

Feb 7th  
Zoom Only!



# Newsletter

## Riverside Knitting Guild

**General Meeting**  
**Sat., Feb. 7th, 10:15 am Pacific**

February 2026

Welcome  
new members!  
**Christina Catalano**  
**Bela Detlefsen**

**\$15**  
Dues are due for  
returning members

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

- Auction**  
Mary Swartzel
- Virtual Happy Hour**  
Donna Guilliano

### PUBLICITY

- Historian**  
Gerri Lichtenberg  
Rachael Torres
- Face-book**  
Cathy Boston
- Instagram Host**  
Rachael Torres
- Newsletter**  
Susan Sandoval
- Web Site**  
Kandie McNeil
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1 Crochet, *Heart and Soul Ornament*, Maria Molodova  
 2 Knit, *Rustic Little Heart*, Heidi Kirmaier  
 3 Knit, *Dimensional Ornament*, Nicky Epstein

We are off and running with the new year. Last month Amanda presented a great year of programs and Faith presented the 2026 budget. Our 2026 budget will be voted on by membership this meeting. Check and review the revised budget as emailed today.

*Show-n-Share*  
We will expect to have time for an extended Show & Share presentation of your completed projects. Please send your photos to Rachael Torres and include your method(s) of how you document your project history. Also include if you give her permission to post your projects to the RKG Instagram page.

Donna Guilliano has offered to host the Virtual Happy Hour. She has graciously volunteered to collect and the "EMS" Chickens for distribution to the RUSD Wellness Centers and the Riverside Restorative Transformation Center.

There are still other appointed positions open, so please contact Mary if you would like to take part. Details about the various positions will be explained during meetings. As some are single, short term projects and others continue through the year, it is a flexible way to get involved.

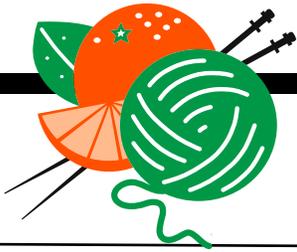
If you are subject to 2026 dues, and have not already renewed your membership, please do so this month. This can be done using PayPal or contacting Faith for information on paying by check or cash. Members who have not renewed by the end of February, will be removed from the roster for benefits and communications. Faith expects to be at the general meeting and the 3rd Saturday for those planning on paying with cash or check.

### Presidents Message

Hello Fellow Artists,  
Some months I cannot wait to type out a letter to all of you, other months I struggle to find a topic that I think will appeal to any of you. This month the latter. Not going lie, it has been a rough month. The one thing that has helped me reduce my stress has been to keep a knitting project in my car. It is a pair of socks that I had planned on getting done for Socktober, last Socktober. Anyway, I am finding that I am making great progress. Waiting in line to get the oil changed in the car can equal a few rounds. I tend to make phone calls for appointments sitting in my car so that home chores do not distract me. And while I still do not like sitting on hold for 15 or more minutes, those minutes are really adding up to lots of progress. I am actually working the decreases for the toes. And who knows, I have more calls to make tomorrow, I might actually get them finished in time for this month's Show and Share.

See you 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.**



## Riverside Knitting Guild

### in progress

Due to the ongoing need by RUSD Wellness Centers and the Riverside Restorative Transformation Center, we are continuing the emotional support knit and crocheted chickens as a project for 2026. These will be distributed throughout the year to better meet the needs of all.

Mary emailed a link to all patterns last month and we are working on a member only access page to our website for an easy way to distribute guild project patterns.

There are still a few kits using yarn donated by Rich Turner from Val's yarn stash for those of you who would like to make a chicken from her stash. Special memorial tags are included for these chickens.

Continued thanks go to The Knitting Tree LA, for their support in this project.



### Coming up

#### Member to Member taught classes after general meetings

Back to Basics Knit and Crochet including chicken review - scheduled for March

Introduction to Cables - Scheduled for April



May 2nd

#### Annual Yarn Auction!!!

Save the date on your calendar and spread the news to all your friends that use yarn for:

#### GREAT Finds, Deals & Fun!

Riverside Arlanza Library after general meeting.  
10:30am(approx.) to how ever long it takes!

***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

## 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 (November 21-22)  
Our knit and crochet "squares" will be used to decorate our booth.

### 2026 Yarn Auctions

to be held May 3rd and Oct 3rd.  
after our general meetings.

We are collecting yarn  
for the auctions.  
Contact Mary with a text  
if you have yarn  
to donate

<b>FEB</b>	2-19-26	Third Saturday
	2-21-26	Virtual Happy Hour
<b>MAR</b>	3-7-26	General Meeting - Basic K&C Class + chicken help
	3-19-26	Third Saturday
	3-21-26	Virtual Happy Hour
<b>APR</b>	4-4-26	General Meeting - Member to Member
	4-16-26	Virtual Happy Hour
	4-18-26	Third Saturday
<b>MAY</b>	5-2-26	General Meeting - AUCTION - Part 1
	5-16-26	Third Saturday
	5-21-26	Virtual Happy Hour
<b>JUN</b>	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
<b>JUL</b>	7-11-26	General Meeting - Winter Holiday in July
	7-16-26	Third Saturday
	7-18-26	Virtual Happy Hour
<b>AUG</b>	8-1-26	General Meeting - Member to Member Class
	8-15-26	Third Saturday
	8-20-26	Virtual Happy Hour
<b>SEP</b>	9-5-26	General Meeting - Member to Member Class
	9-17-26	Virtual Happy Hour
	9-19-26	Third Saturday
<b>OCT</b>	10-3-26	General Meeting - Auction Part 2
	10-15-26	Virtual Happy Hour
	10-17-26	Third Saturday
<b>NOV</b>	11-7-26	General Meeting - Squares & Outreach due
	11-19-26	Virtual Happy Hour
	11-21&22-26	SoCal Fiber Fair
<b>DEC</b>	12-5-26	General Meeting, Election & Holiday Party
	12-17-26	Virtual Happy Hour
	12-19-26	Third Saturday



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