

Marin Knitters' Guild

Newsletter

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CHECK IT OUT!

www.sanguinegryphon.com

Yarns

www.premiumyarn.com A
mail order yarn co. based
here in San Anselmo

www.danielaedburg.com/work.htm Photographs of
compulsive knitters

Photo below: Leona and
Christine with Nazee's
sweater at Stitches in the
Red Heart booth.

Presidents' Message

At this month's meeting, we are looking forward to hearing about this year's Stitches event from those that were able to attend. I for one can't wait to hear about the latest yarn colors, fibers, and accessories. I'm hoping that members who took classes will be able to share some of their new found knowledge with the rest of us.

As we head into the spring let me remind everyone that it's time to start thinking about a new board for next year. We should be organizing a slate of officers to vote on in April, with the transition taking place in May.

Our present Secretary, Jane Cooperman has graciously agreed to stay on another year. Jane does a superb job and I'm so pleased that she will be a returning member of next year's board as well.

Nazee and I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting.

Marcia and Nazee

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 11, 2011 - Stitches-Stitches-Stitches, discussion what you saw, did, purchased, learned, show and tell, etc.

April 8, 2011 - Phyllis Camp, expert finisher will discuss how to apply a zipper for our knitted garments. Annual pot holder exchange, knit or crochet a pot holder with non flammable yarn, we will share, display and exchange.

May 13, 2011 - Welcome new program chair. We will share, discuss our group project, the scalloped swing shawl.

To all the members of the Marin Knitters' Guild, thank you for allowing me to be your program chair this past year, it has been delightful. I also want to thank everyone for their help, suggestions, and support. Fondly, Cathy Puccetti



February 12, 2011 Meeting Minutes

President Marcia Hammett opened the meeting at 10 o'clock. Seventeen members attended. In addition, Sandy Schou from Michigan joined us for a second time.

OLD BUSINESS

YARN CRAWL REPORT - Eleven members participated in the Yarn Crawl on Thursday, February 10th. Cathy Puccetti, our Programs Chair, did a fabulous job planning the event, and everyone who participated had a wonderful day. We started off meeting at the Balls and Skeins Yarn Shop in Sebastopol. The store manager opened the store at 10 for us (she usually opens at 11) and she provided beverages and breakfast pastries to welcome us. Those of us who had not ventured to this store in the past likely will be back in the future because of the warm welcome of our Guild, the cozy atmosphere and the really terrific selection of yarn and accessories. Next, we drove to Old Town in Santa Rosa for lunch at Jackson's on 4th Street where we enjoyed the food and conversation. We also took a few minutes to see the Cast Away Yarn Shop half a block from Jackson's. We skipped Out On A Whim, a bead store in Cotati, because the owners were at a program out of town and they took their yarn-ready beads with them.

TAX STATUS OF THE MARIN KNITTERS GUILD – We briefly discussed our need for an accountant to review a few questions and help with tax forms, but otherwise postponed the discussion until our next meeting.

MARIN KNITTERS GUILD RETREAT – Cathy Puccetti reported that the retreat has been postponed until the fall. A new committee, on which she volunteered to serve, will be asked to work on the retreat.

NAME TAGS – The new pin-on name tags and new file box for them that Arlene Finn made for us for our last meeting worked well again this time, and we thank Arlene again for taking on this task.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Dana Dunn, our treasurer, was unable to attend the February meeting and will report at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

OFFICERS FOR 2011-2012 - We will elect new officers in May, so start thinking about submitting your name for officer positions and joining committees.

CHARITY PROJECTS – We do not have any specific charity projects at the moment, but the church in which we hold our meetings will always be happy to accept prayer shawls, and Blue Star Mothers will also be delighted to accept helmet liners and hats.

KNITTING PROGRAMS –

Interweave Knits will hold a knitting lab program November 3-6 at the Marriott in San Mateo. Registration is not yet open, but you may sign up for emails announcing the opening of registration by Googling for *Interweave Knits Lab San Mateo*.

There is a review of the Vogue Knitting Conference in January in New York at *KnittersReview.com*.

MARIN KNITTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER – Please email Christine Bo-Lin with updates for our newsletter.

CLARIFICATION OF PAYMENT FOR MKG WORKSHOPS – As voted on at our January 2010 meeting, if a Guild member gives a presentation or mini-workshop during our regular meetings, the presenter is only reimbursed for supplies. However, if the Guild sponsors a workshop outside the monthly meeting, the participants may be charged a fee and the presenter may be compensated.

MARCH PROGRAM (Stitches) – Cathy Puccetti reported that we will spend much of our March meeting reviewing the Stitches conference that is being held in San Mateo the weekend of February 17-19. A number of us are carpooling to the Conference.

APRIL PROGRAMS (Zippers and Potholders) – Cathy Puccetti reported that Phyllis Camp will present a program on zippers and will help anyone who needs help. Phyllis will provide a supply list prior to our April Meeting. In addition, we may bring potholders to show and share for those of us who want to participate in a potholder exchange. Potholders should be made of non-flammable materials (e.g., no acrylics).

MAY PROGRAM – Bring the scarves you are making from Diane Sack's Swing Shawl pattern. We would like to show and photograph them for our Newsletter.

SHOW AND TELL – Several members brought in socks for February "Sock Month." We discussed our current projects, and several members showed their completed or in-progress shawls made using Diane Sack's Swing Shawl pattern.

CATHY AVILES' FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Cathy Aviles did an absolutely amazing job showing us three techniques that frankly have been confusing me for years but that she made uncomplicated: the Kitchener Stitch, Judy's Magic Circle Cast on (with a special long-tail feature that doubles the stitches in the first knit row) and a loose bind-off that uses yarn-overs to stretch and give flexibility to the cast off row. Cathy will record her demonstration on YouTube, and we will receive a link through our Yahoo Group.

YAHOO GROUPS LIST

If you are not receiving Yahoo Group emails, please email: marinknittersguild@yahoo.com.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Cooperman