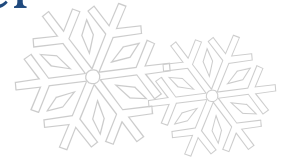


Marin Knitters Guild Newsletter



APRIL 2013



MARIN KNITTERS' GUILD MARCH, 9 2013 MEETING MINUTES

Guild president Marilyn Klag led the meeting of eight members and also took notes for the minutes, as your secretary was out of town.

IT'S YOUR TURN

Be thinking about running for offices. Many current officers wish to be replaced, and it is a good thing to participate. Elections will be held in May, so we should nominate and/or volunteer at our April 13th meeting. Hope that many of you can attend in order to participate in the process.

REPORT AND SHOW & TELL

Our meeting had brief reports, plus old and new business. Just a few members at our March meeting went to Stitches West, and those ladies shared their purchases, information about their classes, and overall thoughts.

Marilyn highly recommended two of her classes and their instructors:

Lace Basics by J C Briar
Columns of Color with Knit One Below by Elise Duvekot

Show and Tell was terrific, as usual. We have so many talented knitters, and so much variety. Nazee Fard shared lovely shawlettes, and suggested we have a program using one of the many patterns that are offered free online.

CRAB STITCH WORKSHOP FOR APRIL MEETING

Nazee Fard and Phyllis Camp are giving a workshop on Crab Stitch (Reverse Single Crochet) at our meeting in April (4/13/13).

Please bring:

1. A finished swatch (Stockinette or Garter stitch) worked in plain light-colored yarn.
2. Plain light-colored yarn, same weight as the swatch.
3. Crochet hook matching the weight of the yarn.
4. Your patience!

We will have fun doing this and, also, if you make a 6" x 6" swatch, you may consider donating it at some point to the Sonoma Blanket Project for children going into foster care.

GROUP PROJECT

During the March meeting we discussed having a group project. Considering that shawlettes are very popular these days, we thought having a group shawlette project would be fun. There are many patterns available on www.ravelry.com and on www.knitty.com. We also discussed having a workshop on short rows as most crescent shape shawlettes use short rows as part of their instructions. However, keep in mind that when you work in Garter stitch there is no wrapping involved in short rows.

If you are interested in participating, please bring the pattern that you like to follow and let's discuss the end date for the project show and tell about our shawlettes.

This can be fun!

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



FUTURE PROGRAM IDEAS

We collected future program ideas a few months back. Caroline Archer, our Programs Chair, suggests that some of these could be grouped, such as lace knitting, or favorite hat patterns. Blocking techniques could be combined with finishing techniques. Tricks of the Trade could combine yarn-joining, some fixing of mistakes, taking out the knot at the beginning of the cast-on, etc. These are ideas for the future Programs Committee, too.

- Broomstick crochet
- Various kinds of cast-ons and bind-offs
- What to use for different fabrics, etc.
- Knitting Jewelry, wire, etc. –
- Beads?
- How to do a hat with a brim
- Orenberg lace
- Shetland lace
- Fair Isle Knitting
- Christmas Ornaments
- Finishing techniques
- Blocking
- Entrelac (repeat)
- Cable patterns
- Yarn-joining techniques
- Fixing mistakes: unknitting, undoing, patterns that are more intricate, unraveling, etc.
- How to alter patterns for good fit
- Sharing favorite patterns, books, notions--by Guild members
- Use of internet for knitters: websites, demos, yarn sites, etc.
- Regular old-fashioned granny squares, from the beginning to the end!

One additional suggestion was using *the Knook*. Here is a description of the Knook from Amazon.com, which sells Knook kits: "The Knook lets you use light, medium, and bulky weight yarns to make small, medium, and large projects--including full-size afghans! Replacing traditional knitting needles, these unique

crochet hooks have a hole in one end for a cord to hold your stitches as you create true knitted fabric."

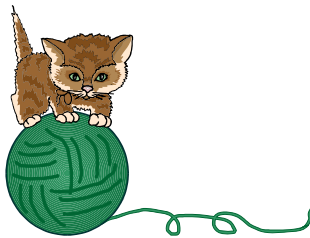
CHARITY PROJECTS

Many of us work, on a voluntary basis, on lots of projects for charity including blankets for cats adopted through the Marin Humane Society, chemo hats for UCSF, Mt. Zion and other hospitals, prayer shawls for distribution by our host, St. Luke's, six-inch squares for the Sonoma Blanket Project for foster children, scarves and hats for the homeless for distribution by St. Anthony's in San Francisco, and doll clothes for Caroline Archer's Stitchinforkids.org project for children at Oakland Children's Hospital, UCSF and Lucile Packard Children's Hospital.

Knit Happens!!

If I'm a Sitting', I'm a Knittin'

Got Yarn!!



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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



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 – Dana Dunn
Church Liaison – Leona Thoelecke*

