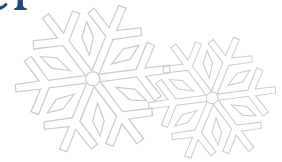
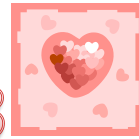


Marin Knitters Guild Newsletter



FEBRUARY 2013



Hi Ladies,

We sure did have fun at our last meeting, thanks to Christine Bo-Linn for the Knit-O game, prizes, and M&M's, too. Cathy was the lucky name as one tie, and the Block-out were won by our members named Cathy.

Our Knitters were busy, and had loads of sharing. We are so fortunate to have such talent among us.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the next meeting scheduled for February 9th. We will have a physical therapist, Jennifer Rockwell, coming with tips to avoid hand stress from the repetitive movements we experience as knitters.

Happy Knitting!

Marilyn

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

— Elizabeth Zimmermann



MARIN KNITTERS' GUILD JANUARY 12, 2012 MEETING MINUTES

President Marilyn Klag led our meeting. Twelve members and one guest clustered around two round tables near the sunny window. We were delighted that our new guest joined our Guild.

MEDIA AND OTHER REPORTS TREASURER'S REPORT AND ANNUAL DUES

Treasurer Dana Dunn reported that the treasury currently has \$859.34 after paying our quarterly rent to St. Luke's.

Prayer Shawls from the Heart: Nazee Fard showed us her beautiful book of six wonderful prayer shawls that she designed in honor of her sister, Noushin Sharif-Murphy, who passed away last July 29th. Four Guild members, Christine Bo-Linn, Jane Cooperman, Marcia Hammett and Diane Sack, Nazee herself and her mother, made the shawls. Here is the link to the prayer shawl book (be sure to use capital letters where indicated when searching for it):

<http://www.lulu.com/spotlight/PrayerShawls>. It is \$27 and half of the proceeds will go to brain cancer research at UCSF. Nazee will let us know through our Yahoo! emails when a link goes up on her website.

Marin County Fair: Elaine Johnson, our liaison to the Fair, discussed providing specific guidelines for judging knitted items and suggesting names of knitting judges to the Fair. We also would like to have the awards we offer - \$100 for Best in Show and a \$50 Junior Award - mentioned in the Fair brochure.



CHARITY PROJECTS

Our members are not obligated to knit for charity, but many of us do. It's fun and rewarding to make the items knowing they will go where very much needed. Often, a member will bring completed items to the Guild and will pass them along to someone who will get them to where most needed. For example, today two prayer shawls and a sack full of chemo hats were donated by generous members. Here are some of the charity projects to which our members 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.

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.

JANUARY GUILD PROGRAM

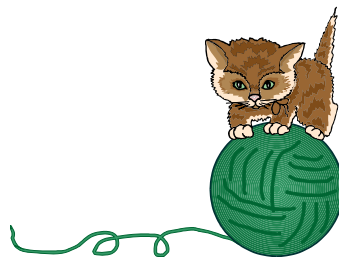
We had a wonderful time playing KNIT-O, a game provided by Christine Bo-Linn. A huge bag of M&Ms was passed around to use for markers – and for treats. Both of our members named "Cathy" KNIT-Oed and received prizes.

SHOW & TELL AND YARN EXCHANGE

We showed off our Works In Progress (WIPS) and completed projects. Among the wonderful items were a pair of socks made in a faux entrelac pattern, a child's pullover in variegated pinks with purple trim and great sweaters.



Nazee Fard showing her new book



FUTURE GUILD PROGRAMS

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

February 9 – Jennifer Rockwell (Physical Therapist) will help us understand how to deal with knitting aches and pains.

March 8 - Stitches, a discussion on what you saw, purchased, learned, show and tell, etc.

April 13 - Crab Stitch with Nazee Fard and Phyllis Camp.

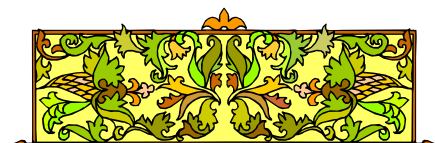
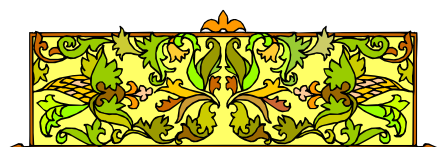
Later this spring, we will have a discussion of the suggestions made at our December meeting for future Guild program.



The pink & purple child's sweater mentioned in Show & Tell



The faux entrelac sock mentioned in Show & Tell



2013 Officers

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Marilyn Klag*

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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 Yahoo! website.

*Respectfully Submitted by Jane
Cooperman, Secretary*



Volunteers

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



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.