

October 2011

Marin Knitters Guild Newsletter

Program Schedule:

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



September 10, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Co-president Christine Bo-Lin started the meeting by giving a presentation on making row counters, but, as she had to leave right after her presentation and co-president Cathy Puccetti was unable to join us, Secretary Jane Cooperman led the second half of the meeting. Sixteen members and one guest, Elaine Reichert, attended the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

TAX STATUS OF THE MARIN KNITTERS GUILD:

Jane Cooperman reported that Cathy Puccetti will lead a discussion at a future meeting on the specific language of the amendment passed at our August meeting regarding distribution of funds to charity should the dissolution of the Marin Knitters' Guild ever occur. The MKG members are in

agreement with the concept of the amendment – it is just a question of language.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND ANNUAL DUES:

Treasurer Dana Dunn reported that we have \$1,010.78 in our accounts. She also collected annual dues of \$20 for 2011-2012 (due in September) from the members who were present. She will continue to collect annual dues from other members.

September 10, 2011 Meeting Minutes (continued)**SEPTEMBER GUILD PROGRAM**

ROW COUNTERS: Christine Bo-Lin provided materials for and taught us how to make row counters similar to counters used for counting golf strokes. Materials are available at craft stores such as Joanne's.

Materials:

- Six-ten beads (or as many as you want to correspond with the number of rows in your pattern). [Note that glass and plastic beads seem to slide more easily than wooden beads.]
- Elastic thread that will twice fit through the holes in the beads you have chosen.

- Optional: A small circular ring.
- A bottle of Fray Check to fix the ends of the elastic to help thread the beads and to finish the ends of the elastic when the project is completed.

Instructions:

1. Fold a 20-inch length of elastic in half.
2. Optional: slide a ring to the center of the elastic.
 - a. Note that: When finished, the row counter may be hung from your needle either by the elastic loop or by the ring above the elastic loop.
 - b. If you use a ring, make a slip knot below it to keep it in place.
3. Make a knot in the elastic about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch below the fold.

4. Below the knot:
 - a. String a bead on one leg of the elastic – from the right;
 - b. Then, string the same bead with the other leg of elastic from the left;
 - c. Pull the right and left legs apart until the bead rests near the knot.
 - d. String as many additional beads as you want using steps 4(a-b), pulling each bead up close to the previously strung bead as you go along, but do not put knots between the beads.
5. When you have strung the beads and they are pulled neatly together in a line, make a knot about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch or an inch below the last bead.
6. Leave short tails below the knot, and fix the tails with Fray Check.



Christine's row-counter presentation was wonderfully done and MKG members had great fun making the row counters. Christine mentioned at the end of her presentation that similar instructions may be found on YouTube or other internet resources.



September 10, 2011 Meeting Minutes (continued)**NEW BUSINESS****CHARITY PROJECTS:****Donation from Cottage Yarns:**

Phyllis Camp, who is a professional finisher for a number of yarn stores in the Bay Area, brought a huge load of yarn valued at \$1,300 to us from *Cottage Yarns* located at 607 W. Orange Street in South San Francisco (www.cottageyarns.com). The yarn is to be used for charity projects. The yarns were gratefully accepted by MKG members. We will report on the finished items made for charity from these yarns at future meetings.

Charities List: A member suggested that our co-presidents consider starting a regular Newsletter feature listing contact information for charities for which our members make knit and crocheted items. For example, The Doll Project, Chemo Hats for local hospitals, Kids Things, The Blanket Project, Items for the Troops, and Items for Premies.

FIELD TRIP: Diane Sack and Cathy Puccetti will update MKG members at a future meeting on a potential field trip to the store, A Verb for Keeping Warm, (<http://store.averbforkeepingwarm.com/>).

MEDIA: Ann Van Arnum entertained us with a poem from the blog section of Jean Moss' knitting web site (www.jeanmoss.com), the gist of which is that yarn therapy may do more than "shrinks and doctors."

SHOW AND TELL: Guild members displayed projects in process and discussed knit items they were wearing. Here is a sample of what was shown: baby booties from the blog: <http://saartjeknits.nl> (copyright: Saartje de Bruijin); a beautiful ethereal light green sweater, a green original-pattern aran-style sweater with vertical variegated-color panels, a dark green hat from a Nazee Fard pattern; wrist warmers, old and new Noro sweaters in shades of blue and other colors, a red variegated knit bag for grocery shopping, and much 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



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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