

## General Meeting **In-Person ONLY!** will very brief

**Sat., Oct 5th, 10:30ish\*** am PST

What a busy September we had with outings and Amy Snell presentations.

Our October general meeting is the last in-person meeting to turn in your outreach projects.

**It's  
auction  
time of  
year  
again!**



**Small bills for  
payment are  
appreciated**

## Yarn Auction!

will follow the meeting  
immediately

*Auction participants need to get your paddles as  
you enter the library before the meeting.*

**GREAT Finds, Deals & Fun!**

**RULES: Open to all\* & Have Fun!**

**TIPS: Bring a Tote Bag (or 2) & prepare to Have Fun!**

*Members are encouraged to bring guests and share the fun!*

Due to limited number of volunteer staff, we ask that you wait for a session break to pay for your items. Details will be explained at the beginning of the auction..

**Bring a snack  
or lunch**

**Payment from non-members be in cash or PayPal only. All those planning to use PayPal for payment: Please download the app prior to the meeting if you have not already done so. This allows a smooth and expeditious "check-out".**

\*Time is dependent on set-up

## Presidents Message

Hello Fellow Artists,

It is auction time!!!

If you have never attended an auction before, you are in for a treat. And if you have been before, well, you know. It is a time to snag up some great deals. We are going to have a really short business meeting before the auction starts; I mean really short. I am going to send out the agenda soon so that everyone is prepared for one of the shortest meetings.

I am still conducting my little experiment to see if anyone actually reads the newsletter. I am inviting all members to play along, even board members. If you have made it this far and want to let me know I am not just writing to myself, send an email to the guild with "you are not alone" as the subject line.

If you want to run for an office or would like to nominate someone for an office, there is still time to have your voice heard. Call or email Vera or Susan.

Until Saturday,

Mary

Meetings are held the 1st. Saturday of the month, (unless otherwise noted).  
Time and location is temporarily on a month-to-month basis with 10:00 am PCT on ZOOM being the most common. Arlanza address is 8267 Philbin, Riverside, CA  
**ZOOM meeting I.D. and password are sent out through e-mail to members.**

### LEADERSHIP

#### President

Mary Swartzel

#### Vice President/Programs

Kim Dixon

Sue Sandoval, asst.

#### Membership

Donna Guiliano

#### Co-Treasurers

Sandra Ortega

Val Yezeski

#### Secretary

Vicki Buckley

### PROJECTS

#### Auction

Mary Swartzel

#### Virtual Happy Hour

Karen Mar

#### Tech Assistant

Karen Taggart

### OUTREACH

#### Outreach Coordinator

Vicki Buckley

#### Hats for Sailors

Vicki Buckley

#### Inspire Life Skills

Susan Sandoval

#### Riverside Life Services

Karen Morehead

#### Shawls of Support

Kim Dixon

### PUBLICITY

#### Historian

Gerri Lichtenberg

#### Face-book

Cathy Boston

#### Newsletter

Susan Sandoval

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Riverside  
Knitting  
Guild

October Newsletter, 2024

## Coming up

- **ELECTION** - Nominations for elected officers are due Nov. 1st. They can be given to a member of the election committee when you are contacted or you can email direct to the RKG address. The slate will be announced at our Nov. meeting and the election will be at our Dec. meeting.
- **MEMBER SURVEY** - Please watch for a survey in your email. Your response is the key to planning for next year.

In-person  
Nov. 23rd  
24th

## SOCAL FIBER FAIR

Fairplex in Pomona

**Tickets are on sale now!**

This is a fabulous event for yarn, contests, food & fun.

Check the website at: [socialfiberfair.com](http://socialfiberfair.com)

We will be going back to the Fiber Fair and provide a "winding booth" again this year. Fairgoers can have their fair yarn wound by us volunteer members at no cost at the RKG booth. This is a great way to make ourselves known to the SoCal community while having fun. More details will be discussed at meetings.

## RKG History - contributed by Gerri Leichtenberg\* (as per August 2019 Newsletter)



### **GERRI LEICHTENBERG - SECOND PRESIDENT OF THE RIVERSIDE KNITTING GUILD**

Gerri Leichtenberg was president of RKG from July 1996 to July 1997. Meetings were held at the Riverside YWCA on the first Wednesday of each month. Gerri served as secretary and treasurer when Martha Kish was president. Dues of one dollar were collected at each meeting. Members were also asked to join The Knitting Guild of America (\$23) and the YWCA (\$20)

In the spring of 1996 Martha and Gerri went to their first knitting convention, the TKGGA convention in San Diego where we first heard about Precious Pals. Later that year Gerri started Precious Pals.

