

September 2011

Marin Knitters Guild Newsletter

Program Schedule:

September –
Making Beaded
Row Counters

October –
Making Fimo
(clay)
Buttons

November –
How to Fit a
Sweater

December –
Pot Luck and
Yarn Swap

January –
Reading
Japanese
Charts and
discuss 2012
County Fairs

February –
Massage for
Knitters

March –
Stitches
West Show &
Tell

April– Tips for
taking craft
photos

May – Stash
and craft
organizing

President's Message

Our summer weather has been sporadic this year. It's the end of August and we see the trees changing color already in many areas, and cooler nights. I am starting to think of fall and the holidays. Cool weather projects, the fall colors and textures are calling.

For those of us who plan to make knitting gifts for the holidays, the time is here. I heard on the radio yesterday that there are only 95 days before December, hard to believe.

We want to thank all of our members for their charity knitting, it is so appreciated. We have had

a great response for all the projects, The Doll project, Sonoma blanket project, scarves for the GI's, Blue Starr Moms, and helmet liners to list a few.

Speaking of charity knitting, Kathryn Mulgrew owner of Cottage Yarns in So. San Francisco has donated \$1,300.00 worth of yarn to us for our charity projects. Kathryn has been very generous; I have sent a thank you note to her on behalf of our guild.

I have invited Kai Hecker to our meeting in September; she won the teen knitting category at

the Marin Fair this year and received our donated award.

It's that time of year - dues are due at the next meeting.

For your dues to TKGA, you also receive the magazine "cast on" each quarter, making this a very good deal!

We are looking forward to the September meeting. Christine is going to show us how to make stitch markers, supplies will be provided.

Happy stitching,
Christine and Cathy

August 13, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Co-presidents Cathy Puccetti called the meeting to order and kept the meeting moving along. Nineteen members, including new member Kathryn Baston, attended the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

TAX STATUS OF THE MARIN KNITTERS GUILD –

Continuing our past discussions, Cathy

Puccetti proposed that the following amendment be added to our Guild's By-laws:

The Marin Knitters' Guild may be dissolved by a vote of a majority of the members at a meeting at which a quorum of the *current* local Board is present.

Any funds remaining in the treasury after payment of rental and other bills owed by the Marin Knitters' Guild

will be donated to a charity or charities approved by a majority of the members at a meeting at which a quorum of the *current* local Board is present.

After requesting that the word "current" be added to each paragraph, as indicated, a motion was made, seconded and carried by the membership to add the dissolution language to our Guild's By-laws.

**TREASURER'S REPORT
AND ANNUAL DUES:**

No report was given.
Please note that annual dues are due in September – they will be \$20.

CHARITY PROJECTS:

- **SONOMA BLANKET PROJECT** – Carita

Lynch collected a stack of 6" squares for the blanket project. Members who would like to make squares are welcome to do so at any time as this is an ongoing project. Washable yarns in all colors are acceptable.

If you would like to try some new stitches, some very basic stitch patterns for squares are available at www.knittingtipsbyjudy.com.

If you contribute yarn to the project and it is not needed, leftover yarn is given to The Legacy in Sebastopol, which is a thrift shop for crafts goods supporting their senior center.

Carita will bring a sample afghan to our next meeting. Almost 400 blankets have been given since 1997 to children transitioning to foster care at the Valley of the Moon Children's Home.

- **THE DOLL PROJECT**

– Several members provided knits for Caroline Archer's Doll Project at our July meeting and others provided items at the August meeting. Caroline brought complete sets of clothes she made to go with the July contributions. Each set includes a cloth carry bag so that children can take their dolls and doll clothes with them when going to treatments. This, too, is an ongoing project, so feel free to make doll garments for this project at any time. Patterns are available on our web site.

Caroline mentioned that she enjoyed meeting newscaster Kate Kelley who did the news program at which her Jefferson Award was announced.

Another congratulations to Caroline for her amazing work.

As a follow-up to this discussion, one of our members who had extensive bone marrow and other treatments a few years ago at Lucille Packard attended a program at the hospital for "graduates."

The program director told her how grateful the hospital is for

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support of this nature.

- **MOUNT ZION HOSPITAL:** Marilyn Klag reported that the Cancer Resources Center at Mount Zion Hospital provides knitting lessons and also needs chemo caps. Marilyn will be happy to take chemo caps to them.

MARIN COUNTY FAIR:

Elaine Johnson, our Marin County Fair Liaison, reported that she wrote to the Fair Manager, Jim Farley, to explain that there should only be one award in a category rather than multiple awards. He will get back to her.

The Guild received thank you letters from member Marnie Sorgen, who won Best in Show, and from the teenager who received the Junior Award. Guild members were asked to look around for potential judges from outside Marin for next year. Judges receive a small fee.

