

# Marin Knitters Guild

## Newsletter

### July 2011

#### **Presidents' Message**

We had a great meeting on June 10th, lots of members and three new people. Caroline Archer creator of the Doll Clothes Project gave a wonderful talk about her project and showed samples and provided knitwear patterns.

We want to thank Diane for hosting the Spring Pot Luck. I heard that it was a fabulous dinner party and all who attended there had fun.

Again, good luck to all the guild members entering the Marin Fair this coming 4th of July weekend. We are looking forward to seeing who won and their project.

We are looking forward to the July meeting. Marcia will show videos of new knitting stitches and provide handouts. See you then. Hope everyone is enjoying their summer, happy knitting.

Happy Knitting, Cathy and Christine

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#### **Marin Knitters Guild**

#### **June 11, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

Co-presidents Cathy Puccetti and Christine Bo-Linn presided over the June meeting. Cathy called the meeting to order and kept the meeting moving along, and Christine presented future programs information. Seventeen members and three guests attended, two of whom signed up to become members.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**TAX STATUS OF THE MARIN KNITTERS GUILD** – Marcia Hammett reported that she spoke to two CPAs about our tax status. The two CPAs advised that the Marin Knitters Guild is a social club, and, as we do not sell anything, we need not file any documents. Dana Dunn, our Treasurer, obtained an EIN (Employer Identification Number) for the Guild earlier this year, so that we have an EIN if we need it in the future.

One of the items we previously discussed in connection with this matter is amending our By-Laws to state that in case the Marin Knitters Guild disbands, any funds remaining in our treasury will be given to charity. Everyone at the June meeting agreed with this proposal. Cathy Puccetti asked our secretary, Jane Cooperman, to work with her to draft the amendment for discussion and formal approval of the membership at a future meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – No report given.

**MARIN KNITTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER** – Cathy Aviles did a great job on her first newsletter.

**Reminder:** Please email information for the Newsletter to Cathy Aviles at [caviles@sonic.net](mailto:caviles@sonic.net) for our

2011-2012 Newsletters. She will publish information on websites, pod casts or blogs on knitting or other related crafts.

**MARIN COUNTY FAIR** – Our Marin County Fair Liaison, Elaine Johnson, reported that today, June 11, is the last day to drop off projects. She also said that volunteers are needed for the knitting area of the fair for July 4<sup>th</sup>. She will pass along the names of volunteers to the Fair. Volunteers receive one free pass for two hours of service, and two free passes for four hours of service.

**POT LUCK** – Our spring/summer Pot Luck will take place at Diane Sack's on Friday evening, June 24 at 5 PM. Members were asked to RSVP to Diane at [under4bydiane@comcast.net](mailto:under4bydiane@comcast.net).

**MEDIA** – *Yarn Bombing Update*: There was an article in the June 12, 2011 *Time Magazine* on yarn bombing. If you are interested in participating in a yarn bombing of the Belvedere-Tiburon Library, please contact Christine Bo-Lin.

*Crochet Highlights* - Christine also passed around an ad for a Ferragamo handbag that had "hand woven artinsal details" for \$2,750. The "details" were basic crocheted granny squares.♥ After the meeting, I found it on the internet at Neiman Marcus, which has reduced the price by 33% to \$1,842.



*Upcoming Events* - There will be a *Sock Summit* at the Portland, Oregon Convention Center July 28-21, 2011. One of our members plans to attend.

*Consignments* – An article in the June 2, 2011 *Marin Independent Journal* ([http://www.marinij.com/lifestyles/ci\\_18175858](http://www.marinij.com/lifestyles/ci_18175858)) about Black Mountain Artisans at Point Reyes Station prompted discussion of consigning to this store. When contacted after the Guild meeting, store owner Marlie de Swart confirmed that BMA pays consignors 50% of the actual sale price of items accepted for consignment. Contact Marlie for details.

