

# Marin Knitters' Guild

## Newsletter

### April 2011

#### Presidents' Message

#### Upcoming Events

**April 8, 2011** - Phyllis Camp, expert finisher will discuss how to apply a zipper for our knitted garments.

**Annual pot holder exchange**, knit or crochet a pot holder with non flammable yarn, we will share, display and exchange.

**May 13, 2011** - Welcome new program chair. We will share, discuss our group project, the scalloped swing shawl.



Dear Guild Members:

Nazee and I are very happy to introduce the slate of candidates for 2011-2012. They are as follows:

- Co-President: Cathy Puccetti/Christine Bo-Linn
- Programs: A committee of 3 which includes Marcia Hammett, Diane Sack and Christine Bo-Linn
- Secretary: Jane Cooperman
- Treasurer: Dana Dunn
- Website/Yahoo List: Nazanin Fard
- Newsletter: Cathy Aviles
- Charity: Claire Miller
- Name Tags: Arlene Finn
- Fair Liaison: Elaine Johnson
- Church Liaison and keeper of the key: Leona Thoelecke

We appreciate the above members stepping up and filling all positions. If anyone else wants to enter as a candidate for any position please let me know. We will be voting on the above slate at our April meeting.

Marcia and Nazee

## Check it out!

\***Podcasts:** Sticks and Strings

The Manic Purl Podcast

Knit Knit Café

Cast On

Etsy.com video podcasts -for artists' studio tours and how-to's

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/tradisi> Tradisi scarf/shawl pattern—a fund raiser for Operation Dig

<http://www.sumbayouthinitiative.blogspot.com> More about Operation Dig

<http://nomadicnixons.blogspot.com/2010/06/yarn.html> A related blog

techknitting.blogspot.com -A knitter's blog

the-panopticon.blogspot.com -Franklin Habit's blog

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"Your trouble is, you're too short in the arms!"

## Marin County Fair...in a nutshell

From Elaine J.

**Entry forms** due mid-May. Think May 11. You can enter anything you think you might have ready by the drop-off date but you cannot drop off anything you haven't entered!

**Best in Show:** TWO "best in show" ribbons will be given, one for a "wearable" knitted item, and one for a "non-wearable" item.

**Junior Award:** the MKG will buy a gift certificate from Dharma and deliver it to the Fair office which will then give it to the Junior winner of either knitting or crochet. Elaine is happy to deliver the check to the Fair office.

**Entry Fees:** all entry fees \$2 per item

**Judge:** Warren Agee will be judging this year.

**Exhibitors' Guide** booklet will be available soon. On-line info is available now.

**Theme:** this year's theme is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge

### March 12, 2011 Meeting Minutes

President Marcia Hammett opened the meeting at 10 o'clock. Eighteen members attended and two guests, Ginny from Arroyo Grande (south of San Luis Obispo) and Paula from Petaluma, attended. Paula showed us some beautiful yarn she had spun and knitted.

#### OLD BUSINESS

OFFICERS FOR 2011-2012 - We will hold elections in April for officers and select members for committees and other responsibilities. Here is the proposed slate and the volunteers for committees and other responsibilities, but anyone else who would like to volunteer is welcome to step up:

Co-Presidents:	Cathy Puccetti and Christine Bo-Lin
Secretary:	Jane Cooperman
Treasurer:	Dana Dunn
Church Liaison and Keeper of the Key:	LeonaThoelecke
Programs Committee:	Christine Bo-Lin, Marcia Hammett and Diane Sack
Charity:	Claire Miller

Fair Liaison: Elaine Johnson  
Name Tags: Arlene Finn  
Newsletter: Cathy Aviles  
Web Site & Yahoo! List: Nazee Fard

**TAX STATUS OF THE MARIN KNITTERS GUILD** – Marcia Hammett reported that she had downloaded the tax forms that we will have to file. It appears the Guild will not pay taxes as long as we are officially a non-profit (a 501-C (7)) and earn less than \$25,000 per year. We will need a dissolution plan for distribution of money in our checking and savings accounts, should the Guild close. The plan must be in an official document (the By-laws) of the Guild. We will need to amend the By-laws for that purpose. Elaine Johnson will contact her tax adviser to see if he will be the Guild's tax advisor (pro bono or for a fee) or if he can give us a referral. We will want to know if we will have to file tax forms every year, and if we can do it ourselves, once the system is set up. Elaine will get back to Marcia, and the Guild's tax committee is suspended pending Elaine's report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Dana Dunn, our treasurer, reported that we have \$1,613 in our accounts.

**MARIN KNITTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER** – Please email information to Christine Bo-Lin on web sites, pod casts or blogs on knitting or other crafts that we can pass along via our Newsletter.

## NEW BUSINESS

### MARIN COUNTY FAIR –

Elaine Johnson, the Guild's liaison to the Fair, suggested we all Google the Marin County Fair 2011 for a glimpse of Lois's Art to Wear Shawl. She reported that the fair theme will be the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge.

She reported that she met with Charlie Barboni on February 16 and reported the following:

- Best in Show – There will be two ribbons given, one for “wearable” and one for “non-wearable” knitted items. “Non-wearable” items might include, for example, afghans. The Guild will provide an award of \$100 for the “wearable” category.
- Junior Award – The Guild will provide a \$25 gift certificate from Dharma for this category.
- Entry Fees – All entry fees will be \$2.
- Leading Categories – What the fair calls “Classes” – “Women's Sweaters” and “Coats/Jackets” will carry the larger prizes this year, with a top prize of \$75.
- Bridging Category – For this category, take fabric from one item and use it on a knit garment.
- Judges – The judge the fair had recruited dropped out and Elaine make a recommendation of a former yarn store owner. Alternatively, we are hoping for a judge from out of the area who is not familiar with Guild members' work.

- Timetable – Entry forms are due May 11. Drop off dates are June 10-11; Release date is July 5<sup>th</sup>.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS CALENDAR – Members of the incoming Programs Committee proposed that, in addition to new programs that they will propose, that certain months have standard topics each year. For example, one month might be “Discussion of the Stitches Conference.” Other months might be designated “Charity Projects” and “Potholder Exchange.” The idea was well received by Guild members, and the incoming Programs Committee will choose programs and fill in the calendar for starters.

APRIL PROGRAMS (Zippers and Potholders) – Cathy Puccetti reported that Phyllis Camp will present a program on zippers and will help anyone who needs help. Phyllis will provide a supply list prior to our April Meeting. In addition, we may bring potholders to show and share for those of us who want to participate in a potholder exchange. Potholders should be made of non-flammable materials (e.g., no acrylics).

MAY PROGRAM – Bring the scarves you are making from Diane Sack’s Swing Shawl pattern. We would like to show and photograph them for our Newsletter.

POT LUCK – Christine Bo-Lin will give us a date at the end of May.

STITCHES - We discussed the Stitches programs, available yarns, and critiqued the program presenters. We also noted that some of the yarn companies that traditionally have produced low priced yarns, have some very nice new yarns at reasonable prices.

SHOW AND TELL – We passed around an advertisement from a People Magazine for “knit your own dogs” stuffed toys; wondered who does the “knitthyself.com” web site and highly recommended that everyone go to see the amazing Pulp Fashion show at the Palace of the Legion of Honor (open through June 5<sup>th</sup>) – admission is \$15 general; \$12 for seniors.

YAHOO GROUPS LIST -

If you are not receiving Yahoo Group emails, please email:  
marinknittersguild@yahoo.com.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Cooperman