

January 2012

Marin Knitters Guild Newsletter

Program Schedule:

January – Reading
Japanese
Charts and
2012 County
Fairs

February –
Massage for
Knitters

March – Stitches
West Show &
Tell

April– Tips for
taking craft
pictures

May – Stash and
organizing

President's Message

We wish everyone a Joyous Holiday Season and a Happy New Year. Happy knitting, Cathy and Christine.

Cathy and Christine

December 10, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Co-president Cathy Puccetti led our December pot-luck and yarn exchange meeting which was attended by fourteen members and two amazing guests. We were accompanied by the music of a jackhammer being used by a scout troop repairing a walkway near our meeting room. The scout master earned a merit badge for helping us unlock the door and turn on the heat. The scouts' presence added to the fun.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report and Annual Dues: No report was given.

Appreciation: Cathy Puccetti thanked the members of the Programs Committee for the wonderful programs in 2011 and upcoming in 2012, Cathy Aviles for our beautiful Newsletter format and Arlene Finn for making name tags for new members. Arlene is looking for a new box to hold our name tags.

NEW BUSINESS

CHARITY PROJECTS

Scarves and Hats for the Homeless: Six scarves were given to Radhika Sitaraman for the homeless served by St. Patrick's in San Francisco. Three of the scarves were made by Nazee Fard's mother-in law and the others were made by a Guild member from yarn donated by Cottage Yarns in South San Francisco. One of our guests brought in a large package of knit hats she had been making for some time. Radhika gratefully accepted these wonderful scarves and hats for St. Patrick's.

The Doll Project – Stitchin' for Kids: Two members brought in a collection of doll sweaters, hats and scarves for the Doll Project managed by Caroline Archer. Caroline was unable to attend the meeting, but sent along a thank you note as well as patterns for the Doll Project. We will continue

to collect contributions to the Doll Project at every meeting. The Doll Project's website at www.stitchinforkids.org is scheduled to open in January.

More Yarn Donations: Yarn for the yarn exchange overflowed three tables and several boxes on the floor. In addition to contributions from members, Elaine Johnson brought a collection of yarn from the house of a woman who has moved to assisted living. The woman's husband would be delighted if our Guild members made an afghan for her. We will add that to the January project list. Left over yarn will be given to the Margaret Todd Senior Center in Novato, The Legacy in Sebastopol and to Carita Lynch's Blanket Project for children who are transitioning to foster care in Sonoma.

December 10, 2011 Meeting Minutes (continued)**MEDIA AND SHOP REPORTS**

Christine Bo-Lin passed around an article from the Wall Street Journal regarding an artist who is hired by municipalities to yarn bomb statues and other objects. The artist has people knit and crochet for her, and she also buys thrift shop items to use. A new career....

DECEMBER GUILD PROGRAM**SHOW AND TELL**

Guild members displayed projects in process and discussed knit items they were wearing. Among items displayed were a knit jacket in various shades and textures of blue done several years ago as a group project,



knit slippers,



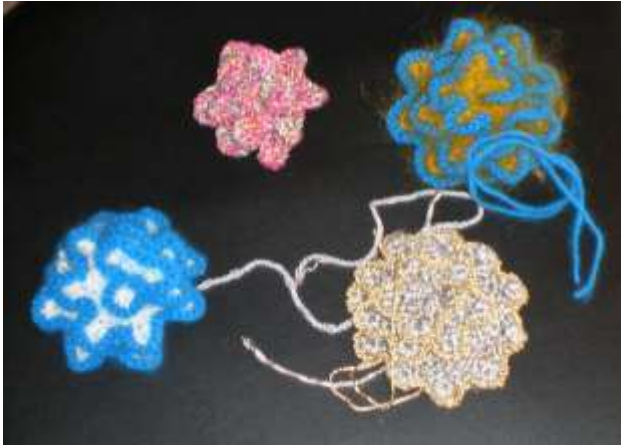
a beautifully shaped cable sweater in dark red, a vest done in brown and black,



and a knit scarf that looks like it was done in macramé. The scarf was displayed with a copy of a hilarious book called *Knit Your Own Royal Wedding* by Fiona Goble.



Members were delighted with the rosettes that were passed from table to table. Elaine Johnson said the free pattern for the rosettes came from the Knitting Daily blog which excerpted them from Louisa Harding's new book called *Knitting in the Details: Charming Designs to Knit and Embellish*. To find it the rosette pattern, Google for "Louisa Harding Rosette Pattern."



Elaine also passed along a very easy lace pattern that can adapt to most weights of yarn.

Cast on 29 sts.
 Rows 1-3: Knit
 Row 4: k3, *yo, k3, k2tog *4 times, yo, k1, k2tog, k3.
 Row 5: k2, purl to last 3 sts, k3
 Repeat rows 4 & 5 for pattern.
 Last three rows: knit.

POT LUCK

Although several of our long-term members were unable to attend today's meeting due to other holiday-time commitments and were very much missed, we had a fabulous pot luck. We had two hot dishes, two wonderful salads and an assortment of appetizers and desserts, including homemade cupcakes. The scout troop working outside our meeting room enjoyed our left over desserts.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Group Project: Cathy Pucetti reported that we will discuss a group project at our January meeting. We might choose a specific project or a specific designer. No one is required to participate in a group project – it is an opportunity to build skills. We typically do show and tell of the results of the group project four or five months after we start.

Afghan: We will discuss making an afghan for the person who contributed yarns who now is in assisted living

Neckline Secrets: We are looking forward to a demonstration of sewing down stitch by stitch (instead of casting off) crew neck style necklines. And other timely tips.

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.

MEMBERSHIP: The only requirement for joining our Guild is an interest in knitting and crocheting. New and experienced crafters are equally welcome.

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,
 Secretary



Hats for charity (above) the Doll Project (below)



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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