

General Meeting with Planning for 2025!

HAPPY NEW YEAR to ALL! Sat., Jan. 4th, 10:00 am Pacific Welcome to our new 2025 board!

Due to room availability JANUARY MEETING WILL BE ZOOM ONLY



MARY SWARTZEL President



KIM DIXON Vice President/ Programs



DONNA GUILLIANO Membership



CARLY HANSEN Secretary



FAITH SAUNDERS Treasurer

Thank you to all members involved in the election. Also, a special thanks to our outgoing board members of the past years. These ladies took us through the covid years and more with their service. I believe they were instrumental in keeping the guild alive during some rough years.

OUR JANUARY MEETING IS OUR PLANNING MEETING WITH THE BUDGET PROPOSAL. THIS IS YOUR TIME TO VOTE ON FUTURE PROGRAMS! Please keep an eye out in your e-mail for our survey and return with your preferences as soon as you receive it. If you have any ideas for a program, please contact Kim with the necessary details ASAP for it to be considered this year. Please keep in mind that programs need to be available to both remote and in-person members. February is our meeting to approve the budget.

Yearly dues of \$15 are due this month and can easily be paid through PayPal. Contact Faith or Mary for an address if you want to mail a check. New members as of Oct. 2024 are paid thru 2025.

\$15 Dues are due for returning members

Welcome new member! Emily Camancho

Presidents Message

Hello Fellow Artists, I am so excited to see all of you at our next meeting! This is a really important one as Kim is going to tell us of all the exciting things she has planned for us for next year. If you have any ideas or want to volunteer to teach, contact her right away. There are more opportunities to help out the Guild and I hope some of you can volunteer to chair a committee or assist. I took a break with 'the game' last month and no one noticed. So if you want to play and let me know that you actually read this, send an email to the guild email with Yup as the subject so that I know you have read this. Just to be clear, everyone is invited to play the game, even Board members. I want to say that I could not have made it through this past year without the support of the Board. Kim created a great project that many of us got involved in and I know that the bags were well received. Sandra and Val kept a watchful eye on our finances. Donna welcomed our new members. Vicki has kept meticulous records of our meetings. And while not official Board members, Cathy handles our Facebook page. Monica keeps our website up to date. And Susan produces our wonderful newsletters. My thanks goes to each and every one of them. Until Saturday, Mary

LEADERSHIP

- President Mary Swartzel Vice President/Programs Kim Dixon Sue Sandoval, asst.

- Membership Donna Guilliano

- Treasurer Faith Saunders

- Secretary Carly Hansen

PROJECTS

- Auction Mary Swartzel Virtual Happy Hour Karen Mar

- Tech Assistant Karen Taggart

- Holiday Party Chair xxxxxxxx

- Ride Share Chair xxxxxxxx

OUTREACH

- Outreach Coordinator TBD Outreach projects for 2025 to be determined Outreach B TBD

- Outreach C TBD Pending President and volunteer member's acceptance

PUBLICITY

- Historian Gerri Lichtenberg Face-book Cathy Boston Newsletter Susan Sandoval

- Web Site Monica Jackson

- Web address riversideknittingguild.com

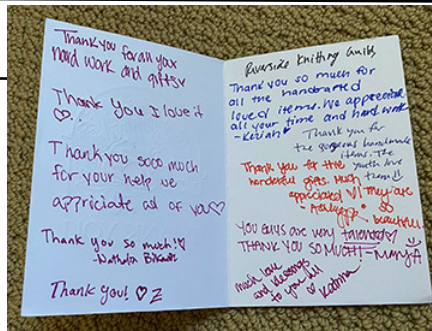
- Email address riversideknittingguild@gmail.com

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.

## outreach



*A very nice  
Thank You was sent to us  
from participants of Inspire.*



Don't miss the January General Meeting as we will be discussing possible outreach projects to adopt as a group for 2025.

## RKG cares!!!

## Coming up

**MEMBER SURVEY** - Please watch your email for a RKG survey. This is designed to be a quick and easy way to rank your answers to questions that will help us best plan 2025 to meet the interests of the majority of members. Unless you have already contacted Kim in writing, this is the easiest way to make your preferences known. While discussions at our informal 3rd Saturdays are great way to get to know each other, it is not a great way to poll preferences. PLEASE RETURN YOUR SURVEY! It allows us to compile everyone's preferences and plan a vote if needed.

**RIDE SHARE** - If you need a ride to RKG meetings or are willing to be an occasional driver for those who need one, please email RKG, and include your zip code. Hopefully, with member help, a program for this can be set up.