When the guild first formed it was called The Inland Empire Knitting Guild. In 1996 members voted to change the name so prospective members would know we were located in Riverside.

Gerri started the RKG library. At first the books were kept in a closet at the YWCA but they began to disappear. When the library grew to 20 books or so, the guild bought a rolling suitcase to hold the books and Gerri would push and pull the books to every meeting. Gerri remained guild librarian until it was dissolved in 2018.

In 1996 the president planned the meetings and wrote a monthly newsletter. Gerri didn't have a computer yet so all newsletters were hand written, stuffed in envelopes and mailed. In 1996 the guild had about 25 members.

Gerri taught many classes for the guild: How to design and measure a sweater, Top down sweater knitting, Freeform knitting, Short rows (based on a Stitches class given by Nancy Wiseman), Dropped stitches (based on a class given by Chris Bylsma at Stitches), Steeks and 2 color cable knitting.

Gerri learned how to knit as a child of 7 or 8, taught by her Mother. Knitting has been a life long source of happiness!

\*Gerri is the only founding member still active in the guild

## tentative schedule for 2024

General Meetings on ZOOM;  
sometimes Hybrid 10:00 am PST  
1st Saturdays

Virtual Happy Hours  
are always on ZOOM, 7:00pm PST  
3rd Thursdays

3rd Saturdays are in person  
**10:00am PST, EVERY month**  
Location: Galleria at Tyler, off the food  
court at top of elevator/escalator lobby

<b>SEP</b>	9-19-24	Virtual Happy Hour
	9-21-24	Third Saturday
<b>OCT</b>	10-5-24	General Meeting - <b>AUCTION -IN-PERSON only</b>
	10-17-24	Virtual Happy Hour
	10-19-24	Third Saturday
<b>NOV</b>	11-2-24	General Meeting Show-n-Share <b>ZOOM only</b>
	11-21-24	Virtual Happy Hour
	11-23-24	Third Saturday replaced by SoCal Fiber Fair
<b>DEC</b>	12-7-24	General Meeting, Election/Holiday Party <b>ZOOM</b>
	12-19-24	Virtual Happy Hour TBD
	12-21-24	Third Saturday - TBD

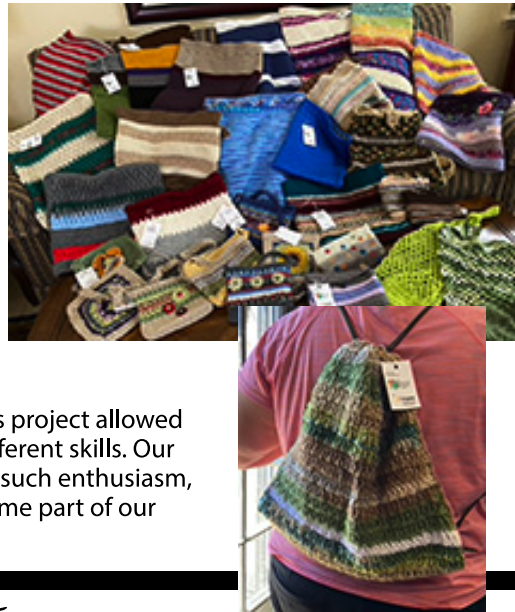
## outreach update

 **Inspire** **40+**  
LIFE SKILLS TRAINING

**Thank you ladies!**  
**We have reached our need  
of 40!**

We ask that if you have a  
project started, go ahead and  
finish it, but no more items  
are needed for this  
organization.

The variety is fantastic and this project allowed  
many members to practice different skills. Our  
members supported this with such enthusiasm,  
an outreach project may become part of our  
programs in the future..



More items are always needed for these  
other programs. Consult your March and  
April newsletters for more requirements.

### Hats for Sailors

100% super wash  
wool



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### Riverside Life Services

Caps and blankets



**5**

### Shawls of Support

Large  
24" x 60" approx.



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**HOKC**  
Hands On Knitting Center

Hands on Knitting Center offers a **15% discount to all local  
knitting guilds in the area the 15th - 22nd of each month.**  
If you order on-line during this time span, use the code  
"guild 15" to get your discount.

Check out their website  
[handsonknittingcenter.com](http://handsonknittingcenter.com)  
for special classes

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909-793-8712  
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