

**April 5th  
Hybrid**



April 2025

## Riverside Knitting Guild General Meeting Sat., April 5th, 10:00 am Pacific

We have new equipment to make attending via zoom a better experience. A few kinks are still being worked out so please be patient if you can't log on exactly at 10:00 Pacific time.

Our *CHICK'n KICK-OFF* was a great success with abounding enthusiasm. A few accessory packs are still available if you could not attend the March meeting.

After the general meeting, Amanda V. will be teaching a Corner-to-Corner (C2C) Crochet Class! Only very basic crochet skills are required to participate in this free to members class. The skills needed are knowledge of how to make chains and do double crochet stitch (and if you need a reminder on that, there are a bunch of folks that can help you)!

*The materials needed are:*

Scissors

Yarn: Worsted Weight (#4) in 2 colors with significant contrast, (recommended that you don't bring very dark colors such as black or dark navy.)

Crochet Hook: 5mm/H, recommended size, think about your typical tension and bring one up and/or down accordingly

Printed instructions/information will be provided.

We hope to see you there! (Thank you to Amanda for volunteering to teach our group!)

Happy  
Easter  
Eggs

**KNIT**  
Free pattern  
on Ravelry  
Knitted  
Easter Eggs  
by Emily Kintigh



**CROCHET**  
Free pattern  
on Ravelry  
Easter Eggs  
by Tatiana  
Saienko

\*Self patterns for purple knit & flower crochet eggs

## Presidents Message

Hello Fellow Artists,

I am declaring it Spring! Which really means if you want some of my Mother's iris', let me know because I am dividing them now and I can bring some on Saturday.

With the next grandchild coming in June/July, I have been working on a blanket and have not had much of a chance to work on my chickens. But I have seen some of yours on our Facebook page. Have you posted one yet?

In keeping with my game or who really reads the newsletter, send an email to the guild with what you are excited for this spring. Use Spring as the subject line. And as always, everyone is invited to play along, even board members.

I am so excited for our class this Saturday. I have tried learning C2C before and I thought I had it, but the beginning has never stuck.

Until Saturday,

Mary

Welcome New Member  
Rachael Reeder!

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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.**



# Riverside Knitting Guild

April 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 are confirmed to participate again in 2025!  
(dates - Nov 22-23)

Most general meetings are scheduled as HYBRID.

However, room reservations at the Arlanza library can only be scheduled two months out. Changes may be necessary due to room availability.

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|------------|----------|---|
| <b>APR</b> | 4-17-25  | Virtual Happy Hour                                      |
|            | 4-19-25  | Third Saturday  |
| <b>MAY</b> | 5-3-25   | General Meeting - <b>AUCTION In Person Only</b>         |
|            | 5-15-25  | Virtual Happy Hour                                      |
|            | 5-17-25  | Third Saturday  |
| <b>JUN</b> | 6-7-25   | General Meeting - <b>HYBRID</b>                         |
|            | 6-14-25  | World Wide Knit in Public Day - Tyler Galleria          |
|            | 6-19-25  | Virtual Happy Hour                                      |
|            | 6-21-25  | Third Saturday - possibly a by this month               |
| <b>JUL</b> | 7-5-25   | General Meeting - Christmas in July <b>HYBRID</b>       |
|            | 7-17-25  | Virtual Happy Hour                                      |
|            | 7-19-25  | Third Saturday  |
| <b>AUG</b> | 8-2-25   | General Meeting - <b>HYBRID</b>                         |
|            | 8-14-25  | Virtual Happy Hour                                      |
|            | 8-16-25  | Third Saturday  |
| <b>SEP</b> | 9-6-25   | General Meeting - <b>HYBRID</b> "Sock Swap"             |
|            | 9-18-25  | Virtual Happy Hour                                      |
|            | 9-20-25  | Third Saturday  |
| <b>OCT</b> | 10-4-25  | General Meeting <b>HYBRID</b>                           |
|            | 10-16-25 | Virtual Happy Hour                                      |
|            | 10-18-25 | Third Saturday  |
| <b>NOV</b> | 11-1-25  | General Meeting - <b>HYBRID</b> 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 <b>HYBRID</b> |
|            | 12-18-25 | Virtual Happy Hour                                      |
|            | 12-20-25 | Third Saturday  |

## Coming up

May 3rd  
after general meeting  
**In-Person only**

**Yarn Auction**



This event is always a great way to support our guild, get great deals, and have a good time.

Throughout the year members have shared photos of projects made from auction yarn. I hope this has inspired you to take advantage of the challenge of what to do with your great deals as well as try out a new fiber with very little investment.

This is a great time to invite friends who use yarn.

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

***This is a volunteer organization. Those willing to donate the time to take on a leadership position make decisions and plan programs based on member responses and need to include all members whenever possible. No member is obliged to participate in any of the programs or projects.***



# Riverside Knitting Guild

## long story short ....

*(This Information is compiled from various periodicals and internet blogs. It is for entertainment only and has not been fact checked.)*

### Origin and History of Knitting

It is conservatively suggested that knitting with two needles originated in Egypt between 500 and 1200AD from the discovery of cotton fiber sock remnants.

A form of knitting was commonly used by the Vikings for wool hats, socks, and purses. Knitting became an important industry in 17th and 18th century Scotland. As it did not need a loom, the whole family could do it and they had lots of sheep. It developed into an all male industry when guilds were formed to make stockings and gloves for wealthy clientele. Members went through a rigorous training period and women were not allowed in the guilds. Hand knitting was not identified as a feminine craft until the Victorian Age when industrial woven cloth became less expensive and less time consuming to produce. Only the wealthy had spare time on their hands to knit.

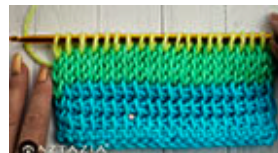
Knitting became a tool for espionage during the Revolutionary and both World Wars. Not only would messages be hidden in balls of yarn, but stitches developed as a type of code to pass on secrets.

World War I brought a resurgence of popularity by men, women, and children knitting large quantities of accessories for the Allied troops. Currently there is a fast growing "Hats for Sailors" program supplying hand knit caps to deployed servicemen and women.

**Health benefits of both:** MIT has recently unveiled a knit dress that changes shape in response to heat. (Didn't we already know that?) The rhythm and mindfulness of knitting and crochet helps with serotonin release, the chemical that helps regulate anxiety, happiness and mood. Both can be social hobbies. Any and everyone is picking up hooks and needles regardless of age, gender, or abilities. A welcome trend reawakening!

### Origin and History of Crochet

The true origins are undocumented. Conflicting sources range from Arabia and spreading along the trade routes, to South American indigenous tribes, to Chinese needlework that spread to Turkey, Persia and North Africa. Crochet as we know it today is attributed to European immigrants to the US in the early 19th century. However, there are some techniques of yore, that are still practiced, and are widely believed to be precursors to crochet. Among these: Shepherd's knitting and Tambour embroidery.



Shepherd's knitting, (aka Tunisian crochet) uses a hook to pull the yarn through several loops and can resemble knitting.



Tambour embroidery likely was likely from China and was introduced to the French in the 1700's. It became popular among the upper classes. The Tambour technique uses thread on fabric for a flat design whereas crochet is more three dimensional.

Both techniques are undergoing a resurgence in popularity.



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