**MEMBER INVOLVEMENT** - There are always ways to get involved either with ongoing needs or special projects. Email to RKG or contact Mary or Kim direct, of your willingness to chair or help with a project.

## Recap of 2024 .....

With Kim graciously stepping up as Vice President/Programs, we had a full slate of officers.

This year we also enjoyed another two yarn auctions which will help fund our meetings and programs..

Kim kicked off the Inspire outreach with a program using donated yarn, providing kits and free pattern links to make knit and crochet backpacks. It was a popular success and we more than reached our target of 40 items.

Amy Snell provided an on-line class using her log cabin technique.

Our Christmas in July program planned by Kim was another success with fun projects using simple techniques.

Our guild has grown in membership with surprising numbers and our Third Saturday event at the mall is growing in popularity. Our VHH has a number of committed participants, so I think we can truly say we have something to offer most any knit or crochet addict.

## Thanks .....

Thank you to our 2024 board; Mary, Kim, Donna, Sandra, Val and Vicki. All have volunteered their time and efforts to make this guild a gift for all of us to enjoy. These are not paid positions and most have busy and challenging lives outside this organization.

Thank you also, to all the extra work by the board members and other member volunteers:

- Karen Mar for organizing our virtual happy hours
- Kim for her extra planning and work on Christmas in July as well as the annual holiday party
- Cathy for keeping up our Facebook page
- Monica for keeping our website up to date
- Vicki for organizing our outreach hand offs
- Karen Morehead for her liaison work with Riverside Life Services
- Gerri, always ready to provide anecdotes about our history
- Karen Taggart, for arranging our Show & Share presentations and please excuse me if I forgot anyone, but I too, am a volunteer

Also, thank you to our members for being such a congenial group. Your participation, talents and enthusiasm make the RKG what it is.



Riverside  
Knitting  
Guild

January Newsletter, 2025

## tentative schedule for 2025

### General Meetings

are always on ZOOM; sometimes Hybrid  
10:00 am PST, 1st Saturdays

### Virtual Happy Hours (VHH)

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

### 3rd Saturdays are in person

10:00am PST, every month  
Location: Tyler Galleria food court

The SoCal Fiber Fair was such a great event we plan on participating again in 2025 (Date to be announced))

### Yarn Auction

We plan on one yarn auction this year to be held after our May general meeting  
May 3rd.

**We are collecting yarn for the 2025 auction. Contact Mary with a text if you have some to donate**

<b>JAN</b>	1-16-25	Virtual Happy Hour
	1-18-25	Third Saturday
<b>FEB</b>	2-1-25	General Meeting, ZOOM only - Show & Share
	2-15-25	Third Saturday
	2-20-25	Virtual Happy Hour
<b>MAR</b>	3-1-25	General Meeting -
	3-15-25	Third Saturday
	3-20-25	Virtual Happy Hour
<b>APR</b>	4-5-25	General Meeting
	4-17-25	Virtual Happy Hour
	4-19-25	Third Saturday
<b>MAY</b>	5-3-25	General Meeting - AUCTION
	5-15-25	Virtual Happy Hour
	5-17-25	Third Saturday
<b>JUN</b>	6-7-25	General Meeting -
	6-14-25	World Wide Knit in Public Day - Tyler Galleria
	6-19-25	Virtual Happy Hour
	6-21-25	Third Saturday - possibly a bye this month
<b>JUL</b>	7-5-25	General Meeting - Christmas in July IN PERSON
	7-17-25	Virtual Happy Hour
	7-19-25	Third Saturday
<b>AUG</b>	8-2-25	General Meeting -
	8-14-25	Virtual Happy Hour
	8-16-25	Third Saturday
<b>SEP</b>	9-6-25	General Meeting -
	9-18-25	Virtual Happy Hour
	9-20-25	Third Saturday
<b>OCT</b>	10-4-25	General Meeting
	10-16-25	Virtual Happy Hour
	10-18-25	Third Saturday
<b>NOV</b>	11-1-25	General Meeting - Turn in Outreach
	11-20-25	Virtual Happy Hour
	11-15-25	Third Saturday
<b>DEC</b>	12-6-25	General Meeting, Election & Holiday Party ZOOM
	12-18-25	Virtual Happy Hour
	12-20-25	Third Saturday

**fyi**

A group of knitters is called a kit.  
A group of crocheters is called a crew.

Therefore RKG must be a "crew kit" ???