



Marin Knitters Guild Newsletter

MARIN KNITTERS' GUILD

JUNE 11, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Jane Cooperman. 12 member plus baby Levie attended the meeting. Jane thanked the guild for electing her president and reviewed the officers and volunteers. She also distributed hard copies of the Guild Membership list with contact information. Refer to the Page 3 for the updated list of 2016-2017 Officers

TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no Treasurer's Report.

MEMBER NEWS

Katherine was injured in an accident and will be unable to attend meetings for a while. She has requested leftover sock or fingering weight yarn for a friend's scrap yarn project. If Guild members can bring the scrap yarn to a meeting, Nazee will deliver it to her.

OLD BUSINESS

The Program Committee took feedback from the Guild and developed a program which is now posted to the website, <http://www.marinknittersguild.org/>, in the Program tab. The July program will be a recap of the Marin County fair exhibition. Bring your entries to the meeting so we can see them up close!

MEDIA REPORT

Nazee received a trade magazine and noticed that Jimmy Beans is selling a gauge bracelet that is a temporary tattoo.

<https://www.jimmybeanswool.com/knitting/yarn/AnnaBeeJewelry/MetallicMeasuringTemporaryTattoos.asp?sHowLarge=true&specPCVID=71650>

Elaine shared that the SF Chronicle had a February insert about hand knits for sale in SF stores.

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/style/article/Knit-wit-Giving-old-yarns-a-new-spin-6841083.php#photo-9425564>

NEW BUSINESS

Amy B volunteered to administer the new Facebook Page for Marin Knitters' Guild. The link to the FB page is : <https://www.facebook.com/marinknittersguild/>

Melissa noted that Rebecca, a youth librarian at the Tiburon library, is mentoring some knitters on Monday afternoons, but is a crocheter herself. Melissa will contact Rebecca to see if there is a way for the Guild to help with her effort and develop young knitters and possible future Guild members.

JULY PROGRAM

Guild member feedback supported a Guild knit-a-long (KAL), which the Program Chairs have incorporated into the Program plan. Members can knit a top down shawl for the September meeting. Nazee shared a pattern for a garter stitch top-down shawl that can be used by members for the KAL. She started her KAL shawl using Zephyr lace weight, and she added a lace eyelet motif and beads to her version. Lace knitting uses larger needles for the yarn size to help develop the open structure.

She demonstrated how to add her size 6 glass beads (available at Michaels or Jo-Ann's fabrics) using a size 10 crochet hook. The crochet technique sets the beads so they are visible on both sides. There are YouTube videos and a Craftsby class on knitting with beads.

Christine discussed bind-offs. Stretchiness is important for a lace shawl bind off. She often uses Jenny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind off Lace projects. She finds the Cast on Bind Off book useful, as well as YouTube and Ravelry project notes. She tries to take the time to make Ravelry notes on her own projects to help others.

Nazee also shared that to eliminate the ridge in an attached edging, she pick up and knits one, then picks up the next stick by purling. Otherwise, the pick up forms a visible line so there is a right side and wrong side.

Nazee demonstrated a few Ravelry features on the Guild webpage for people that are not familiar. A suggested topic for a future meeting is to have the church bring its TV into the meeting space to demo Ravelry to the guild.

SHOW & TELL

Anita showed 2 sweaters she is entering into the Marin County Fair. She has started a grey and orange Pixelated sweater

Marilyn is knitting a sock edged in ruffles. She brought back several sweaters purchased during her trip to Ireland: a finished Aran machine-knit sweater and a grey jacket with pads.

Nazee crocheted a turquoise shawl. The yarn softened quite a bit after washing.

Ruth is knitting the Princess Charlotte bonnet for a friend's grandchild.

Jane is knitting a wild cardigan from stash – which may never be seen in public!!!

Christine frogged a Hitchhiker shawl with variegated yarn because it did not stripe attractively. She used the same yarn for a Tunisian crochet cowl with an inner and other layer, where the yarn appeared to much better effect.

Amy also frogged a Hitchhiker from variegated yarn because it was not enough yardage and used the yarn to start her first crocheted shawl.

Elaine is knitting a commissioned top using Art Yarns silk. She is using her favorite increase, by knitting into the purl bump on the back. It makes an invisible increase. She got needlepoint yarn for seaming it from Come to the Point, which gives a 10% discount to Guild members.

Radhika completed two children's sweaters for her grandchildren. The boy sweater is called "*De-niece or De-Nephew*" and the girl's sweater is "*Albane's Cardigan*" – both patterns available on Ravelry.

Melissa finished her Rams and Yowes Fair Isle blanket, which she has entered in the Fair.

Gail is doing some charity knitting for Afghans for Afghans and completed a baby hat (Garter Ear Flap hat and 1 baby sock (Toe up baby socks) – both from free patterns available on Ravelry.

NOTE TO MEMBERS

Elaine has received a massive amount of yarn that she, Lois and Nazee will bring to the July meeting in boxes in their cars that members can go through. Any leftovers will be donated to Machine Knitters Guild.

CHARITY REPORT

The Guild compiled a list of past, current and possibly future charity projects. Participation is voluntary. Each charity project needs a member liaison that has responsibility for delivering the items - in person, if possible, to reduce Guild shipping costs. Guild members at the meeting suggested concentrating efforts on a small number of charities at a time.

Recent feedback from Guild members on 2016-2017 activities supported charity knitting, so the November meeting program is hats and scarves for Radhika's homeless project.

1. Hats and scarves for the homeless – St. Anthony's Scarving artists' (collection begins in August for December 15 delivery): Radhika
2. 6-inch washable squares for the Valley of the Moon Children's Home blanket project: Carita
3. Doll clothes for Caroline Archer's "Stitchin' for Kids" hospital dolls: would need a Guild member liaison. Patterns are available online.
<http://www.stitchinforkids.org/home.html>
4. Baby items for the Marin Clinic: Christine
5. Prayer shawls for St. Luke's Church, where Guild meetings are held: Leona
6. Chemo caps for Mt. Zion hospital: Marilyn
7. Hats or blankets for Baby Love Ministry, which support recently delivered low-income mothers: Elaine
<http://babyloveministry.weebly.com/>
8. Hats and scarves for Blue Star Mothers: would need a Guild member liaison.

Respectfully submitted by:
Gail Korenaga, Secretary



Credit: quickmeme.com



Gail's baby sock



Amy's honeycomb sweater



Marilyn purchased Aran



Marilyn's purchased jacket



Leona's cardigan



Ruth's Princess Charlotte Hat



Radhika's De-Niece or De-Nephew jacket & Albane's Cardigan



2016-17 OFFICERS

President: Jane Cooperman

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Presidents: Nazee Fard, Christine
Bo-Linn, Lois Errante

Secretary: Gail Korenaga

Treasurer: Dana Dunn

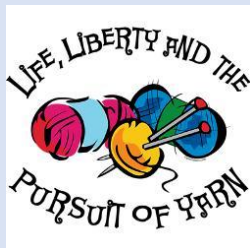
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MEMBER INFORMATION

MARIN KNITTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER:

Reminder: Please email information for the 2016-2017 *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.



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 & Ravelry – Nazee Fard

Name Tags – Dana Dunn

Church Liaison – Leona Thoelecke

