you only have worsted. $2 * 4.5 \text{ st./in.} = 9$; $9/3 = 3 \text{ st./in}$. Voila! Bulky!

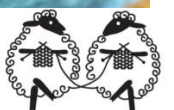
There are more precise methods, which I hope to detail in a future column. 'Til then, happy knitting! (and crochet!)

Debby Abrahams



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
Craftingforgood@mail.com

Expressions in Needleart
expressionsinneedleart.com

Embraceable Ewe
erin@embraceableewe.com

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

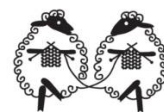
Rabbit Row Yarns & Haberdashery
www.rabbitrowyarns.com

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 Membership Form 2026-2027

The **Rochester Knitting Guild (RKG)** invites you to join or to renew your membership for the coming year, which runs from September 2025 to September 2026. Benefits of being a Guild Member include meetings, discounts at member shops, discounted rates and early registration at Guild functions, Guild Newsletters and access to library materials.

Dues are \$30.00 (\$15.00 for students with an ID) per year and are due at or before the September meeting. Payment can be made by Venmo, cash/check in person at the first meeting, or by mailing your check.

Venmo: @RKG Treasurer - please be sure to include your name and email address in the payment notes so that we can update our membership database.

Check: Please make your check payable to **Rochester Knitting Guild** and bring it to the first meeting or mail it to:
RKG Membership PO Box 92264, Rochester, NY 14692

Please answer all questions:

New or Renewing?

☐ New Member ☐ Renewing Membership

How would you like to pay?

☐ Venmo ☐ Check (mail in check) ☐ Check or cash at first meeting

First Name

Last Name

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email

Committees you would like to help with (optional):

☐ Auction ☐ Publicity ☐ Tech Team ☐ Shop Liaison ☐ Long Term Planning

☐ Library ☐ Membership ☐ Programming ☐ Fiscal Audit

☐ Workshops ☐ Community Service ☐ Nominating Committee

Are you willing to have your contact information added to a directory so that you can be contacted by other guild members?
(Only personal messages would be allowed. Advertising, soliciting or email blasts would be prohibited.)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Rochester Knitting Guild

2026 Fall Workshop

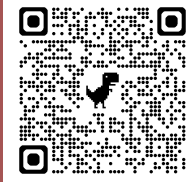
Dye with Plants!

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 QR code! For
questions contact
workshops@rochesterknitting.org

Workshop 1: Autumn Leaf Eco-Printing on Fabric

10:30am–1:30 pm (Saturday or Sunday)

\$45 RKG member

\$55 RKG non-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 RKG member

\$65 RKG non-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 dying 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)



Rochester Knitting Guild 2025-2026 Year End Income & Expense Report

INCOME	BUDGET	YE 6/30/26	Budget Over/(Under)
Membership Dues	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,739.11	\$ 239.11
Raffle Ticket Sales	\$ 350.00	\$ 349.00	\$ (1.00)
Spring Retreat	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 8,775.00	\$ 2,775.00
Guest Artist Workshop	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,063.00	\$ 2,063.00
Book Sales/Auction	\$ -	\$ 220.00	\$ 220.00
Yarn Auction	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,752.00	\$ 1,252.00
Library Fines	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Insurance Refund	\$ -	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Newsletter Ads	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Donations	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 13,350.00	\$ 20,008.11	\$ 6,658.11

	BUDGET	YE 6/30/26
INCOME - EXPENSE	\$ (3,145.00)	\$ 2,467.10
Begin Bank Balance (7/1/25)		\$ 12,276.76
Ending Bank Balance (6/30/26)		\$ 14,843.86
Petty Cash		\$ 100.00
Heather Lieb, Treasurer treasurer@rochesterknitting.org		

EXPENSES	BUDGET	YE 6/30/26	Budget Over/(Under)
Raffle Prizes	\$ 80.00	\$ 40.00	\$ (40.00)
Guild Programming	\$ 700.00	\$ 217.44	\$ (482.56)
Spring Retreat	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,972.19	\$ 972.19
Guest Artist Workshop	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,485.42	\$ 985.42
Yarn Auction	\$ 50.00	\$ 86.44	\$ 36.44
Picnic (June)	\$ 150.00	\$ 127.83	\$ (22.17)
Community Knitting	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -
Library (books, etc.)	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ (100.00)
Membership	\$ 45.00	\$ 20.24	\$ (24.76)
Newsletter (Printing)	\$ 200.00	\$ 133.97	\$ (66.03)
Newsletter (Postage/Supplies)	\$ 80.00	\$ 78.00	\$ (2.00)
Hospitality	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Board Expenses	\$ 50.00	\$ 86.21	\$ 36.21
Supplies	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ (50.00)
Bank Fees/Checks	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ (30.00)
Insurance	\$ 350.00	\$ 265.13	\$ (84.87)
Postage (Other)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
P.O. Box Rental	\$ 225.00	\$ 196.00	\$ (29.00)
Storage Unit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Rent (Temple)	\$ 5,350.00	\$ 5,350.00	\$ -
Rent (Pavillion/Lodge)	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Rent (Board Mtgs.)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
RKG Promotion	\$ 100.00	\$ 49.05	\$ (50.95)
Web Page	\$ 25.00	\$ 23.19	\$ (1.81)
Zoom Fees	\$ 160.00	\$ 159.90	\$ (0.10)
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 16,495.00	\$ 17,541.01	\$ 1,046.01