



**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.

**Sept. 5th
Hybrid**

Riverside Knitting Guild

General Meeting

Sat., Sept. 5th, 10:15 am Pacific



Thank you Kim, for demonstrating the ladder-back, jacquard technique. Our "mug Cozy's" were a fun project to learn this useful technique that we can easily apply to future projects.

After this September general meeting we will have members Amanda and Carly teaching the inset and overlay techniques of mosaic crochet. You will need two contrasting colors of like weight yarn with appropriate hook size.

Homework for INSET technique: ch 18, turn, sc 17, turn. sc 17.

Homework for OVERLAY technique: ch 13 and sc into the back bump across (13 stitches)

Thanks to our new cameras and equipment, our technicians Chloe and Alisa have enabled both the on-line and in-person members to get the most out of these demonstrations.



Newsletter

September 2026

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Presidents Message

Hello Fiber Friends!

I have been waiting since May to write this letter because I wanted it to be timely. September is National Preparedness Month. There are lots of resources on line that list things you should put into your Go Bag. For those of you unfamiliar with what a Go Bag is, it is the bag you take with you when you have five minutes to evacuate your home. Here is a great resource for that information <https://www.ready.gov/> as well as a great deal of other information on readiness. I do want to add one thing that is not on this list. Now, while you are not in the midst of a crisis, go through your home and take photographs of each room; any artwork, furniture, your yarn stash, everything. A friend of mine lost her home during the Eaton Fire and by a chance of fate she had photographed everything. When it came time to talk to the insurance company, it made it so much easier on everyone. She had photographic proof of what was in her home.

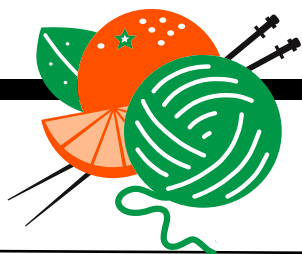
Back in May I got the phone call I tend to expect, but dread. It was my husband, "Hey, I'm gonna need a ride to the hospital." This was not the first time I have driven him to an ER, and I was prepared. I had a knitting project in a bag ready to go to pass the time during the wait. Here are my suggestions for that go bag: a small, simple, project with printed instructions in the bag, not on your phone, you may need to save your phone battery; have the correct needles or hook in the bag; leave out the scissors as, depending where you end up, they may be confiscated. You can either use nail clippers or unply your yarn and carefully break each strand. I also recommend a snack; you never know how long you are going to be there. Here is what I noticed during my visit, when I took out my knitting, it gave everyone in the room something else to focus on. People asked what I was making, commented on the color, and genuinely wanted to see my progress. It really made that trip much less stressful. And because I do not want to leave you wondering, the husband is recovering nicely.

Be safe and be prepared. 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.



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Coming up October 3, Yarn AUCTION, part 2

November 21& 22 **SOCAL FIBER FAIR**

Tickets on sale now

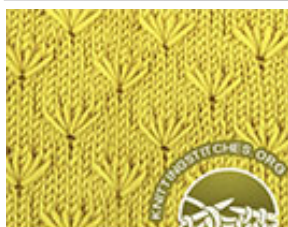
December 5, Election and Holiday Party

Knit and Crochet make alongs

Squares for Summer

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



TEXTURED KNITTING
Dandelion flower



SLIP STITCH KNITTING
Butterfly stitch

Crochet



Sand Dollar

Outreach update Knit or Crochet chickens and balloon animals



We will be donating chickens throughout the year. Please bring them in as you complete them and Donna can distribute them.

We will be using the balloon animals to decorate our booth at the fiber fair. Please bring them in as completed as well, so we will have an idea as to how many we have. After the fair, these will also go to the wellness centers at the RUSD high schools.

Patterns are on the RKG google drive.



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.

It is time to consider how some RKG funds can be used to BENE-FIT 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

SEP	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... Nicole L'Hommedieu-Navarro



Nicole is our current membership chair for the guild. She joined the guild in 2019 after a former member, Shelli Keller brought her to a meeting. She is a self taught knitter but her main love is crochet.

Nicole grew up learning crochet from both her mom and grandma. Her first project was a reversible bed pillow with an American flag on one side and the French flag on the other. Her most memorable and favorite projects are baby blankets. Nicole's favorite tool, a size 7 clover hook, has been used to the extent the yellow color has worn off!

Crochet has been a useful tool to bring her into and keep her in a positive present. In her words, "it helps me stay away from the dark".

Nicole's love of crochet and baseball go hand in hand. While relaxing before the game you will find her crocheting. Crocheted baseballs and hot dogs have been among her projects she has given as gifts.

Nicole's favorite designer is a pattern writer, author and YouTube personality, Crochet by Genna.

You can watch Nicole on YouTube to see all the fun things she does. Crochet Happy I am

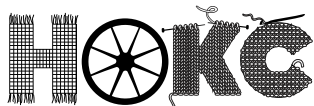
Thank you, Nicole, for sharing your story.

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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