



Marin Guild Newsletter

MARIN KNITTERS' GUILD

OCTOBER 8, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Jane Cooperman. 13 members attended the meeting.

NEW MEETING LOCATION!!



Cortes Madera Town Center 770 Tamalpais Drive, Room 201

Attendees discussed the new location. There is better lighting for knitting and photos, tables that allow face to face discussion, good acoustics, and it's closer to the freeway. Kudos to Jane for locating a new location efficiently!

Attendees were pleased with the new location, so the Guild will ask to rent the room for the next 6 monthly meetings. **Suggestion:** Take a photo of the elevator lobby entrance and post on our media

TREASURER'S REPORT

We collected \$510 in dues. We spent \$175 on meeting room rental for 3 months including deposit. We have \$1072.07 in the account, so there is enough to pay for baby afghan yarn and 6 months meeting rent.

MEDIA REPORT

Nazee posted a Belgian yarn bomb to Ravelry.

Marilyn's knitting group plans to yarn bomb a bike rack in the Cortes Madera shopping center. Marie will post details to Ravelry.

Jane circulated a cartoon from the local paper. And she saw a book in the library she thinks is a good basic book with excellent illustrations: *The Knitter's Book of Knowledge*, by Debbie Bliss.

OCTOBER PROGRAM

Lois talked about inspiration for colorwork from nature (For example, there are many greens in nature which we don't think of as clashing). She brought several books with multi-colored knitting. She encourages us to knit with colors outside our usual choices.

Lois brought two Fair Isle sweaters using only two patterns but multiple colors. She learned a lot from the first sweater, about choosing colors that make the pattern show.

Lois brought baskets of yarn balls and had us choose yarn in a color we would often use, and another we would not usually use. Then each person passed their usual color to their left. Members then twisted the two colors (both outside their comfort zone) to see how they looked. In most cases, they looked surprisingly good together.

Members also brought their color successes and failures.

Ruth brought several sweaters. One example had metallic yarn on one sleeve. Because metallic is heavier, the sweater slumps to one side when she wears it. She brought two items that she made using leftover yarn balls that turned out beautifully.

Ruth and Elaine both discussed carrying colored floats behind white yarn and difficulty with show through. Solutions are to cut the yarn between figures or do intarsia. Elaine is knitting commissioned Christmas stockings that need yarn substitution and pointed out how many shades of white there are.

To follow up on shawl shapes from the last meeting, Nazee brought shawls of different shapes and construction: top down, Faroese, a lace keyhole wrap, and a trapezoid shawl started at one end with a beaded flower in the center. Nazee also showed a beaded leaf shawl that will be a Knit Picks pattern.



CHARITY REPORT

Nazee talked about the Linus Project, which collects baby blankets. The Guild has done charity blankets as a group project before. Previously, MKG bought yarn for blankets, members knit 4-6" strips, then the Guild assembled the strips and donated blankets to St. Luke's church where the Guild met. Nazee proposed charity blankets as the next Guild project and attendees agreed. Nazee will talk to another Guild member to work out the details. There was discussion about donating to a local hospital instead of the Linus Project. Details will be discussed at a later meeting.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

November's program is a charity program, adult/child hats/scarves etc. for Radhika's homeless charity: St. Anthony's Scarving Artists. Below is a link for Knitting a hat without a pattern:

<http://www.bellaonline.com/articles/art63758.asp/zzz>

If members bring baby items to the November meeting, they will be donated to Baby Love, which provides baby items to mothers and infants in need.

SHOW & TELL

Ruth is knitting a green cabled top.

Elaine is making a toddler wool cardigan out of yarn from Ann Von Arnum's stash.

Dana and Sue went to an alpaca farm open house last month, and Dana came back with a skein of alpaca. She is also making a short row baby blanket from a Purl Soho pattern.

Sue wore a top down sweater. It was knit as a cardigan but she seamed up the middle in a contrast yarn. She also brought her Guild KAL top down shawl. Sue brought a sweater she is knitting from vintage mohair. Some of the color came out after hand washing, and it lost some fluffiness. Mohair can be brushed out to increase the fluffiness. She is experimenting with crocheted buttons around a rubber ring from the hardware store.

Ann finished her ribbed hat. She has finished the front of a cabled sweater for her father.

Anita is on the 2nd sleeve on her pixilated sweater.

Melissa is making a crocheted baby blanket to

Members discussed visiting an Alpaca farm. Sue will ask the Vacaville alpaca farm she visited if they'd consider a visit from the Guild, and also asks a Marin alpaca farm.

Lois completed an alpaca shawl from a book she adopted at the Guild meeting last month. Lois found the texture of her shawl became much lighter after blocking. Sue thinks alpaca requires a larger needle to give it more room.

Jane finished a cardigan with contrast trim from a Guild yarn swap. The yarn was given to Leona by a stranger in a supermarket.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – TKGA CHANGES

TKGA (The Knitting Guild of America) is making several changes. The Guild is part of TKGA. The company that ran TKGA's conferences dropped them as a client. Cast On magazine will change to an on-line only publication, and they will no longer pay designers. TKGA will continue the Master Knitter program, and it will have 1-day workshops only for those in the program.

Jazzercise: Nazee has brought several members from her Jazzercise class into the Guild. In January, Novato Jazzercise is starting a 4:30 PM Tues/Thurs low-impact class at Margaret Todd Senior Center.

**Respectfully submitted by:
Gail Korenaga, Secretary**





Ruth – Green cabled top



Sue's Top down top



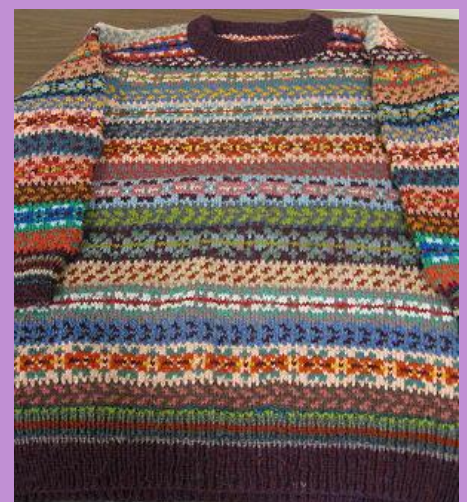
Sue's Triangular Shawl



Lois – Shawl



Lois – Fair Isle Vest following same pattern as sweater



Lois – Fair Isle Sweater



Jane's Cardigan



Elaine's Blocks cardigan following same pattern as Lois



Lois Blocked cardigan

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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, podcasts 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](http://TKGA.org) (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 every Second Saturday at Corte Madera Town Center, 770 Tamalpais Drive, Room 201 (Community Room).