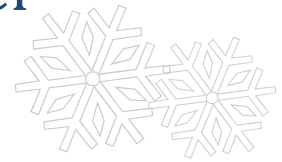


Marin Knitters Guild Newsletter



President's message

Hi Ladies,

Hope you all had a lovely Christmas/Chanukah or whatever your celebrated holidays, and wishing you all the very best this coming New Year. May it bring you all the best in health and happiness, and lots of time for Knitting!!

Our annual Pot Luck last December was tasty, and it was great to look at and to select more yarns. Thanks to all who participated. Now, onto 2013.

Our first program is KNIT-O this January 12th. Christine asked Caroline Archer and me to run the program for her this year. Prizes and fun are in the offing, so do attend.

Looking forward to a fun-filled, productive New Year for our Guild.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Klag

"Properly practiced, knitting soothes the troubled spirit, and it doesn't hurt the untroubled spirit either."

— Elizabeth Zimmermann



MARIN KNITTERS' GUILD DECEMBER 8, 2012 MEETING MINUTES

President Marilyn Klag led our meeting. Although the turnout of 10 members was lighter than usual, we had a great meeting and look forward to our January 2013 meeting at which we will play the long-awaited KNIT-O game.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND ANNUAL DUES

Treasurer Dana Dunn reported that the treasury currently has \$994.27 and that we have 33 members. Some members still owe dues. Dana, as always, paid our rent and she also is paying a fee to maintain our website. If you haven't paid your \$30 dues for 2012-13 but plan to do so, please contact Dana to let her know.

The members authorized a small stipend of up to \$50 for purchasing prizes for next month's KNIT-O Game.

CHARITY PROJECTS

Here are some of the charity projects to which we have and will continue to contribute.

Cat Blankets for Adoption Cats: The Marin Humane Society gratefully accepts 12" x 18" blankets to be given to cat adopters.

Chemo Hats: Chemo hats are contributed to a variety of hospitals including UCSF, Mt. Zion and other hospitals.

Prayer Shawls: Prayer shawls are needed by our host, St. Luke's.

Sonoma Blanket Project: Six-inch squares are sewn into blankets for foster children in Sonoma.

St. Anthony's in San Francisco: Radhika Sitaraman collects scarves and hats for the homeless for distribution in December.

How do knitters travel?

By cable car!

This knitter was going on a trip.

Her friend asked if she was all

packed, to which she replied,

"Alpaca later!"



Stitchinforkids.org: Caroline Archer delivers dolls, outfits and other knitted and sewn materials to Oakland Children's Hospital, UCSF and Lucile Packard Children's Hospital in April and October

MEDIA AND OTHER REPORTS

Draft Brochure: Elaine Johnson passed around a draft half-page brochure to publicize our Guild. The brochure will introduce the Guild to potential new members through yarn shops and other venues. Radhika Sitaraman volunteered to format it, using the same colors as our business cards. The brochure will mention crocheting as well as knitting.

Our Newsletter: New issues of our Newsletter are announced to our membership via an email through our Yahoo! Group. Our Newsletter is available to the public on our website, and Claire Miller mails hard copies to Guild members who do not have computer connections.

Mill Valley Store: One of our members mentioned that there is a very nice sewing and crafts store called Once Around (oncearound.com) at 352 Miller Avenue in Mill Valley. They also have knitting supplies and a Knit Night.

Other Crafts Groups: We discussed inviting other knit, crochet and embroidery groups to our meetings. More on these ideas at a future meeting.

Stitches West: Stitches West (www.knittinguniverse.com/west/) takes place in February 22-24, 2013 at the Santa Clara Convention Center. Let's try to arrange car pools for those who

want to go for a half or full day. There also are "ETC." Knit Days on February 25-26 at the Hyatt Regency Santa Clara.

FUTURE GUILD PROGRAMS

Marilyn Klag passed around index cards and asked members to write down ideas for future Guild programs. Elaine Johnson collected the cards. She will collate them, share them with Caroline Archer, our Programs Chair, and they will bring ideas to our next meeting for discussion.

DECEMBER GUILD PROGRAM

We shared a pot luck lunch at our December meeting. There were several delicious lunch dishes that were enjoyed by all, and we had quite a few fabulous desserts, too. We squeezed around the round tables, enjoyed the food, and, equally important, each other's company.

We passed around several articles from magazines as well as a lovely note from Caroline Archer on behalf of Stitches for Kids thanking fellow Guild members for our knitted contributions.

SHOW & TELL YARN EXCHANGE

We showed off our in-progress and completed projects. We also had a few additional items for a Yarn Exchange including a sweater. We saw a scarf made using the Broomstick Stitch. It is made on a knitting needle and also requires a crochet hook. Other scarves and items were appreciated by all, and they gave us ideas for future programs.



UPCOMING GUILD PROGRAMS

Please send Caroline Archer, Programs Chair, your ideas for our future meetings. Here are upcoming programs:

Jan 12: Marilyn Klag, Caroline Archer (for Christine Bo-Linn) and KNIT-O
Feb 9: Judy Tipple and Learning more about Ravelry
Mar 9: Reports on Stitches 2013
Apr 13: Possibly Jennifer Rockwell (Physical Therapist)



December meeting - Christmas Potluck Spread



Yarn Exchange and Knitted sweater



Hand-knitted scarves for charity

2013 Officers

*President –
Marilyn Klag*

*Secretary –
Jane Cooperman*

*Treasurer –
Dana Dunn*

*Programs Committee –
Caroline Archer
Christine Bo-Lin
Elaine Johnson*

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MEMBER INFORMATION

MARIN KNITTERS GUILD

NEWSLETTER: *Reminder:*

Please email information for the 2012-2013 *Newsletters* to Radhika Sitaraman at radhika_sitaraman@yahoo.com. 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.

PHOTOS: Members may access additional Guild photos on our website www.marinknittersguild.org

Respectfully Submitted by Jane Cooperman, Secretary

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 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 \$30 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 Drive, San Rafael, CA 94901.

Volunteers

*Charity – Claire Miller
Marin Fair Liaison – Elaine Johnson
Website & Yahoo! List – Nazee Fard
Name Tags – Arlene Finn
Church Liaison – Leona Thoeleck*

