



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
Tuesday, November 3.

Aug. 1st
Hybrid

Riverside Knitting Guild

General Meeting

Sat., Aug. 1st, 10:15 am Pacific

Thank you Kim, for making our July meeting such a great fun with prizes, treats and projects. Also, thank you to all our board members who participated in knitting and crocheting our "bunny" bodies!

After this August business meeting, Kim will be demonstrating the ladder-back, jacquard technique. You will have the opportunity to knit a "mug cozy" using this technique.

Materials needed: Two colors of high contrast DK weight yarn with double pointed needles (Size 4 or 5) Skill level required: knitting in the round. The materials list and homework were emailed to members July 7th around 9:00pm, and resent on July 21.



Welcome
new member
Anna McReynolds

Newsletter

August 2026

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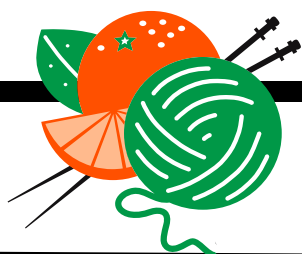
Hello My Favorite Artists!

I sincerely hope that all of you have found a way to stay cool. Now is a great time of year for our smaller projects. I do not feel any of us really want to be sweltering under the afghan we need to finish before the holidays; there is still plenty of time to get it done. Instead, this is a great time of year for socks, mittens, hats, scarves, or something of that size. I have been crocheting balloon animals for our Fiber Fair booth. They are small and work up rather quickly. After Fiber Fair, Donna will get them distributed to our outreach program. There is information in this newsletter about the balloon dog pattern that I have used. It does look like a sausage link during the process so it is great for hot weather creating. If you need yarn for this, please reach out to me and I will bring you some yarn!

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.



Riverside Knitting Guild

Coming up

Member to Member taught class after general meeting

September 5 Mosaic Crochet

Amanda and Carly will be instructing us on inset and overlay techniques. More information and a materials list will be sent closer to the event.

Knit and Crochet make alongs taking a summer break

New outreach options to Knit or Crochet

Balloon Animals!



Crochet
Free pattern
on Ravelry
"Balloon Dog"
by Gloria B

Those of you who may need a break from making "chickens", "balloon animals" may be a welcome change. Not only can these be collected and given to the outreach centers, they can also be used to decorate our booth this year at the Fiber Fair.

Free knit patterns of a frog, elephant, giraffe, dachshund and bunny are available online at Lion Brand Yarn. A free crochet dog pattern is available on Ravelry. Once you get the hang of it, you can probably come up with a menagerie of your own!

For multiple animal crochet patterns, check out the book, "Knot Monsters"; (Balloon Animal Edition) by Michael Cao.

These adorable animals won't pop!

Knit - Free patterns on Lion Brand yarn site



for the Good of the Guild

HELP WANTED

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. Now that the work has been done, we are looking for a volunteer member to maintain the site. Contact Mary if you are willing to help in this way.

HELP WANTED

Anyone interested in Chairing or serving on the Holiday Party please contact Amanda or Mary. Amanda has ideas to share, but will not be in person to execute.

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Our past yarn auction and one time generous donation from the Hemet guild, have brought our bank balance up.

It is time to consider how some of these funds can be used to BENEFIT the ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP. Please submit your ideas in writing to the RKG email.

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

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

General Meetings

Except for auction days, we 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 will participate again in 2026

Next 2026 Yarn Auction

to be held Oct 3rd. after our general meeting

At this time, auctions are in-person only.

AUG	8-15-26	Third Saturday
	8-20-26	Virtual Happy Hour
SEP	9-5-26	General Meeting - <i>Member to Member</i> Mosaic Crochet
	9-17-26	Virtual Happy Hour
	9-19-26	Third Saturday
OCT	10-3-26	General Meeting - Auction Part 2
	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... Brittany Smith



New member Brittany Smith, learned to knit off you tube. While she prefers to knit, she also learned to crochet from a "Klutz" book.

With a hat being her first project, her most memorable one was to knit a lace weight baby blanket for her first born.

Her favorite knitting accessory is a bag she ordered off etsy that holds all her ChiaoGoo needles.

Her favorite designers are Natasha Hornby, Isabell Kraemer and Andrea Mowry.

Brittany joined RKG in June, looking to learn new things, make friends, and keep herself motivated. She has lived in Riverside all her life, has three little kids, and works part time as a labor and delivery RN.

In Brittany's own words: "I love knitting because it gets me into the flow state more quickly, helps quiet my mind and lower anxious thoughts. It's also beautiful and challenging."

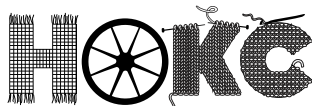
Thank you, Brittany, for sharing your story.

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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