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♥ Source: [http://style.pronto.com/mpm/shop/ferragamo-bags?adid=s-20070803-19017-25183\\_gs&creativeid=4154196789&ref=ferragamo+bags&site=](http://style.pronto.com/mpm/shop/ferragamo-bags?adid=s-20070803-19017-25183_gs&creativeid=4154196789&ref=ferragamo+bags&site=)

**CHARITY** – Claire Miller reported that she will be happy to take chemo caps, shawls, etc., for various charity organizations. Marilyn Klag mentioned that Mt. Zion Hospital can use chemo caps, and Cathy Puccetti said that Blue Star Moms continue to need helmet liners and other hand-knit items for soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Carita Lynch reminded us that she always is interested in getting washable yarn for the blanket project in Sonoma County. She said that someone recently left several sacks of yarn on her doorstep in which she discovered 20 pairs of knitted booties, as well as an unfinished baby blanket (which she is finishing). Carita reminded us that The Legacy at 781 Gravenstein Avenue in Sebastopol sells donated sewing and craft items to support the Sebastopol Senior Center. Check their website at: (<http://www.craftleftovers.com/blog/archives/1422>).

**PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT** – Christine Bo-Linn reported the following program plans for 2011-2012:

- June (today's meeting) – Show and Tell our **UnFinished Objects** (UFOs).
- July –Marcia Hammett will bring video equipment so that we can see videos of some new knitting stitches, plus a handout.

We will also have a mid-year yarn-swap in July.

- August – Make a 6" block of a new knitting pattern to give to Carita Lynch for the blanket project, or little doll sweaters or other knit items for Caroline Archer's project (see below for details).
- September – Christine Bo-Lin will teach us to make yarn row counters similar to stroke counters used in golf (think, abacus).
- October – We will learn to make clay FEMO buttons.
- November – Time to relax and laugh playing a game called "Knit-O."
- December – Pot luck at our meeting and another yarn swap.
- January – Christine Bo-Lin will teach us how to read Japanese charts.
- February – We hope to invite a masseuse to show us how to deal with those knitting aches and pains.
- March – Report on Stitches West.
- April – Workshop on taking better pictures of our crafts (we are looking for a photographer).
- May – Professional Organizer (we are looking for a professional organizer who will give us ideas on organizing our stashes of yarn and other craft items).
- Other ideas:
  - Knitting items with one skein of yarn.
  - Various cast-ons and cast-offs.
  - More on Ravelry, blogs, creating your own library, using the yarn section and using PayPal.
  - Group project – fingerless gloves (check Nazee's fingerless glove project on Ravelry).

## JUNE GUILD PROGRAMS

### Caroline Archer – Dolls for Sick Children

Several Marin Knitters Guild members read an article by Paul Liberatore in the May 17, 2011 Marin Independent Journal (<http://www.craftleftovers.com/blog/archives/1422>) about Caroline Archer and her doll project for girls requiring extended stays in hospitals. We were so taken by the project that we contacted Caroline and invited her to our June meeting. (I didn't know the other two ladies that were new) Caroline brought story boards with sample clothes and several of the dolls to show us.

Caroline started knitting and sewing doll clothes a few years ago for her then 5-year old grandchildren, but soon realized she needed another outlet for all of the items she found herself making. She contacted Lucile Packard Hospital at Stanford and Oakland Children's Hospital, which were thrilled to have her contribute dolls and doll costumes to them for their very ill hospitalized girls. Because of the seriousness of the medical issues of the children who receive dolls, Caroline is not able to meet the doll recipients, but she has been given heartwarming stories of their effect on the children.

She and a few friends now make ten sets of doll clothes for each doll. They also make baby hats and blankets for baby dolls. All handmade items are washed-pressed-blocked before gift packaging them with a note to the recipients.

Caroline worked with Deborah Michie at Dharma in San Rafael to design knitting patterns, which are available at the store together with a doll (for viewing) and sample items. She also has sewing patterns. She makes little sandals for each doll. Caroline has been working with friends at The Cotton Patch (Lafayette) who have been great supporters of the project.

Caroline's doll knitting patterns are posted on the file section of our Yahoo Group. Look for: *DollHats.pdf*; *SweaterTopDown.pdf*; *BabyDollHat.pdf* and *DollPoncho.pdf*.

**SHOW AND TELL** – Guild members brought their **UnFinished Objects** and, as always, displayed projects in process and discussed knit items they were wearing. We gave advice on finishing several of the UFO projects, including suggesting knitting gussets to shorten an armhole, converting a sweater to a sleeveless tunic, encouraging ripping out and starting over a project, and a recommending designating a short time each day to finish a beautiful, but boring to work on, stockinette sweater before going on to more interesting projects.

**YAHOO GROUPS LIST** – Marin Knitters Guild members who are not receiving Yahoo Group emails, should email [marinknittersguild@yahoo.com](mailto:marinknittersguild@yahoo.com) to get on our distribution list.

Respectfully Submitted by Jane Cooperman