

Marin Knitters Newsletter



January 2009 Publication: Next Meeting: January 10th, 2009

Minutes of Guild Meeting Dec. 13, 2008

Meeting was called to order by President, Elaine

Johnson. Seventeen members were in attendance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Nazee brought in a card for Marcia Hammett for everyone to sign. She reported that Marcia is starting a new chemo treatment and is looking forward to the day she can return to the Knitters Guild.

Jan 2nd: Elaine Johnson will be showing knitted work in the Larkspur Library. It will also be online. Elaine will put up the link in the Yahoo group.

Melissa will be having her first three-person gallery show at Artworks Downtown, San Rafael in January. "Boots, Bags and Bikinis".

WEB LINKS: Check out the Vogue Knitting website. You can see all pieces from all sides and 3D. Elaine has subscribed to Knitting Daily and reports good videos.

Christine has joined Ravelry and really likes it. Joanne reported lots of free patterns. Many of our group love this site.

She will put up an invitation on the Yahoo group and invites everyone to the Opening Reception, January 9, 2009.

STITCHES:

Date: Feb. 26th, 2009. Signups have been open for a while now. If you are planning on going make your reservations soon. Christine reported that she had trouble making hotel reservations until she mentioned she was part of the Stitches Conference. Nazee may be taking Joan Schroeder out to lunch the Sunday of the Conference. If you would like to join them, contact Nazee.

TRESURER'S REPORT: Dana reports we have \$1933.94 in our treasury. The rent has been paid.

RAFFLE: Dana brought the raffle prize, which was won by Christine: A Baby Knits book, very timely as Christine is knitting for many new arrivals.

OLD BUSINESS:

Elaine will continue to follow up with Charlie Barboni of the Marin County Fair regarding the Guild's donation of a prize for the Fair in memory of Marie. Start those Fair project, ladies!!!



Easy "Treat" before you start Your 2009 diet!

INGREDIENTS (Nutrition)

- * 1 (10 ounce) package saltine crackers
- * 1 cup butter
- * 1 cup light brown sugar
- * 1 (12 ounce) package semisweet chocolate chips
- * 1 cup slivered almonds

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Grease a baking sheet. Line baking sheet with saltine crackers, edges touching.

2. In a medium saucepan, combine butter and brown sugar and cook until mixture reaches 235 degrees F (112 degrees C) or a small amount of mixture dropped into cold water forms a small ball that flattens when placed on a flat surface. Pour mixture over crackers and spread evenly.

3. Bake in preheated oven 15 minutes. Sprinkle chocolate chips over hot toffee. When chips turn glossy, spread evenly with spatula. Sprinkle with almonds. Freeze 20 minutes before serving.

Minutes continued....

YARN DONATIONS:

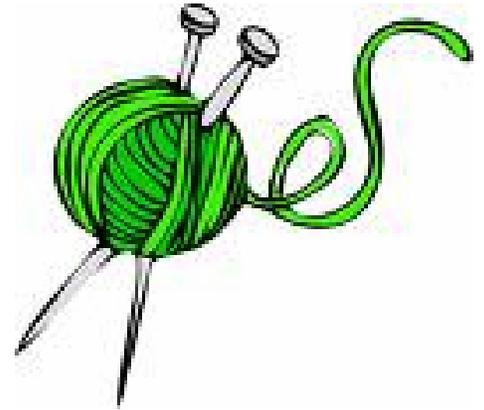
We have had more yarn donated by a Terra Linda family and by Cottage Yarns, which we distributed to members today. Cottage Yarns requested a thank you with the donated amount of (\$400), which Elaine will send.

Meeting was closed with Show and Tell, which was inspiring as usual and our annual Christmas Potluck luncheon.

Submitted by: Melissa Woodburn,
Secretary.

REMINDER:

The Executive Meeting is planned to be held before the regular meeting on January 10 at the church. If you are interested and have something to say, please join us at 9:30 AM. Bring your own coffee!



President's Message

Those of you who got my last post on our Yahoo group page may have noticed the disconnect between the title and the information about Bluebird Yarn and Fiber Crafts in Sausalito in the body. I titled the post "Back-Stabbing in the Knitting World," decided not to talk about that, and hit "Send" before I remembered to change the title! Something that has happened to us all, right? What I started to do, and decided to save for this newsletter, was report that Sophia Kurnik, the owner of Bluebird, went to various yarn stores introducing herself before she started her new business. She included Atelier Marin in her round of visits. After she left there, Atelier's owner, Amanda, called the yarn distributors to tell them not to sell yarns to Sophia! This to me is the opposite of the spirit of knitting, and provides further evidence that

the spirit of sharing, and mutual support and of inclusivity is not present at Atelier in San Anselmo. I have boycotted that store personally after they refused display our brochures, and have urged other knitters to do the same. This most recent example of nastiness confirms what I've known all along. I will continue to shop at Dharma, Marin Fiber Arts Yarn Shop, and now Bluebird. Tell your friends to do the same! I look forward to a productive and cooperative 2009 with all of you. Happy New Year!

Elaine Johnson
President

