

MKG Newsletter

February 2011

Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY FEB. 2 YARN CRAWL

Please note the date change!

Meet at Cathy Puccetti's house; no later than 9:15 AM, and we can car pool.

2221 Parkland Way, Petaluma, 94954,

1-707-778-6579

First stop: Balls and Skeins Yarn shop

www.ballsaandskeins.com

899 Gravenstein Hwy. S, Sebastopol, CA,

1-707-824-8991

Owner, Pam has been wonderful.

She is opening her shop one hr. early for us and our private use, and she will have coffee and tea, and a 10 % discount on our purchases.

Next stop: Cast a Way Yarn shop,

www.castawayyarn.com 111 4th street, Santa Rosa, CA, 1-707-546-9276

Last stop:

Out on a Whim, fabulous bead store,

www.whimbeads.com

121 E. Cotati Ave, Cotati, CA, 1-707-664-8343

Directions to Cathy's: Coming south on 101, exit East Washington Street, turn right at the light, continue straight through three lights, and keep going two more streets. Turn right at Parkland Way, after Garfield and before the airport, I am midway down on the right.

Please RSVP and sign up with Cathy P.

Presidents' Message



Happy Valentine's Day to all of you! Hopefully, you are knitting a surprise something for your own special Valentine. Me, I'm still working on the Christmas sweater that I gave my husband which was minus the left sleeve. Yes, I ran out of yarn and had to order more. Looks like it will be a great Valentine gift.

Nazee and I are excited about this month's sock tips and techniques program presented by Cathy and look forward to seeing all of you at the next meeting.

Marcia and Nazee

Upcoming Events—con't

Feb. 12 MKG Meeting

Socks! Socks! Socks! Bring in your sock questions and unusual socks you have made to share. Cathy Aviles (resident sock expert) will demonstrate and teach Judy's magic cast on, the Kitchener stitch, and a beautiful, loose cast-off. Supply list: needles, yarn, scissors, 2 swatches left on needles for Kitchener stitch, tapestry needle, and unfinished socks still on the needles if you have them.

March 11 MKG Meeting

Stitches West wrap-up. Share your Stitches West experience, classes, yarns and patterns.

April 8 MKG Meeting

Phyllis Camp, professional finisher, will teach our group how to apply a zipper to your knitted garments. Supply list to follow.

May 13 MKG Meeting

Show off our group project—the scalloped swing shawl

Check it out!

Your local yarn shop (LYS) during Stitches West weekend.

Many are having great sales.

The Marin Knitters' Guild group on Ravelry—check out

the shared projects section to see the wonderful items our fellow guild members are making.

Touch & Go Knitting—an iPad app

iTunes—for podcasts (many are free) to knit by

January MKG meeting minutes

Programs Chair Cathy Puccetti opened the meeting at 10 o'clock, filling in for co-presidents Marcia Hammett and Nazee Fard, who were unable to join us. Eighteen members, including two new members, Terry Crotti and Kay Baker, attended the meeting. In addition, Sandy Schou from Michigan attended as a guest. Sandy leads a knitting group of 200 in her home town.

OLD BUSINESS

Dues - Unpaid dues are payable today. Dues have been reduced to \$20 for 2011. Those with unpaid dues will no longer have access to the Marin Knitters Guild's Yahoo Group.

Tax Status of the Marin Knitters Guild – Arlene Finn reported that she had talked to a representative of The Knitting Guild Association (TKGA) who said that MKG does not come under its tax umbrella. A committee composed of Arlene Finn, Cathy Aviles, Dana Dunn and Marilyn Klag was formed to continue research on this question.

They were given two documents to review (a document from TKGA on Guild Dues, Expenses, Proof of Insurance, Non-Profit Status and the

importance of Storing Historical Records for Your Guild for tax purposes, and a printout on Social Clubs from www.irs.gov).

We may need to file taxes (but not pay them). We will need a local accountant to serve as auditor. Elaine Johnson will contact Congresswoman Woolsey's office to see if they can provide information.

Name Tags – Arlene Finn made new name tags and holders for MKG members. She reported that plastic clip-ons would have cost \$100, so she selected plastic holders that have pin-on backings for \$17. The new name tags replaced the ones with elastic strings. The new tags, pinned at shoulder level, are much easier to see than the old ones.

Treasurer's Report - Dana Dunn reported that we have \$600.17 in our savings account and 937.94 in our checking account.

NEW BUSINESS

February and March Programs - Cathy Puccetti put on her Program Chair hat and reported that she had arranged the following programs:

1. February will be "Sock Month." Cathy Aviles will teach Judy's Magic Circle Cast-on, the Kitchener Stitch and a special bind off. (You will need two 20-stitch swatches live in the needles for the Kitchener Stitch exercise.) Bring socks for Show and Tell if you have them.
2. Thursday, February 3, 2011 Yarn Crawl. We either will meet at Cathy Puccetti's in Petaluma or at the first stop on our yarn crawl, Out On A Whim, a bead store in Cotati. Then we'll go to Railroad Square in Santa Rosa where we can choose among three restaurants for lunch, visit Cast Away, turn south to visit Balls & Skeins in Sebastopol, and, if there is time, stop at Knitterly in Petaluma.

The Stitches West Trade Show will take place Friday-Sunday, February 18-20, 2011 in Santa Clara. We will discuss carpooling to Stitches at our February

meeting and have reports on Stitches West at our March meeting.

2011 Marin County Fair – Elaine Johnson reported that the Golden Gate Bridge's 75th anniversary will be the theme this year. She suggested that we knit the Golden Gate Bridge pattern on sweaters using the GGB design used on a cap displayed at an earlier meeting. She will contact the fair to ask if she can proofread the brochure for accuracy before it is printed. Lois Errante suggested adding a "Home Arts" category for pillows and non-wearable items.

MGK members moved and seconded the following awards for 2011: one big prize of \$100 for "Best in Show" of all knitting entries, and, at Joan Schwartz's suggestion, a \$25 gift certificate in the Junior Category for Dharma in San Rafael.

Elaine is encouraging the fair to make payment of entry fees electronic, rather than mail-in. Entry forms are due in May, and entry items are due in mid-June. Entry fees for each item may increase from \$1.50 to \$2. Volunteers who serve two hours at the fair will receive a free pass to the fair. More details at future meetings.

Library Report – Nazee sent along two suggestions: *A Holiday Yarn: A Seaside Knitters Mystery* by Sally Goldenbaum and *You Better Knot Die* by Betty Hechtman, a new crochet mystery book.

Show and Tell - MKG members reported on works in progress and recently completed projects, including a number of hand-warmers, of which one set was made by Diane Sack from wonderfully soft and warm combed-out Keeshond undercoat.

Group Project – Diane Sack provided instructions for and advice on starting a Swing Shawl. She will be available to help out as questions come up at future meetings.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Cooperman