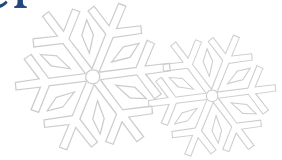


Marin Knitters Guild Newsletter



JUNE 2013



MARIN KNITTERS' GUILD MAY 11, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

Nazee Fard and Jane Cooperman led our meeting today of thirteen members and one guest.

2013-14 ELECTIONS AND VOLUNTEERS

The Nominations Committee (Nazee, Jane and Melissa Woodburn) met a few weeks ago to propose nominees for the president, vice-president and secretary positions. Unfortunately, none of the potential nominees were able to accept, so Nazee, Jane and Melissa came up with another plan: Nazee (who had been president many times in the past) and Jane (who has been secretary since December 2010) agreed to accept nominations for co-presidents/co-vice presidents. The vice president(s) traditionally also chair the Programs Committee, so Nazee and Jane are wearing three hats for 2013-14.

Former co-president Cathy Puccetti (2011-2012) agreed to act as interim president and preside over meetings if both Nazee and Jane are unable to attend. Ann Van Arnum, who had been secretary prior to Jane, volunteered to again become secretary. Dana Dunn previously had agreed to carry on as treasurer. Radhika Sitaraman will continue on Newsletter, Nazee will continue to be responsible for our web and Yahoo! Sites and Elaine Johnson agreed to continue on as a member of the Programs Committee and as Marin County Fair Liaison. All of these proposals were met with great appreciation from our very, very busy membership.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dana Dunn reported that we have \$556.82 in our accounts, and we need to pay rent. Our treasury is quite low for this time of year because our active membership is smaller than in past years, and dues are not collected again until September.

MAY BUTTON & YARN EXCHANGE PROGRAM AND TREASURY BOOST

The May meeting Button and Yarn Exchange was a huge success. We had several tables full of yarn, magazines, buttons and four completed sweaters. Members picked over these materials and agreed to send left overs (of which there were quite a few bags) to the Margaret Todd Senior Center in Novato for its Crafters Room. At our April meeting, we had expressed concern because our treasury is low, and members who took supplies contributed a total of \$88 to our treasury.

MARIN COUNTY FAIR

Elaine Johnson reported sign-ups for demonstrating knitting at the Marin County Fair were still open. She passed the sign-up sheet around, and we will have six demonstrators filling slots on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of July 4th weekend. Demonstrators get a free ticket to the Fair.

GUILD BROCHURES

Radhika Sitaraman had 100 copies of our brochures printed in black and white and the color version is on the way. We will make our brochures available at the Fair and at various yarn and craft shops. FedEx gave us a discount and cut the half-page brochures for free. We discussed ideas for posting the brochures on community bulletin boards and leaving copies at yarn and craft stores. Members took copies to distribute.

GROUP PROJECT

Keep working on your shawlette(s) to show off at our August meeting. Nazee had posted links to patterns on our Yahoo! Web site. As a reminder - this is a fun project for us - not a charity project - unless you want to donate your shawlette to a favorite charity. Participation is voluntary.

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



SHOW & TELL

Show & Tell was terrific, as usual. Following up on a request made at last month's meeting, several members brought in the baby version of the Einstein Jacket to show to members. In addition, we were awed by several lace scarves and a shawl, a large felted bag and intricate beading.

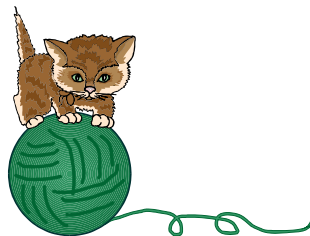
JUNE PROGRAM

We will ask members to volunteer to share and teach their favorite "yarn-joining techniques" for the program for June, including "Split and Splice" for non-washable wool or any other protein fiber, and the Russian Join.



KNITTING HUMOR

If I knit fast enough, would that count as aerobic activity?



FUTURE PROGRAM IDEAS

The 2013-14 Programs Committee (Nazee, Jane and Elaine) will meet prior to our June meeting to put together a proposed schedule of programs for the year.

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!!



Cathy Aviles displaying her shawl



Dana Dunn wearing her wingspan shawl



Lois showing her triangular shawl

2013-14 Officers

Co-Presidents & Co-Vice Presidents

Nazee Fard

Jane Cooperman

Interim/Past President

Cathy Puccetti

Secretary –

Ann Van Arnum

Treasurer –

Dana Dunn

Programs Committee –

Nazee Fard

Jane Cooperman

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 Yahoo! website.

Respectfully Submitted by Jane Cooperman, Secretary



Volunteers

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.

MKG-Programs – June 2013 thru June 2014

Month	Standard Items	Workshops/ Programs
June 2013	<i>New Officers Preside</i> Old Business Treasurer's Report Media Report Charity Report Show & Tell	Members share: Yarn Joining Techniques – Split and Splice, Russian Join, Magic Knot
July 2013	Old Business Treasurer's Report Media Report Charity Report Show & Tell	Brief Report: Marin County Fair and Showing of Award-Winning Items And Short Rows (Nazee & others)
August 2013	Old Business Treasurer's Report: <i>Reminder: Dues to be collected in September</i> Media Report Charity Report Show & Tell	Entrelac II (Diane Sack's follow-up from the November 2012 workshop) And show off completed Group Project: shawlettes
September 2013	Old Business Treasurer's Report: <i>Collect Dues</i> Media Report Charity Report Show & Tell	Members Share: Blocking techniques
October 2013	Old Business Treasurer's Report: <i>Keep Collecting Dues</i> Media Report Charity Report Show & Tell	Novelty Knitting for the holidays, including duplicate stitch
November 2013	Old Business Treasurer's Report Media Report Charity Report Show & Tell	Yarn Exchange Bring in Charity Items And... Trouble-shooting issues
December 2013	Old Business Treasurer's Report Media Report Charity Report Show & Tell	Pot Luck at St. Luke's And Eat-and-Knit and bring in more charity items

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January 2014	Old Business Treasurer's Report Media Report Charity Report Show & Tell	<i>Reminder: Sign up for Stitches West</i> And Crochet for Knitters, including edgings, slip-stitch knitting and Broomsticks
February 2014	Old Business Treasurer's Report Media Report Charity Report Show & Tell	Members contribute Lace Knitting ideas and techniques
March 2014	Old Business Treasurer's Report Media Report Charity Report Show & Tell	Brief Reports on Stitches West And Members' favorite Cast On, Bind Off techniques!
April 2014	Old Business Treasurer's Report Media Report Charity Report Show & Tell	Trouble Shooting I - Altering patterns to fit
May 2014	Old Business Treasurer's Report Media Report Charity Report Show & Tell	Ask for volunteers for 2014-15 offices and/or appoint Nominating Committee And Trouble Shooting II – Fixing Mistakes and Unknitting
June 2014	Old Business Treasurer's Report Media Report Charity Report Show & Tell	Elect New Officers And... Structured Yarn Exchange

Other Workshop Ideas		Coordinator/MKG Contact
Date		
	Beading Techniques	