



# Marin Knitters Guild



## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### MARIN KNITTERS' GUILD DECEMBER 10, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Elaine called the meeting to order. There were 18 members present.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Dana now has the paperwork to open the MKG credit union account. The Guild has \$985 before rent and other bills.

The Guild paused for the holiday potluck and yarn swap.

**Reminder:** \$30 annual Guild dues are due.

#### CHARITY REPORT

**Project Linus:** Piedmont Yarns donated 2 skeins to finish the MKG blankets. Jennifer and Kathie volunteered to knit strips to bring to the January meeting. The afghans will be finished for the February meeting. Nazee found a local collection point for the finished blankets.

**St. Anthony's:** Nazee collected scarves and hats for distribution by Radhika at St. Anthony's.



St. Anthony's Foundation – Scarf drive donations

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ **Silent Auction:** Elaine's donated Hygge Knits book went to highest bidder, Dana
- ✚ **Nametags :** Martha volunteered to handle MKG nametags
- ✚ **Britex Fabrics:** Britex Fabrics has moved from Maiden Lane to 117 Post Street in San Francisco
- ✚ **Field Trip:** Possible Guild field trip in 2018 – Smart Train to Cast Away yarn shop in Santa Rosa. From San Marin, the fare is \$15 round trip or \$7.50 for seniors
- ✚ **Larkspur Library MKG Display:** Melissa, Christine, Nazee and Gail brought items for display. If people still have items for display, call Elaine or Lois or contact them on Ravelry to arrange transfer
- ✚ **Project Amigo:** The MKG website got an email from Project Amigo asking about interest in making squares for afghans to be distributed to poor families of students in Mexico. Members can use the links and instructions to contribute squares individually

Do you have 30 yards of yarn lying around?



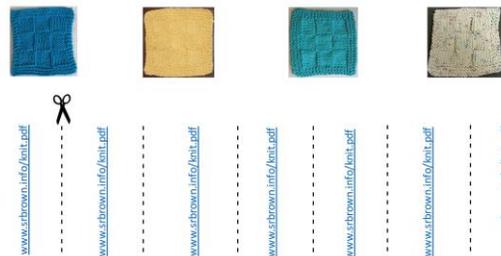
Would you be interested in knitting or crocheting squares?

This young girl is an example of someone who could be helped by your efforts. Each square that you send will be sewn into an afghan that will be distributed to poor families of students in Mexico who are being sponsored by Project Amigo [www.projectamigo.org].

Project Amigo is a charity that supports students from Colima in rural western Mexico so that they can create their own educational opportunities and better their quality of life. The pattern and instructions on where to send the squares are at [www.srbrown.info/knit.pdf].

Thank you for your help.

Samuel R. Brown, Ph.D., Project Amigo volunteer  
Cheshire, Connecticut Email: cheshbrownsr@cox.net



