

MKG Newsletter

January 2011



Presidents' Message

WOW!!! It's 2011

Happy New Year!! Not only is it the beginning of a new year but the beginning of a new decade. What an exciting time this is.

Nazee and I are very enthusiastic about all the programs Kathy has planned for us in the coming year. We also look forward to whatever new and fabulous fibers and accessories Stitches West will bring us in February.

This portion of the holiday season is all about starting over and renewing so let's all make a resolution to learn something new in the knitting world and share it with our fellow guild members.

I will not be at the January meeting and Nazee will be running the meeting. I am going to Las Vegas to the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) with my husband on business. I look forward to seeing you all in February.

Marcia and Nazee

2011 Group Project

Swing Shawl directed by Diane Sack

What you will need for the next meeting, January 8, 2011

1. About 600 yards of DK weight yarn
2. Size needles to get gauge with your yarn
3. A row counter
4. Scissors

What you will learn:

1. Casting on
2. Picking up stitches and knit
3. Yo's
4. K2tog
5. Weaving in ends as you go

Diane will provide the pattern and all the help needed.

Tips:

1. You do not need long needles. You are only working on 56 stitches at any one time. You may even use DPN's
2. Diane recommends a smooth yarn with some swing to it. The pattern does not show a textured yarn.
3. Every "mitered section" can be a different yarn
4. Diane used one yarn for her sample



Check it out!

Olympic Reindeer hat on ravelry.com

Straw.com *** yarns and patterns, look for the Panda Silk DK Fan Shawl

Yarn.com

www. sweaterscapes ***knitter’s graph paper

*http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-h7TnO6TBx4 ***Great YouTube piece on a knit Christmas tree*

www.wovenlabelsuk.com ***labels for your handwork

Knitting Daily—Dec. 15, 2010 article about Wool Week in London

Podcasts: Sticks & Strings (an Australian guy David Reidy) You can find podcasts through iTunes, Podcast Pickle, Ravelry, and other sources

<http://crochetcoralreef.org/exhibitions/smithsonian.php> ***This is the site to the crochet coral reef display at the Smithsonian in D.C. Check out the press releases, especially the radio interviews. We always knew crocheters and knitters are smart!

Knitting tip of the month:

To make a chart for a name or letter, put a printed piece of knitter’s graph paper into your printer and use your word processing program to type name, saying, or letter, and print onto the graph paper. Chart!

Marin Knitters Guild

December 11, 2010 Meeting Minutes

President Marcia Hammett opened the meeting at 10 o’clock. Twenty-six members attended the year-end meeting and Pot Luck.

Marcia introduced Mary Dill from St. Luke’s Presbyterian Church where

we hold our meetings. We presented her with 20 prayer shawls at today’s meeting and the church had received 5 from us earlier in the fall. The presentation was in response to the church’s request that we make prayer shawls for seriously ill people, most of whom are dealing with cancer. Our prayers – one for each stitch - go into the shawls. Nazee Fard reported she sent a prayer shawl to an MKG member who is ill, and we also will be

sending that member a get well card.

Diane Sack sent 21 helmet liners and 7 scarves to her nephew's platoon. They were delighted to receive them. She does not need any more as everyone in the platoon got one. Christine will take more for Blue Star Moms. You can "Google" for helmet-liner patterns.

After our treasurer, Dana Dunn, reported that we have \$1,057 in our checking account and \$500 in our savings account, Marcia asked Arlene Finn and Dana to look into whether MKG has to file a tax return, and any related issues. Arlene will also check with our parent organization, The Knitting Guild Association (TKGA), to see if we are under their umbrella. Elaine Johnson suggested contacting Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey's office for information.

A motion was made and approved by the membership to discontinue the raffle for six months and revisit the matter at that time. A second motion was made and approved by the membership to replace our name tag holders which have long elastics that get tangled up in our name-tab box with ones that have clips.

Christine Bo-Linn, who is editor of our newsletter, said that the newsletter should be *your* voice, so please email her your contributions regarding web sites, yarn stores, books, patterns, etc., plus a *short* comment such as, "Great place for hat patterns."

Cathy Puccetti, our Programs Chair, reported on several programs lined

up for 2011.

- Diane Sack will start a group project for a triangular Swing Shawl in a shell pattern at our January 2011 meeting. She will provide the pattern at the January meeting. Group projects are ones where we learn techniques as a group, and participation is voluntary.
- Diane is checking with a local woman who authored a book. She will ask her to come to a meeting with samples.
- Cathy and Nazee are checking out places in Olema in Point Reyes for our all-day workshop. Cathy will make a proposal when the site has been selected.

Show and Tell: We had our usual lively discussion of projects recently completed or in progress. We particularly enjoyed the adult onesie and accessories modeled by Joan Schwartz.

Pot Luck: The meeting was adjourned so that we could enjoy a fabulous pot luck of home made dishes and wonderful desserts.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Cooperman