

# MARIN KNITTERS GUILD



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### **AUGUST 12, 2017 MEETING MINUTES**

Melissa called the meeting to order. There were 18 attendees, including 2 guests. One guest saw the post on Nextdoor, and one found us through Google.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

No Treasurer's report.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Larkspur Library asked whether MKG would like to display items in their locked glass case in Dec 2017 or Jan 2018. Lois and Elaine have both displayed their work there before. This is an opportunity to publicize the Guild, including our knitting for charity. Lois will tell the library MKG is interested. Lois and Elaine volunteered to set up the display.

Hen Haus is having a going out of business sale. There is still quite a bit of stock left.

Clara Parkes will be at A Verb for Keeping Warm Sept. 21 for a book reading and signing for her new book, A Stash of One's Own.

Sweet Alpaca Ranch, a small family ranch, will open their ranch to families on Sept. 22/23. Contact Sue for information.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Christine, a former member, donated a shawl for the Guild to adopt. Nazee finished the shawl and blocked it. The Guild is raffling the shawl off for \$1 a ticket. The winner will be drawn at the October meeting.

### **MEDIA REPORT**

There are crocheted fingernail adornments - 2 tiny Granny Squares are fastened to the nail.

Christine went to the Crochet Guild of America conference in Chicago. It was much smaller than

Stitches West about 200 attendees and 12 vendors. There was a wide variety of items. She took several good classes, including one taught by Lily Chin on how to copy a garment.

The property that hosts Stitches West is planning to build a large new hotel on the current golf course. This will make lodging reservations easier in future. Five attendees have already registered for Stitches West classes, but hotel rooms sold out quickly.

### **COUNTY FAIR**

Diane recently judged the Santa Rosa County Fair - their craft entry numbers were also down. However, there were many juvenile entrants who may eventually enter as adults. About 1/3 of active MKG members entered the 2017 Main County Fair. For 2018, we will set a goal for MKG participation and spend time during a meeting sharing tips about entry.

Elaine reached out to the 2017 Best in Show winner, who wrote a thank you note for the MKG prize. Melissa will follow up on outreach to the winner.

### **PROGRAM**

Gail brought her grandmother's knitting patterns, navy coat, and vest.

Martha brought her mother's collection of knitting patterns, including some for World War II soldiers.

Sue brought crocheted pot holders and patterns she has collected.

Our guest brought her first crocheted FO, which is practically vintage.

Our other guest brought an evening stole her mother knit.

Nazee brought an open lace tablecloth her grandmother embroidered. She also brought a onesie her mother knit for her sons.

## CHARITY REPORT

Linus Project: There are 3 1/2 completed blankets. Members: please bring in the 7 missing strips so we can complete the rest of the blankets.

Nazee posted on Ravelry that some hospitals are looking for premie hats. This is another charity opportunity for MKG. Melissa will start a Rav thread with links to free patterns.

## SHOW & TELL

**Melissa:** socks with a solid body and variegated cuff and toe.

**Gail:** Donner, a linen Elizabeth Doherty sweater.

**Martha:** a multi-colored shawl.

**Tamara:** hitchhiking away on her shawl.

**Marilyn:** Crenate socks.

**Guest:** a stash-busting crocheted blanket.

**Christine:** a Vicky Chan crocheted sweater out of Anzula Squishy, a child's vest, a bicolored top-down cardigan, a top-down vest, and a linen pullover using the 4-square technique.

**Leona** wore a mitered sweater.

**Jane:** a shawl from Lion Brand Shawl in a Ball, which she has made in multiple colors.

**Sue:** a scarf from 2 sock yarns.

**Arlene:** brought a mannequin head from HenHaus to display her hats - she's made several for craft fairs.

**Diane:** hand warmers with buttons.

**Gerri:** hats.

**Kathy:** a Farmhouse shawl.

**Marie:** knits 7 cat mats a week, which she donates to a cat shelter.

**Nazee:** a wrap that will be sold as a kit for YarnBox, from milk protein yarn.

**Lois:** a red cabled sweater, a ZickZack shawl, and a side to side vest.

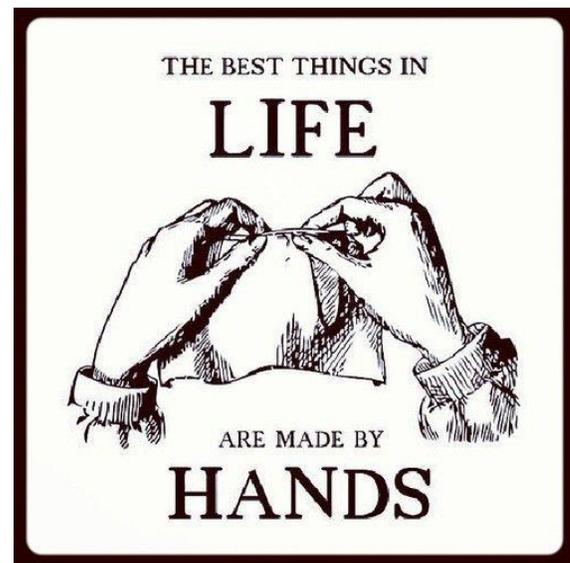


## PREVIEW OF SEPT. PROGRAM TECHNIQUE

Learn a new technique and make a swatch or washcloth. Bring it to the meeting to share. If you need ideas, the Mason-Dixon knitting podcast has a technique of the month.

Respectfully submitted by,

Gail Korenaga





*Martha – Shawl*



*Guest – Triangular Shawl*



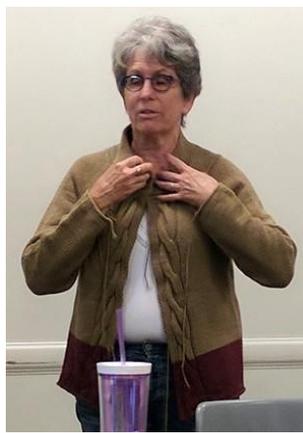
*Guest – first crochet blanket*



*Arlene – hat mannequin*



*Christine – top down sweater*



*Christine – cardigan*



*Onesie by Nazeer's mom*



*Sue's Vintage potholders*



*Lois – Knitted cable top*



*Gail – wearing her grandmother's jacket*



*Why did the knitter join a dating service?*

*Because she wanted to get en-gauge-ed!*

*What kind of needlework is always angry? Cross stitch!*



## 2017-18 OFFICERS

### Co-Presidents:

Melissa Boles

Elaine Johnson

### Programs Chairs/VPs:

Nazee Fard,

Christine Bo-Linn,

Sue Cameron

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**Secretary:** Gail Korenaga

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### Volunteers

*Marin Fair Liaison* – Elaine Johnson

*Website & Ravelry* – Nazee Fard



## MEMBER INFORMATION

### MARIN KNITTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER:

**Reminder:** Please email information for the 2017-2018 *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](http://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](http://www.marinknittersguild.org).



## ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION...

The Marin Knitters' Guild was formed in 1987 as the local chapter of The Knitting Guild of America (TKGA) to promote craft and workmanship of knitting. Today we are an independent organization of over 25 enthusiastic knitters, crocheters and other crafters. 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).