



## Riverside Knitting Guild General Meeting

Aug. 2nd  
Hybrid



Sat., August 2nd, 10:15  
am Pacific



Examples of some  
CAL squares

KAL will be squares  
of various stitch  
patterns

This August general meeting should allow us to catch up on the discussion of programs and guild projects.

Amanda will explain our KAL and CAL projects for members who want to participate. Amanda has a creative plan to present different squares each month for the KAL and Crochet (or both) participants. It promises to be a fun way to improve on the craft you use less.

A sign-up schedule for helping with the winding booth at the SoCal Fiber Fair will be circulated during the meeting. Also to be discussed, is possibly hosting a "Make and Take" project at the Fair that Kim will explain.

More details about the Sock Yarn Swap after our September meeting will be explained that will likely urge all members into bringing yarn to participate.

We will also have time for an extended "Show-n-Share" presentation, so I hope you have all emailed your completed project photos to Karen Taggart.

Welcome  
New Member  
Ariella Chen

### Presidents Message

Hello Fellow Artists,

Sometimes my life seems to move in fast forward and sometimes in slow motion. Lately, it has been a weird combination of the two. I am working on, yet another, baby blanket. My nephew and his wife are expecting their second baby in November. It is the same pattern that I have used for all of the kids in that generation. It is mitered squares and, for some reason, I seem to be making progress at lightning speed. This is good because I have a very long list of projects I want to complete. Other times, life moves magically slow; each breath revealing something new. On July 20, 2025 at 6:30 in the morning, magic happened and my family was expanded by one. Flynn Elend Deason came into this world, and he is perfect in every way. So I have been a bit distracted. Mostly I have been looking after his two older sisters, but on occasion I get to hold him. I would really like to hear about something magical that has happened to you in this past month. Send an email to the Guild address with Magic as the subject line and tell me of your magical moment.

Until Saturday,

Mary

A thank you goes out to two of our members, first goes to Monica Jackson, who stepped up and took on the website a few years back when no one else had the time or knowledge. She has done an amazing job at keeping the website up to date. Monica has decided to pass this responsibility on. So, second thank you goes to Kandie McNeil for volunteering to take up the torch and carry on with maintaining our website. Kandie has an IT background and is excited to take this on.

August 2025

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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 at 10:15am PCT, with Hybrid 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

Send photos of your completed projects to Karen Taggart for Show & Share presentations

## tentative schedule for 2025

### General Meetings

are always ZOOM\*; frequently Hybrid 10:15 am PST, 1st Saturdays (\*Auction meeting is in-person only)

### 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

### 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.

<b>AUG</b>	8-14-25	Virtual Happy Hour
	8-16-25	Third Saturday
<b>SEP</b>	9-6-25	General Meeting - HYBRID "Sock Yarn Swap"
	9-18-25	Virtual Happy Hour
	9-20-25	Third Saturday
<b>OCT</b>	10-4-25	General Meeting HYBRID Stuff & turn in Chickens
	10-16-25	Virtual Happy Hour
	10-18-25	Third Saturday
<b>NOV</b>	11-1-25	General Meeting - HYBRID Last meeting to turn in chickens
	11-15-25	Third Saturday
	11-20-25	Virtual Happy Hour
	11-22&23	SoCal Fiber Fair
<b>DEC</b>	12-6-25	General Meeting, HYBRID Election & Holiday Party
	12-18-25	Virtual Happy Hour
	12-20-25	Third Saturday

## What fun we had at our Holiday in July Party



Thank you Kim, for once again planning and conducting our annual *Holiday in July Party* held after last month's general meeting. Your generous donation of time and energy is greatly appreciated. We always have a great turnout for this meeting because of your hard work.

## Coming up



**Sept. 6, Hybrid**



To be held after our September general meeting, this FREE program to members will center around sock yarn and knitting socks two-at-a time.

Bring a skein (100gms or more) of sock yarn and you will have an opportunity to swap yarn, and hear tips on yarn selection, fiber suitability, techniques, instructions and preferences.

If knit socks are not on your "to do" list, sites for free patterns for knit and crochet items have been searched out for your inspiration.

## SO CAL FIBER FAIR

YEAR THREE,  
at the Fairplex in Pomona, CA.  
**YARN, CONTESTS,  
FOOD & FUN!**



This event is growing and will be moved to a larger building, two doors down! Information on demos, workshops and classes will soon be posted on the socalfiberfair Instagram page.

We will be going back to the Fiber Fair and provide a "winding booth" again this year. Fairgoers can have their yarn purchased at the fair, 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 our meetings.

**SIGN-UPS will start AUGUST 2nd to help in the booth**

***This is a volunteer organization. Those willing to donate the time to take on a leadership position to 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

## member's corner

All members are encouraged to wear their name tags at guild functions. With so many new members, don't assume "everybody knows your name" just because you are, (or were) a regular. While learning names is good, learning about each other is even better.

At the suggestion of our only original member and guild historian, Gerri Lichtenberg, a simple questionnaire will be sent out to a few members each month. With your participation, we hope to highlight a different member in each monthly newsletter.

Gerri has kindly offered to be our first member highlighted.

### getting to know.....

## Gerri



My mother taught me to knit when I was 7.

When I was 18 and living in a dorm some of the girls were knitting argyle socks, so my first project was argyle socks on slippery aluminum dps, bobbins and 4 colors, 100% wool. I didn't know this was an advanced technique. I gave them to my boyfriend and the first time they were washed they went through the washer and dryer and came out about 6" long. I didn't knit again until I was in my 40's.

My favorite yarns are Cotton Fleece, Malabrigo, anything Berroco, Noro.

My favorite projects are sweaters and shawls

My favorite needles are circulars: ChiaoGoo and Zing

My favorite designers are Kate Davies and Norah Gaughn

My favorite websites are Ravelry and Fruity Knitting.

My favorite resource books are *Knitting Workshop* by Elizabeth Zimmermann and *Shetland Lace Knitting* by Elizabeth Lovick.

Why I knit? It's a calming thing. I started knitting again in 1986 when I had a hard time quitting smoking. I look at knitting as an art form more than a craft. I enjoy designing and learning new techniques. I like to pick apart a published design and make it my own.



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