**PROGRAMS
COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Here is a list of programs provided by Christine Bo-Linn for the remaining months of 2011 and for the beginning of 2012.
Changes are in italics:

- **September** – Christine Bo-Linn will teach us to make yarn row counters similar to stroke counters used in golf (think, abacus). Christine will provide all materials. We will also have a report on the Sock Summit in Portland, Oregon.
- **October** – We will learn to make clay FEMO buttons.
- **November** – Diane Sack will teach "How to Fit a Sweater." Knit-O, tentatively scheduled for November, will be rescheduled.
- **December** – Pot luck at our meeting and another yarn swap.
- **January** – Christine Bo-Linn will teach us how to read Japanese charts. *We will also start discussing preparation for the 2012 Marin County Fair.*
- **February** – We hope to invite a masseuse to show us how to deal with those knitting aches and pains.

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- **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 meeting 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 Fard's fingerless glove project on Ravelry).



NEW BUSINESS

FIELD TRIP: The store, "A Verb for Keeping Warm," in Oakland has moved from its tiny warehouse location to a new location, greatly expanding the facility and offering classes. Check their website at: <http://store.averbforkeepinqwarm.com/>.

Diane Sack and Cathy Puccetti are looking into a field trip to this store.

AUGUST GUILD PROGRAMS

MEDIA REPORTS: Nazee Fard brought in a copy of a National Geographic magazine which contained an article about sweaters that are made for old, caged chickens that have lost their feathers. There was also an article in the recent Sunday SF Chronicle about a woman who crocheted boutonnieres for her wedding.

VIDEO PROGRAM:

Marcia Hammett again brought video equipment so that we could see the remainder of the Laura Bryant video – A Knitters Guide to Color. Thanks to Marcia for twice lugging all the equipment to our meeting and to Nazee Fard for helping with the heavy lifting.

SHOW AND TELL:

Guild members displayed projects in process and discussed knit items they were wearing. Here is a sample of what was shown: A five-piece outfit for a wedding trousseau done 10 years ago; chemo hats; a capelit; shopping bags for the farmers market; a sweater set with machine knit stockinette rows and hand-knit lace; a one-piece, self-striping sweater using two yarn colors throughout; a shrug; a scarf made out of a recycled ribbon-knit sweater; a tumbling blocks sweater – in progress; a boys/girls sweater with trains and other objects, and lots more.

MEMBER INFORMATION

MARIN KNITTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER:

Reminder: Please email information for the 2011-2012 *Newsletters* to Cathy Aviles at caviles@sonic.net. She will publish information on websites, pod casts or blogs on knitting or other related crafts.

YAHOO GROUPS LIST:

Marin Knitters Guild members who are not receiving Yahoo Group emails, should email marinknittersguild@yahoo.com to get on our distribution list.

Respectfully Submitted
by Jane Cooperman

Cañada College Fashion Department is having their 20th Annual Artistry in Fashion on September 24, 2011. They educate students in the art and science of fashion, and this event raises funds for students. If you would like further information, please visit their website: <http://artistryinfashion.com/>



<http://www.tkga.com/>



The Knitting Guild Association

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About Our Organization...

The Marin Knitters' Guild is the official chapter of **TKGA** (The Knitting Guild Association) in Marin County, California. The guild was established in 1987 to promote interest in the craft and workmanship of knitting. While our name states Marin Knitters' Guild, today our membership hails from the counties of San Francisco, San Mateo, Solano and Sonoma as well as Marin.

Knitters with all levels of experience are welcome to participate. We encourage beginners to

join and learn from the experienced. The Guild draws on the talent and expertise of its membership and the knitting and fiber-arts community at large for programs and workshops.

Visitors are welcome to all Marin Knitters' Guild meetings. We ask that you join us with your paid membership on your second meeting, so that we may continue to support our programs. Dues are \$20 annually, payable at the September meeting, and include a monthly newsletter

containing the previous meeting's minutes.

We have mini-workshops in most meetings offered by experienced guild members or local knitting teachers. In addition, we work for charitable causes, group projects and go on fun field trips. From time to time, we invite National teachers to have workshops for us. These workshops allow for a more intensive study of design or technique.

We meet at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, 10 Bayview Dr, San Rafael, CA 94901

Fall 2011 Upcoming Events in the Region:

September 16 – 18, California Wool and Fiber Festival, Mendocino County Fairgrounds, Boonville, CA

September 23 – 25, Vogue Knitting Live!, Hyatt Regency at Century Plaza, Los Angeles, CA

October 1, Lambtown USA Fiber Fair, Dixon Fairgrounds, Dixon, CA

November 3 – 6, Interweave Knitting Lab: Explore, Experiment, Engage, Marriott, San Mateo, CA

*Find additional information online
by entering the event name
in your internet browser*

– Cathy A, Editor