Project Amigo information flyer



*Elaine – Ann Norling West*



*Ruth – Bi-colored sweater*



*Arlene – Short Row Scarf*



*Dana – Candy Cane Cozy*



*Lois – Boghead hat*



*December – Christmas Party with Santa*



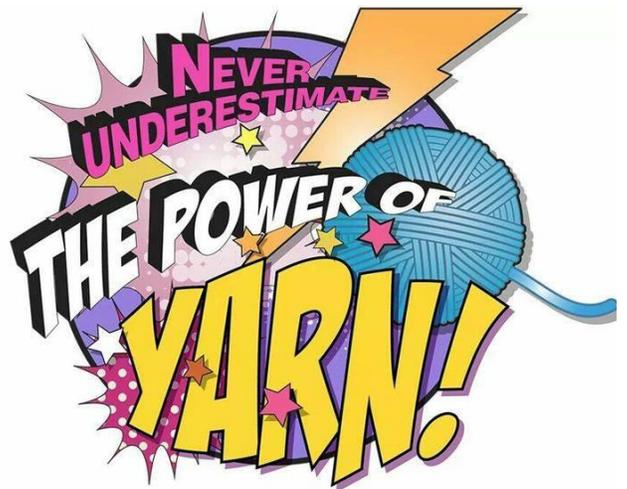
*Lois – Knitted bird*



*Marilyn - Socks*



*Diane – Handwarmers w/glove liner*



## SHOW & TELL

**Dana:** finishing a requested sweater for her son. She finished several gifts and a candy cane cozy

**Carita:** wore a kit sweater from Stitches West. She is knitting pink pussy hats

**Sue:** a garter hat to gift. She finished her first commissioned piece, a scarf. This triggered a discussion about commission pricing. Common practice is to charge by the yard of yarn knit, e.g. \$0.30/yard for plain knitting up to 0.58/yard for complicated knitting, in addition to the cost of the yarn. Elaine has a sliding scale she will send Sue

**Aliyya:** matching sweater and socks for her granddaughter and Quidditch- inspired sweater for her grandson

**Marilyn:** socks to match her shirt.

**Jennifer:** ZickZack scarf using Mini Mochi. Others have used Knit Picks Chroma

**Lois:** Boghead hat. She is knit several birds from The Field Guide to Knitted Birds by Arne and Carl

**Ruth:** child's Guernsey and matching hat out of donated yarn. She combined two kinds of donated yarn to knit a bi-colored sweater. She doubled the yard for seed-stitch edges

**Elaine:** knitting gift hats for her doctor's office. She knit a commissioned sweater out of tweedy yarn and seamed it with needlepoint yarn. She wore an Ann Norling vest.

**Gail:** hats for St. Anthony's and 2 shawls for the Larkspur library display.

**Kathie:** a garter shawl with 2 yarns and a lace shawl.

**Nazee:** committed to 4 items due in January. She wore a beautiful sweater from donated yarn.

**Jane:** a cabled sweater with dog buttons and a shawl for St. Anthony's.

**Joan:** a knitted alligator scarf.

**Tamara:** Best Friends scarf pattern for a long-time friend.

**Diane:** hand warmers with a glove liner with red-tipped fingers.

**Martha:** cowl out of leftover Sweet Georgia yarn. She wore a stole out of gifted multicolored yarn and matching stash yarn.

**Arlene:** a short row scarf.



## PREVIEW OF JANUARY PROGRAM

### KNITTING WITH BEADS

Items needed:

1. Lace weight or fingering weight yarn
2. Knitting needles size 3 for lace weight and size 4 for fingering weight yarn
3. Size E (6/0) beads available at Jo Ann's or Michael's
4. Steel crochet hook size 10 or any size that passes through the hole in the beads
5. Patience

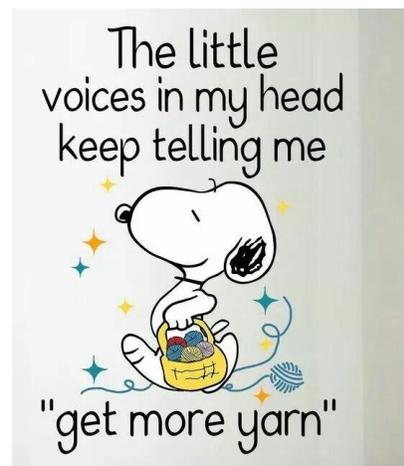
### Homework:

Cast on 21 sts.

Work 4 ridges (8 rows) of garter stitch

**Respectfully submitted by,**

**Gail Korenaga**



What did the invisible man make when he learned to crochet? Answer: An afghan like you've never seen!



## 2017-18 OFFICERS

### Co-Presidents:

Melissa Boles

Elaine Johnson

### Programs Chairs/VPs:

Nazee Fard,

Christine Bo-Linn,

Sue Cameron

Martha Fine

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**Treasurer:** Dana Dunn

### Newsletter:

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We are on the Web!

[www.marinknittersguild.org](http://www.marinknittersguild.org)



## 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, 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](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).