



30 years!
1995-2025!

Dec 6th
Hybrid

Newsletter

Riverside Knitting Guild

General Meeting

Sat., Dec. 6th, 10:15am Pacific



December 2025

WELCOME
8 New Members!

Ariel Collica
June Tanner
Kim Clark
Louie Loops
Noah Witkowski
Shiyu (Alice) Chen
Sylvia McNeil
Trinity Tanner

Make sure you attend as this is our election meeting.

Slate of officers running for the 2026 RKG board are below.

We are fortunate to have two positions with more than one candidate

President: Donna Guilliano and Mary Swartzel
VP/Membership: Amanda Vanamen
Treasurer: Faith Saunders
Secretary: Carley Hansen
Membership: Nicole L'Hommedieu and Stacy Feltner Johnson

Candidate statements were e-mailed separately

Our annual holiday party will begin after our December general meeting and election. Make sure Amanda has your signed waiver for admittance to the building if you are attending in person

Tiny Sweater Ornament Swap*
Fun • Games • Crafts

Cookie Exchange* & Soup Bar after general meeting for those attending in person

*Cookie exchange and sweater swap is optional and details will be emailed separately along with "tiny sweater" patterns.

Dreaming of Sweater Weather!

Holiday Party

December Meeting Location:

Riverside County Public Defender, 4075 Main Street, Riverside, CA

Members will meet outside at Main St. entrance and be escorted into the building.

Free street parking around building

Presidents Message

Hello Fellow Artists,

Wow, this last month has been a whirlwind of fun for our Guild! Between our general meeting, third Saturday at the mall, third Thursday Virtual Happy Hour and the SoCal Fiber Fair!! So much fun with fiber friends. Speaking of the SoCal Fiber Fair, here is the last experiment I will run. We wound a lot of yarn at the Fiber Fair. But how much is a lot? If you want to participate,

1 send an email to the Guild address (riversideknittingguild@gmail.com) with "My Guesses" as the subject line;

2 put in your guess for Saturday, put in a guess for Sunday, and put in your guess for the total for both days.

Three ways to win! (And, yes, there are prizes!!)

This month is our Holiday party and elections. There will be a brief meeting and then onto games and fun. After that there will be soup, cookies, and an ornament exchange!

Whatever you celebrate this holiday season, may it be filled with joy, happiness and health.

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.

LEADERSHIP

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Mary Swartzel

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Kim Dixon

Sue Sandoval, asst.

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Riverside Knitting Guild

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

end of year schedule for 2025

- DEC** 12-18-25 Virtual Happy Hour, 7pm on zoom
- 12-20-25 Third Saturday, 10:15 at the Tyler Galleria food court elevator/escalator lobby

2025 Fiber Fair was.....

Once again the fair was a huge success. We wound ???? skeins of yarn! Read Mary's message on the front page to possibly win a prize with your guess.

It was a group success with thanks to members who participated with winding, schmoozing, and positivity. A special thanks goes out to those who were there for both days as well as planning, set-up, and clean up. Their dedication of time and energy during this very busy season was a big contribution.

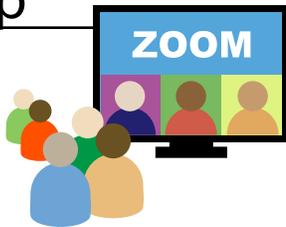
Our inaugural "Make and Take" project had eight participants making pom pom ornaments. Special thanks go to Kim for Making the rounds early Saturday passing our cards out to vendors, I was happy to know many of them knew of our free winding service already. With a record number of new members while adding to our diversity.



"2025 Beanie"

Coming up

Jan3rd Hybrid



Our January general meeting will install new officers and plan for 2026. The planning of programs help establish the budget which will be proposed for approval in February. Member ideas for programs should be sent to the new vice president/programs board member for consideration. Dues of \$15.00 can be submitted by PayPal or paid in cash before or after the meeting. All members paying cash will need to wait for a receipt.

in progress

MAL (KAL and CAL)

Thank you Amanda, for chairing this fun event.

With so many new members, we are working on making a "members only" page to our website where all patterns to date can be retrieved. It should make it easier to knit/crochet from your devise without having to print (est of 145 pages min) as well as keep them organized for this MAL.



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... Adrienne Franklin



Adrienne taught herself to knit using you tube and a "Learn How to Knit" book purchased at Michael's, in 2002. Her first project was an afghan that she still has. Mistakes and all, it is still her favorite.

Adrienne learned fast and knitted her first little lady doll for her daughter in 2016 and has never stopped. Her creations are amazing with details that have included Nina Simone and her grand piano as well as Bob Marley, complete with guitar. She has won numerous awards and has been recognized world wide with a feature article in "What Women Create" magazine. She has been featured in "Vogue" knitting and is on Instagram and handknitgorgeousdolls.com.

With her attentions to detail, it is no wonder she lists her favorite tools as circular needles, yarn threaders, and hemostats.

Her favorite fibers are merino wool & silk and 100% lyocell..

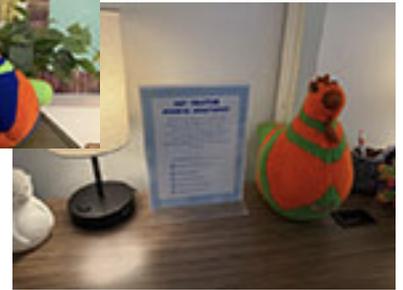
Her favorite toy designer is Alan Dart

In her own words, " Knitting for me is both meditative and memory work. My little lady dolls are born from my imagination, filling me with joy and humility.

I joined the guild in 2019. I joined to surround myself with other knitters and crocheters, providing me with friendship and inspiration."

chicken update

Some of our chickens as they are roosting at the RUSD Wellness Centers.



Hands On Knitting Center
922 New York St, Suite A, Redlands, CA
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Hands on Knitting Center offers a **15% discount to all local knitting guilds in the area the 15th - 22nd of each month.** If you order on-line during this time span, use the code "guild 15" to get your discount.

*In-Store hours: 10am-6pm, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday
10am - 8pm Wednesday
Closed Sunday*

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Tues 12 - 8 (meet & knit night)
Wed-Thurs 10-5
Fri noon - 8
Sat 10-3
Sun & Mon closed

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