Riverside Knitting Guild Newsletter

October 2026

Oct. 3rd
In-person
ONLY*

General Meeting

Sat., Oct. 3rd, 10:30 am Pacific

Thank you Amanda and Carley for teaching us two different techniques of Mosaic Crochet. We appreciate the time and planning as well as the willingness to share your talents.

After our brief in-person only meeting it is....



Auction Time!!!

Spread the news to all your yarn loving friends . The auction is open to all, however, we ask that non-members pay with cash or

GREAT Finds, Deals & Fun!

Be prepared and bring a snack that can be eaten during a break in the action as well as an extra bag, (or two.)

Riverside Arlanza Library after general meeting.
11:15am (approx.) to how ever long it takes!

**The general meeting prior to the yarn auction along with the auction itself, are in-person only.*



Presidents Message

Hello Fiber Friends!

Much like Santa's elves, I have been hard at work trying to get the auction ready for all of us to enjoy. Then this thing happened, I got sick. I got a throat thing from my allergies and I did something I virtually never do; I took some time off to recover. It is truly amazing how much faster you can recover when you stop pushing yourself to exhaustion day after day. I am nearly recovered and you may be asking yourself why I am telling you this. Here is the thing, during that time off, I was not working on the auction. So this auction will be much smaller than usual, but there will still be some fantastic bargains to be found. As usual, bring a beverage and a snack and let us all have some fun.

Happy crafting, 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
Atia Gul

LEADERSHIP

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Riverside Knitting Guild

Coming up

Please donate your chickens and balloon animals as you make them. They will be distributed throughout the year.

November 21& 22 SOCAL FIBER FAIR

Tickets on sale now

A sign up sheet for your shift preference will be passed around at the October meeting. Share parking fee by carpooling.

December 5, Election and Holiday Party!

Our general meeting and election are hybrid. The party games and prizes are also hybrid. However, for the full experience , all who can make it in-person do so for the taste of the goodies.

Reminder, Nov. 7th

Show-n-Share

extended program

Send photos of your completed projects to Rachael Torres for the presentation at the Nov. meeting.
(Please send them as they are completed to avoid an avalanche for her to contend with.)
Deadline to be included in the program is Tues, Nov 3rd.

Knit and Crochet make alongs

Squares for Fall

Our continuing monthly project of free knit and crochet pattern are emailed directly to members. They are also stored on our RKG Google Drive. These small squares are a perfect opportunity to learn or practice a new skill.

Knit





Crochet



Checkerboard

for the Good of the Guild

POSITION FILLED After doing a terrific job navigating the change in servers and updating our website, Kandi will be stepping down from handling our website. We thank her for the hours she has put in to make it beautiful, easy to use, maintain and updated to our needs. Rachael Torres has volunteered to maintain the site.

Thank you Rachael!

There is still time to submit your ideas in writing to the RKG email for some RKG funds can be used to BENEFIT the ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP.

HELP WANTED Please consider a active position in the guild.

Our Board is responsible for so much more than what we see at the meetings. The positions and their duties are listed in our bi-laws on our web page. Some additional commitment and time may be required at times, but you will also find it rewarding.

If you know that you cannot commit to a one year term, consider helping out on short term projects such as the nomination committee, and holiday parties.

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.

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tentative schedule for 2026

Please Note!
There will be no 3rd Saturday at the mall in November due to the Fiber Fair

General Meetings
Except for auction days, we are generally Hybrid (In-person and Zoom)
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

OCT	10-15-26	Virtual Happy Hour
	10-17-26	Third Saturday
NOV	11-7-26	General Meeting - Show-n-Share presentation
	11-19-26	Virtual Happy Hour
	11-21&22-26	SoCal Fiber Fair
DEC	12-5-26	General Meeting, Election & Holiday Party
	12-17-26	Virtual Happy Hour
	12-19-26	Third Saturday

member's corner getting to know... Sue Sandoval



I was born in Seattle Washington. Ike was about to start his first term as President. My brother was anticipating our family getting a TV. He got another sister instead. He already had a sister, but he did not have a TV.

My Grandmother was very much a part of our family and it was she who first taught me to knit. My first project was a pair of slippers and I must have made a pair of slippers for every doll in the neighborhood.

Fast forward about 30-40 years. After my duties as a working mom eased, I finally had some spare time to take up knitting again. We raised our kids in Downey and then moved to Riverside. Until I retired, my daily train commute allowed the perfect time to knit for an hour every morning. We had a regular knit/crochet/chat/eat section on the train.

I found out about the guild via the internet and joined in October of 2015. I had retired from graphic design and was newly widowed after a 43 year marriage. Some of you will understand the free-fall, and the guild filled a place to "hang on" while I righted myself.

I do not really have a favorite fiber or designer because I seem to like them all. My preference is knitting because I still feel like I am wrestling with my yarn when I crochet. I knit the way I cook. I ***may*** follow a recipe/pattern once, but my preference is to put my own stamp on it.

General Reminder to all members!
RKG uses the same Meeting ID and passcode for hybrid meetings as well as Virtual Happy Hour.
We do not publish the information in the newsletter as the newsletter is open to anyone who views our website. The info is emailed prior to general meetings direct to members, however, it is always the same so you may want to archive it in your own files for future use.
The Google Drive area of our RKG site stores the current membership list and patterns for easy access.

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