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years!

**Nov. 1st  
Hybrid**

# Newsletter

November 2025

## Riverside Knitting Guild

**General Meeting**

**Sat., Nov. 1st, 10:15 am Pacific**



Our November general meeting will be hybrid. Along with our standard business, there will be further discussion of the fiber fair and the proposed slate of officers for 2026 will be presented. This will be a great meeting to bring your MAL's if you need any help and we should have time for an extended Show-n-Share, so send your photos of completed projects to Karen Taggart.

Our annual Holiday Party is rapidly approaching. To RSVP, watch your inbox for your e-vite. This is step one which will allow you access to the building, (if you are attending in person), pattern links and information to participate in the fun!

**Instagram is now  
up and running!**  
Contact Rachael for  
details.

**WELCOME  
New Member  
Erika Lundblade**

### **Presidents Message**

Hello Fellow Artists,

This next month is jam packed with fun opportunities! This Saturday is our business meeting with the presentation of the slate of officers that you get to vote on at our December meeting. It is also a great time to turn in more chickens, some of which we will use to decorate our booth at the SoCal Fiber Fair before passing them on to their forever homes. The third Saturday at the mall has been well attended and we have been having a great time. If you have the time, bring a project and come and hang out. Third Thursday is Virtual Happy Hour, a no stress time to hang out virtually and socialize. That brings us to the fourth Saturday; the SoCal Fiber Fair, the only local fiber fair we have. This year the fiber fair has grown into a larger building with some classes and Make and Take events. We are, once again, going to be offering free winding for Fiber Fair attendees. If you have not signed up to volunteer at the Fair and want to, see me on Saturday. All of this in just one month!!

In December, for the first time in a long time we have the opportunity to have an in person and on line Holiday party. Watch your email for your invite.

I am working on my Fiber Fair hat and it is coming along nicely. Is anyone else working on their hat? Did you follow the colors of the pattern or did you choose your own? I am excited to see what all of us create.

I look forward to seeing you on Saturday,

Mary

#### **LEADERSHIP**

**President**

Mary Swartzel

**Vice President/Programs**

Kim Dixon

Sue Sandoval, asst.

**Membership**

Donna Guiliano

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**Secretary**

Carly Hansen

#### **PROJECTS**

**Auction**

Mary Swartzel

**Virtual Happy Hour**

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Karen Taggart

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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 on 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

<b>NOV</b>	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, <b>HYBRID Election &amp; Holiday Party</b>
	12-18-25	Virtual Happy Hour
	12-20-25	Third Saturday

## in progress

### MAL (KAL and CAL)

Thank you Amanda, for chairing this fun event. Bring your squares to the Nov. meeting for help.

Links to the upcoming squares are on a short pause for a few volunteers to "test and possibly revise" the patterns to add clarity where needed.



It is with sadness that we announce the passing of longtime member, Valerie Turner on October 15th. Valerie was a great supporter of our guild activities and projects.

Our thoughts go out to her friends and family at this time.



## Coming up

### SO CAL FIBER FAIR

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



We will be going back to the Fiber Fair and provide a "winding booth" again this year. This is a great way to make ourselves known to the SoCal community while having fun. All volunteers will still need to purchase an entry ticket that can be pre-purchased on line at the [socalfiberfair.com](http://socalfiberfair.com) website. We are proud to announce that our bid to run a workshop has been selected. More details will be announced at the meeting.

Our annual, members only, event will begin after our December general meeting and election.

### Tiny Sweater Ornament Swap Fun Games Crafts Cookie Exchange & Soup Bar

Great care to include our virtual attendees has gone into the planning of this event.

Members will receive and will need to respond to their invite. Details about the venue, program and why an RSVP to your invite is required will be explained at the meeting. Pattern links will go out to members who RSVP.

Thank you Amanda and Marlene for chairing this event.

We need more volunteers for this event so please e-mail the guild of your availability, or sign up at the Nov. general meeting.

**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, 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 Hats off to Us!!!



Informal knit/crochet at the mall.

Little did we know that this years outreach project of Emotional Support Chickens would have so many "homes" that we have decided to continue it in 2026.

Donna delivered a total of 55 chickens and chicks to the Riverside Unified School District for use in the Wellness Centers on each campus.

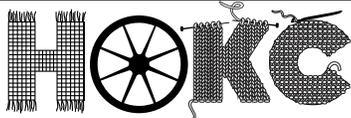
Amanda has distributed 20 chickens to the Riverside Restorative Transformation Center.

Thank you to all members that supported this fun and worthy project. Most of us found it a great way to use up stash yarn!

A special thanks to The Knitting Tree LA, in Inglewood for offering free use of their knit and crochet patterns for this project. Over half the chickens made utilized their patterns.



Amanda and friends.



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