



# Riverside Knitting Guild

## General Meeting

Sat., Oct 4th, 10:15 am Pacific

Oct. 4th Hybrid



# Newsletter

October 2025



Just a regular "Hen Party" 3rd. Sat in Sept.

Our October general meeting will be hybrid. Please bring your completed chickens this meeting to the Arlanza library for collection. After our general business and discussions are completed, we will have a stuffing party for any in need of this. Donna will collect and distribute to the RUSD later this month, however, the need is so great we will continue this project through next year so don't worry if your chickens need more time to be "done".



September's meeting was fun and productive. Donna and Kim put together a great sock yarn program and "swap". Thank you both for all your efforts in presenting this. Rachael Torres volunteered to help Gerri put all our records in digital format, Marlene volunteered to chair our election committee, and both Lauren and Marlene volunteered to chair our holiday party!

## Presidents Message

Hello Fellow Artists,

It is finally here! This Saturday will be our time to come together and stuff and tag the chickens!!! We will be providing chicks and chickens to RTC and to the Wellness Centers at the high schools in Riverside Unified School District. I would like to express my extreme gratitude to The Knitting Tree in Los Angeles for providing the patterns. Without this support, this project might not have happened. Due to high need, this project will continue through next year. If you need yarn or any assistance, please reach out to me.

Later this month, you should be receiving a call from someone on the election committee. This is your opportunity to nominate anyone that you would like to see represent you for the upcoming year. And, yes, you may nominate yourself.

Our Make and Take submission to the So Cal Fiber Fair has been accepted! This means that we could use even more volunteers. If you want to volunteer, please contact me for the details.

We are taking a brief pause on the Make-A-Longs so that we can make it even better! Going forward, each pattern will be tested to ensure pattern accuracy and clarity.

Well, it finally happened. Last month I asked what was on your fiber 'bucket list.' Not one person responded. Does this mean that no one actually reads this, or that no one has a fiber bucket list, or it was just too difficult to respond? Honestly, I do not know. If you have ideas on this, please let me know; I am genuinely curious. But I am going to tabulate the results and I will have information on this later. And that may be the end of that little experiment.

I look forward to seeing you on 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 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.**

WELCOME  
New Member  
Hannah Case

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Mary Swartzel

#### Vice President/Programs

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#### Membership

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#### Auction

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#### Virtual Happy Hour

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# 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>OCT</b>	10-16-25	Virtual Happy Hour
	10-18-25	Third Saturday <i>Last day to turn in chickens for 2025</i>
<b>NOV</b>	11-1-25	General Meeting - <b>HYBRID</b> , help with MAL
	11-15-25	Third Saturday
	11-20-25	Virtual Happy Hour
<b>DEC</b>	11-22&23	SoCal Fiber Fair
	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

### seeking nominations for 2025

Thank you Marlene Picone, for volunteering to head our nominating committee for our next election. All members will be contacted to determine who you think will make a good board member for 2026. The proposed slate of officers will be presented at the November general meeting. Feel free to nominate yourself.

### 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 member, Valerie O'Grady. 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!

In-person  
Nov. 22nd & 23rd

Dreaming of Sweater Weather!  
Holiday Party

HYBRID  
Dec. 6th

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 Oct. 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 getting to know.... Vicki Ann Buckley



Vicki Buckley's needle crafting journey:

It all started when I was about 8 yo. The old lady next door, yes, we all had one. Ruth was her name and probably not that old. She had a granddaughter about my age. Now back in the late 60's there weren't freeways to get to anywhere. From Glassel Park to the San Fernando Valley was a much longer drive. So, I got the benefits.

Ruth taught me knit, to crochet, to embroider. She didn't teach me how to tat "because I only make knots."

\*My first project? A Susan Bates "G" hook that I still have. I'm not sure where the thin yarn came from: brown and yellow I held two strands together to make it thicker and made a double crochet scarf with a very short fringe. I still have that scarf.

\*Most memorable project? I did get to NY in 1965 to visit my grandma. She taught me how to crochet a rose granny square: three raised rows for petals, then a round of green that finished in black. She taught me to

work grannies together. The afghan she made me was pink. After I came home, I made two more: one yellow for my mom and one white for a dear family friend. They are mine again.

Fast forward to the late 1970's. Co-workers have paid me to make lace tablecloths and afghans. Dale introduces me to a friendly waitress, Rita. We find we have a lot in common. We meet up for couple of hours on Saturday to crochet, cross stitch, make booties for local boutiques, sell at a couple of craft fairs in the park. Rita moves to Nevada, has children receives crocheted blankets from me.

We move from Hollywood to Riverside. I change jobs. There seems to be no time for needlecrafts like before. There was a short stint with quilting.

Then 2016, I retire. My first call was to a former co-worker to ask about local yarn shops. She referred me to the two in Redlands. In the first few years, I knit shawls, lots of shawls: Jen Lucas Sock Yarn shawl books, some I designed, found hand-dyes, fingering/sock in Merino and its blends. I went through a mosaic period: test knit a huge shawl, finished one in four days, and modified a round cowl into a straight scarf.

Eventually, I found Ravelry and make the effort to keep a record of my work. They are not all there.

\*Favorite tools? ChiaoGoo Red lace needles and Knitter's Pride Mindful with chrome tips. I own several sets of the same size. I would rather not stop to change needle tips when I change projects. My crochet hooks are an eclectic collection of good ol' aluminum hooks. I can lend them, lose them and leave them with projects.

\*Favorite fiber? All that I have experienced. And, I can assure you that over the past 60 years Red Heart acrylic yarn is not as soft as it used to be.

\*Favorite designer, blog, etc.? I can't say I have one. I buy single patterns through Ravelry. I enjoy belonging to a guild. I belong to two. Both have given me the opportunity to meet designers, learn new techniques, and learn from the experience of others. My LYS are also a great source of information and guidance.

\*What does the knitting and crochet do for me? Well, I can honestly say, the days I meet up at the senior centers and craft for at least an hour, I get the best night's sleep compared the days I don't pick up my hooks or needles.



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