



Marin Knitters Guild Newsletter

MARIN KNITTERS' GUILD

DECEMBER 12, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Christine Bo-Linn
Ten members attended the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no treasury report

CHARITY REPORTS AND DONATIONS

Radhika collected several hats and scarves for St. Anthony's Foundation - Scarving Artistes, for distribution in December.

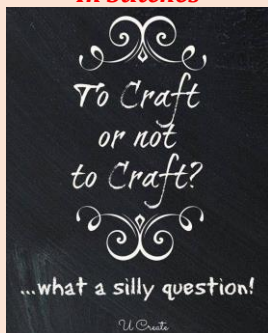
COUNTY FAIR REPORT

Elaine received an email from a Fair organizer, asking whether the Guild plans to continue to contribute fair awards next year. The group decided on the following fair awards for 2016: \$100 for Adult Best in Show for Wearable Knitting, \$50 for Adult Best in Show for Crochet, \$25 for Junior Knitter Best in Show, and \$25 for Junior Crocheter Best in Show. The 2016 fair theme was released - "75 Years - What a Ride". Elaine suggested two new East Bay yarn shop owners to the Fair organizer as possible knitting judges. Judges from outside Marin are preferred, for objective evaluation of the work of local knitters.

MEDIA REPORT

There were TV and newspaper stories about the Purlettes + 1, the Redwoods Senior Community knitting group that knits for Sarah Oliver Handbags, a local felted purse maker. Sarah Oliver participated in Shark Tank, the TV reality show, to compete for funding to expand her business.

In Stitches



BROWN BAG SWAP PROJECT

Participants brought 3 yarns in a brown bag to swap. Each participant chose a brown bag. The contents plus 1 other optional color will be used to knit 1 or more 6-inch squares by the February meeting. Carita and her fellow volunteers will make blankets from the squares, to be donated to Valley of the Moon Children's Home in Sonoma. This is a private non-profit shelter for abandoned, neglected, and abused children. Each child is given a blanket to keep.



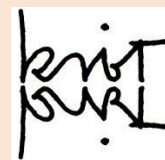
Elaine - Mitred Jacket



Ruth - Fluffy Angora Sweater



Christine - Crocheted Jacket



SHOW & TELL

Ruth wore her fluffy angora sweater. She knit a hat using Ann van Arnum's yarn and a pattern from Ann's Guild donation.

Marilyn finished a pair of gift socks using the Crenate pattern, and a ruffled "potato chip" scarf using Guild yarn.

Gail brought her keyhole scarf with the "design element" color change after unsuccessfully trying to set the dye after completion. She wore her Oregon cardigan knit from an Alice Starmore pattern.

Melissa showed a blankie (aka snuggly or woobie) made from a kit of yarn and an animal head. She got the kit in a Healdsburg LYS. Bluebird also carries the kits now. She is knitting a children's dress from a free pattern - Maxi Top/Dress by Elena Nodel

Sue wore her completed keyhole scarf. She also brought yarn donated from an acquaintance at a local shop and from coworkers. Members can take it with a small donation to the Guild.

Elaine wore a mitered square sweater from a Vogue Knitting pattern, out of KnitPicks Wool of the Andes. She made the sleeves using a provisional cast on so the edge would match the front edging - this is not in the pattern.

Nazee wore her beaded "mother of the bride" sweater. It is from an issue of her magazine devoted to knitted wedding items.



Nazee - "Mother of the Bride" sweater

Christine is finishing a purple crocheted vest. She used Ravelry tips from others who have made the pattern. She is working on a new vest from a Doris Chan pattern. It is a very well written pattern, with charts for each size, pictures, and even a photo showing how to count rows for the gauge swatch. She wore a completed crocheted vest.

YARN EXCHANGE

The yarn, book, pattern, etc. exchange, including Sue's donated yarn, netted \$105 for the Guild treasury.

POTLUCK

There were yummy foods including some Middle Eastern recipes, which the Secretary cannot spell because she was too busy eating to take notes.



Respectfully submitted by:
Gail Korenaga, Secretary



Gail (Oregon cardigan) & Christine (Crochet Jacket)



Melissa - "Blankie"/"Snuggly"/"Woobie"

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MEMBER INFORMATION

MARIN KNITTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER:

Reminder: Please email information for the 2014-2015 *Newsletters* to Radhika Sitaraman. 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.

Ravelry Group: Marin Knitters guild has a group on Ravelry. You can join us by going to our website

www.marinknittersguild.org or join directly from Ravelry by searching for "Marin" in the group section.

PHOTOS: Members may access additional Guild photos on our website

www.marinknittersguild.org.

PROGRAM: The January program is "Crochet for Knitters". Bring sport or worsted weight yarn with matching crochet hook to practice. We will also discuss our Ravelry group and ways to join.

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

Marin Fair Liaison – Elaine Johnson

Website & Yahoo! List – Nazee Fard

Name Tags – Dana Dunn

Church Liaison – Leona Thoelecke

