

Jan 3rd
Hybrid

Newsletter

Riverside Knitting Guild

General Meeting

Sat., Jan 3rd, 10:15 am Pacific

Installation of 2026 board and planning meeting.



January 2026

Welcome
new member!
Alisa Young

\$15
Dues are due for
returning members

Presenting the RKG 2026 Board Members



MARY SWARTZEL
President



AMANDA VANAMAN
Vice President-Programs



FAITH SAUNDERS
Treasurer



CARLY HANSEN
Secretary



NICOLE L'HOMMEDIU-
NAVARRO
Membership

Our new board will be welcomed and installed at our first meeting of the year.

This is also our planning meeting so that we can plan the budget for presentation at our February meeting. Ideas for programs need to have been given to Amanda prior to this meeting for consideration if it will effect the budget. It is also time to renew your dues which can be done with PayPal, a check, or cash. (Cash must be paid in person so a receipt can be made out.)

We had a record number of new members last month so please be sure to wear your name tags as a show of welcome and to help us all get to know each other.

Members who joined RKG in October 2025, or later are automatically renewed for 2026 with their initial membership fee

LEADERSHIP

President

Mary Swartzel

Vice President/Programs

Amanda Vanaman

Membership

Nicole L'Hommedieu-Navarro

Treasurer

Faith Saunders

Secretary

Carly Hansen

PROJECTS to be confirmed

Auction

Mary Swartzel

Virtual Happy Hour

Karen Mar

Tech Assistant

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PUBLICITY

Historian

Gerri Lichtenberg

Rachael Torres

Face-book

Cathy Boston

Instagram Host

Rachael Torres

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Presidents Message

Hello Fellow Artists,

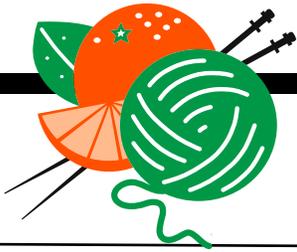
We are starting another new year and this is when people usually reflect back on the past year. I am choosing the other approach, looking forward to this upcoming year. There are so many great things coming our way this year.

This month's meeting is definitely one you should not miss. It is our planning and budget meeting for the upcoming year. We will be discussing all of the programs for next year and how we are planning on paying for all the fun!

On a very personal note, December 28 was my mother's 93rd birthday. She is a huge supporter of the Guild and offers her support in ways you will never see. I do all of the sorting, bagging and other organizing for our auction in her living room. She helps to keep me on track and not get buried in all of the yarn. During COVID, when we did not have auctions, she stored all the yarn, strategically hidden, for nearly three years. I am grateful to have her.

Speaking of the auction, I will once again be collecting donations for our auction. Text me and we can work out a time for pickup or bring it to a meeting. If you are bringing it to a meeting, send me a text first so I can make sure I have enough room in my car.

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

December Election and Holiday Party was.....

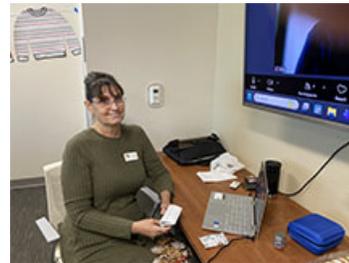
.....a huge success.

Thank you to Marlene and your election committee for the work done on compiling a slate for the election.

Thank you Marlene and Amanda for planning the Holiday Party of games, projects and prizes.

Thank you to all who contributed ornaments for the exchange and cookies to share.

A special thanks goes out to Amanda for treating us to her homemade soups and sourdough bread!



Running it all for those at home



In memorandum

Memorial Services for Valerie Turner will be held January 10th, at the Janet Goeske Center, from 1:00 to 4:00. 5257 Sierra St., Riverside CA



Coming up



Feb 7th general meeting

Our February general meeting will be ZOOM ONLY due to library being unavailable.

Members will vote on approving our 2026 budget. We will also have a "Show & Share" presentation of your completed projects so please send your photos to Donna Guiliano and include your method(s) of how you document your project history.

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 device.



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.



tentative schedule for 2026

General Meetings

are always on ZOOM; sometimes Hybrid
10:15 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 plan on participating again in 2026 (Date to be announced)
Our knit and crochet "squares" will be used to decorate our booth.

Yarn Auction

to be held after our
May 3rd. general meeting

**We are collecting yarn
for the 2026 auction.
Contact Mary with a text
if you have some
to donate**

JAN	1-15-26	Virtual Happy Hour
	1-17-26	Third Saturday
FEB	2-7-26	General Meeting, ZOOM only - Show & Share
	2-19-26	Third Saturday
	2-21-26	Virtual Happy Hour
MAR	3-7-26	General Meeting - Basic K&C Chicken Class
	3-19-26	Third Saturday
	3-21-26	Virtual Happy Hour
APR	4-4-26	General Meeting - Member to Member Class
	4-16-26	Virtual Happy Hour
	4-18-26	Third Saturday
MAY	5-2-26	General Meeting - AUCTION
	5-16-26	Third Saturday
	5-21-26	Virtual Happy Hour
JUN	6-6-26	General Meeting - Member to Member Class
	6-13-26	World Wide Knit in Public Day - Tyler Galleria
	6-18-26	Virtual Happy Hour
	6-20-26	Third Saturday - possibly a by this month
JUL	7-11-26	General Meeting - Christmas in July
	7-16-26	Third Saturday
	7-18-26	Virtual Happy Hour
AUG	8-1-26	General Meeting - Member to Member Class
	8-15-26	Third Saturday
	8-20-26	Virtual Happy Hour
SEP	9-5-26	General Meeting - Member to Member Class
	9-17-26	Virtual Happy Hour
	9-19-26	Third Saturday
OCT	10-3-26	General Meeting - Chicken Stuffing
	10-15-26	Virtual Happy Hour
	10-17-26	Third Saturday
NOV	11-7-26	General Meeting - Squares & Outreach due
	11-19-26	Virtual Happy Hour
	11-21-26	Third Saturday
DEC	12-5-26	General Meeting, Election & Holiday Party
	12-17-26	Virtual Happy Hour
	12-19-26	Third Saturday

fyi

A group of knitters is called a kit or cozy.
A group of crocheters is called a crew.

Therefore RKG must be a "cozy crew"