



Program Schedule

May 9 Sock it to Me—Bring in socks you've made. Bring in your county fair items.

**June 6 Yarn Crawl and lunch in Santa Rosa

June 13 World Wide Knit in Public day.

Needle Care—come with your favorite tips

July 11 Southwest Trading Yarn trunk show

August 8 Living on the Edge—bring in samples of edges

Bring in your group project scarf—the morning surf scarf or the ocean wave. Be prepared to be photographed!

Sept. 12 Hand massage Jennifer Rockwell

**October 3 Yarn Crawl

October 10 Charity knits—Bring in your items for Operation Gratitude, Squares for Carita, Chemo hats and baby hats

Nov. 14 The Granny Square

December 12 Pot Luck Holiday, Yarn Exchange, show off your holiday knits

Jan. 9 Group Project show and tell

Feb. 13 Sarah Oliver talks about the creative process of her beautiful felted purses as well as the business end of her craft.

March 13 Spring Cleaning – Book swap Sweater Swap

April 10 It's in the Bag – Bring in any bags you've made

From President Lois

We were a small but very interactive group at our June meeting. Ruth stepped up to lead our "needle" discussion. There were many needle holders shown in various shapes and cases. If you want to know how toilet paper rolls, toothbrush holders, and empty oatmeal containers pertained to our discussion contact anyone who was at the

meeting.

We all enjoyed the odd bits of information-- such as what to do with old bent needles-- example...use as stake holders in the garden. We are an inventive Guild. Don't miss the July meeting hi-lighting the Southwest Trading Co trunk show.

See you all there.



Keep your needles clean.
— Lois

Minutes of June Meeting

Meeting Minutes June 13, 2009

Attendance: Lois Errante, Arlene Finn, Leona Thoelecke, Marilyn Klag, Coreta Lynch, Diane Davis, Angela Faillace, Ann Van Arnum, Ruth Suzuki, Sandra Leister, Marnie Sorgen, JoAnn Hicks.

President Lois started the meeting with an update on

the fair entry procedure. The yarn crawlers shared their fun with the group and to our amazement admitted there simply was not enough time to satisfy their craving. We look forward to the next crawl scheduled for this fall.

Announcements: More shops are closing Noe Knits in San Francisco and our local shop in San Rafael

Marin Fiber Arts. A new craft store is opening this fall in Mill Valley, owned and operated by both or one of the sisters from Studio Knits. The shop is on Miller across from the old shop location.

Is there an interest from the group in starting a monthly sit and knit group? If so what works best evenings, weekdays or weekends. This discussion included an

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June's Minutes, cont.

informative session on where knitters currently meet to sit and knit. Arlene enjoys Novato Garden Group. JoAnn suggested the Sunday mornings knitters who meet at Starbucks in Mill Valley as well as the monthly knit group at Bluebirds in Sausalito. Another fun group meets at Llama Llama Knits in Novato every Tuesday evening.

The Fair is coming July 4 weekend, come show your support for our guild members who submitted their

beautiful knit work.

Retreats: This is a three day getaway in Occidental. Knitters arrive Friday afternoon at 3:00 and depart Sunday afternoon at 3:00. Meals are included as are fresh linens; contact Mary Sue for bed availability for August and October.

Program: What an interesting discussion on needles, metal vs. wood vs. plastic. Straight, double point or circular, storing and organizing. Well done, Ladies!

This knitter really appreciated the information gained from this session. The winner with 200 needles Sandy Leister (Shhhhh: rumor has it Lois has over 200 needles). Thank you Ruth for hosting the needle program.

No treasurer's report.

Coreta brought the raffle prize that was won by Diane Davis.

—Jo Ann Hicks
Secretary

How to Make a Knitting Needle Bracelet

By Triune www.ehow.com
(Forwarded from by Ruth S.)

Knitting needle bracelets are a fun and unexpected fashion statement for crafty ladies or anyone who want to add a punch of color and whimsy to an outfit. Bangles like these are easy to make and do not take long, and if you have some extra knitting needles around, you should already have all the you need for a quick cute craft project!

Instructions

Difficulty: Moderately Easy

Things you'll need: plastic knitting needles, a large pot or pan, water, oven mitts, tongs, drinking glass, dishtowel

1. Place a glass upside down on a dish towel. The glass should be

as wide as you would like the bracelet to be. It may be easier to have a different glass for each bracelet you are making.

2. Add water to a pot or pan large enough to accommodate the knitting needles. Bring water to a boil.

3. Put one to three knitting needles in the boiling water for 2 – 3 minutes. Remove it from the water with tongs and test if it is soft enough to bend. If it is not soft enough, put it back in the boiling water for a minute at a time.

4. Using oven mitts or heat resistant gloves wrap the knitting needle around the glass. Let the bracelet cool while still wrapped around the glass to maintain the shape and also because it will still be hot.

5. Once the bracelet has cooled and hardened, which could be a

half hour to an hour or more, you can wear it and go! If you want to add some more personality to it, you can add charms onto the narrow end. Make it your own and be creative!

Tips:

Use an older pot and designate for non-food use. The knitting needles may leach chemicals into the pot that could be harmful.

Do not boil the needles too long as you do not want them to melt too much.

Once you have gotten the hang of making these, you could try softening two or more knitting needles at a time and twisting or braiding them together.

This project is not recommended for children, but makes a great gift for them.

Next Meeting:

**July 11— Southwest
Trading Yarn Trunk
Show**

**The rep from South
West Trading will talk
about her yarns and I
think she may have
some discontinued
yarns for sale.**

Should be interesting.

— Christine