

MKG Newsletter

December 2010



Presidents' Message

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone,

We hope that you enjoy Thanksgiving and the Holiday Season. Remember that next month will be our Christmas Party and pot luck. Bring a favorite dish to share. If you have yarn that you don't think you will never use, bring it to the meeting for our fun yarn exchange.

In addition, remember to bring your prayer shawls. We will present them to the church representative.

This year we mailed 10 scarves to Operation Gratitude and have given some to Diane's nephew to distribute in his unit. I have saved a few for her. If you have more at home please bring them to the meeting.

See you at the meeting,

Marcia & Nazee

MKG Nov. 13, 2010 meeting minutes

President Marcia Hammett opened the meeting at 10 o'clock. Thirteen MKG members attended the meeting.

Nazee Fard reported that members made 14 scarves and one hat for Operation Gratitude. She is taking care of shipping 10 scarves, and the other scarves and the hat are going to Operation Gratitude through a church organization to which a member belongs.

Prayer shawls are due next month at our December Pot Luck. Several members showed their completed or in-progress shawls, one of which was constructed using the Magic Loop method for binding the ends. The four shawls that were given to St. Luke's Prayer Ministry at a previous meeting were greatly appreciated by the Ministry.

Thanks to Phyllis Camp who brought in unfinished yarn projects as well as several knitting bags for recycling to MKG members from the yarn store 9 Rubies. Thanks also to Marcia who donated a stack of recent knitting and crocheting magazines. Nazee passed around sample yarns sent to her by Red Heart and craft gloves that may alleviate stress problems. Nazee also passed around the socks that she created for publication in the latest issue of *Creative Knitting*.

Guild members discussed today's topic: their favorite needles and where they store them. Among storage places mentioned were cloth holders, knitting bags, desk drawers, potato chip cans and an antique box.

During Show & Tell, members discussed a visit by one member to the well-stocked Cottage Yarns store in South San Francisco, Ravelry patterns, YouTube training videos, Joanne Crafts' plans to expand its yarn sections in its stores nationwide in response to customer requests, Ben Franklin's strict 30-day yarn return policy, author Debbie Stoller's demonstration on KRON Channel 4 of button patches for children's sweaters, the Vogue Live from New York Knitting Conference in January 2011 (see Vogueknitting.com for

details), Twist Collective Designs knitting patterns available at twistcollective.com, that [Knit Circus Magazine](#) now is only on line, and that Knitters Magazine can be downloaded using software the magazine provides, but the software may not be easy to remove from your computer. There was also a discussion of confiscation of knitting needles at airports outside the U.S.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Cooperman



Check it out!

Twistcollective.com ---an on-line magazine

Quinceandco.com ---patterns

Elann.com – yarns and patterns

Littleknits.com -- yarns and patterns

Woolly Wormhead ---hat patterns, through Ravelry

Knithappens.com ---Stitch & Bitch website—Debbie Stoller

SarahLondon.wordpress.com – crochet granny square patterns and kits

...some new not-so-expensive yarns: *Bernat Babycakes*, *Patons Lace*, *Bernat Baby Jacquards*, *Bernat Watercolors*, *Bernat Mosaic*, *Surgar&Cream Denim*, *Patons Behive*, *RedHeart Heart & Sole with Aloe*, *RedHeart Ecocotton blend*

Some of the charities MKG members support:

Operation Gratitude—scarves for the military, acrylic or wool (Nazee)

Blue Star Moms – scarves, helmet liners, caps for the military, dark military colors, 100% wool (Christine or Diane S.)

Chemo Caps –for Kaiser Chemo center, any soft fiber (Christine)

Baby hats –for St. Luke's Hospital in SF (Christine)

Prayer shawls –for St. Luke's in San Rafael –due at the December meeting (Marcia)

Tip of the month: If you want a cable on a 2 needle sock, use the idle needle as the cable needle.(thank you, Cathy Avila)

Your Checklist for the December meeting

_____Potluck Bring a dish to share. Christine will provide plates, forks, and cups

_____Prayer Shawl for the church

_____Yarn for the yarn exchange—Shake up your stash and swap some yarn!

_____Your smile!