

Marin Knitters Guild

Newsletter

May 2011

Presidents' Message

This is the month for change. Marcia and Nazee will step down as co-presidents and the guild welcomes Cathy P. and Christine as the new presidents.

Thank you, Marcia and Nazee. We all appreciate your time and your leadership.

At our next meeting, May 14th, we will show off our group project shawl, have show and tell, and discuss the coming year.



Possible Upcoming Events

The following events have been suggested for the MKG meetings in the coming year. At the next meeting May 14th, we'll discuss these possibilities and any others you all suggest.

1. Workshop on different cast ons and cast offs. When to use one over the other.
2. Workshop on making beaded stitch markers and beaded row counters. A swap?
3. How to read Japanese knitting and crochet patterns.
- 4.. A game of Knit-O. It's a lot like bingo. Prizes!
5. Femo Buttons
6. Fancy stitch: pick a stitch you have admired from a glossary and stitch up a square. Challenge yourself.
7. Workshop on how to get the most out of Ravelry.com

8. Learn to take better photos of your work for your Ravelry.com page
9. Aches and pains from knitting??? A visit and lecture from a masseuse Jennifer Rockwell. Learn how to treat yourself.
10. Pot holder exchange.
11. Group project.
12. Charity projects
13. Socks! Socks! And more Socks!
14. Hats! Were you inspired by the royal wedding? Design and model a hat.

And while you think of these projects as well as others, are there any amateur photographers or jewelry makers in our midst? Don't be shy!

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April 9, 2011 Meeting Minutes

President Marcia Hammett opened the meeting at 10 o'clock. Eighteen members and one guest attended.

OLD BUSINESS

OFFICERS FOR 2011-2012 – The following officers and members of committees and volunteers for other responsibilities were unanimously approved by the membership. They will take on their responsibilities effective the May 2011 meeting, which also is the Guild's 24th anniversary (the Guild was formed in 1987).

Co-Presidents:	Cathy Puccetti and Christine Bo-Linn
Secretary:	Jane Cooperman
Treasurer:	Dana Dunn
Church Liaison and Keeper of the Key:	Leona Thoelecke
Programs Committee:	Christine Bo-Linn, Marcia Hammett, 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 – Elaine Johnson reported that she had contacted her tax attorney for assistance, but the proposed charge of up to \$1,000 would decimate our budget, so we decided to look for help from Guild member Marilyn Klag's husband. Marcia will talk to him and will let Dana Dunn, who volunteered to take this on, know when to get an EIN (Employer Identification Number) for us. As a reminder from last month, 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 suggested that as a first step we draft the required language for our By-laws.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Dana Dunn, our treasurer, reported that she paid our rent and we have \$1,518.18 in our accounts.

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

NEW BUSINESS

CHARITY – Claire Miller reported that the prayer shawls done for Saint Luke's, where we hold our meeting, were greatly appreciated, and they don't need any more right now. If you make chemo caps or other items for charity, she will be happy to deliver them.

Nazee Fard said that if you purchase a Good Luck Chemo Hat pattern for \$5 at her website, Lacenmore.com, 50% of the proceeds will go to the "National Brain Tumor Society."

MARIN COUNTY FAIR – Elaine Johnson reported that the Junior Award of a \$25 gift certificate from Dharma did not make it into the fair's Exhibitor's Guide. The membership agreed to give the award anyway, and to publicize it. Nazee volunteered to post the "Best of Show Awards," including the Junior Award, to be presented by the Guild on our website www.marinknittersguild.org, on our Ravelry group and on the Bay Area Knitters group on Ravelry. (Nazee posted these awards right after our meeting on April 12, 2011.)

Exhibitor's Guide – These guides were sent to last year's Fair participants. Elaine passed out several copies and applications. She said that Charlie Barboni will duplicate the Knitters' section for us if we want more copies and there are lots of applications available.

Timetable – Entry forms are due May 11. The fee is \$2. Drop off dates are June 10-11; release date is July 5th.

Fair Judges – Warren Agee, who ran a yarn store in San Rafael, agreed to be the Knitting and Crocheting judge this year. Our Guild member, Melissa Woodburn, will be a judge of Crafts & Hobbies, Junior Division.

Fair Volunteers – Elaine will provide information to us on volunteering two hours at the Fair in exchange for a free pass – and for fun.

Demonstration Space – Elaine mentioned that the Lace Guild has disbanded and their back room space at the Fair is available for demonstrating quilting and knitting.

MAY GUILD PROGRAM – A number of us brought our Diane Sack Swing Shawl pattern scarves to the April meeting to show our progress, *but we should bring them, finished or not, to the May meeting to photograph for our Newsletter.*

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

POT HOLDER EXCHANGE - Guild members displayed and exchanged eight potholders. All of the potholders were great "eye candy," but the two potholders with duck motifs and the one potholder with a fork and spoon were the most discussed. The fork and spoon motif was done in stockinette stitch on a seed stitch background. The details on the duck potholders and the clever, easy stitch changes on the fork and spoon potholder demonstrate that it is easy, with a little imagination, to make an eye catching product.

SHOW AND TELL – During Show and Tell, Arlene Finn discussed a three-day knitting retreat at Bishop's Ranch outside Healdsburg.

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

ZIPPERS PROGRAM

Phyllis Camp gave us an absolutely extraordinary presentation and handout on Installing Zippers in a Knitted/Crocheted Garment. Phyllis is a professional finisher who gets referrals from high-end knitting stores in the Bay Area. The sample garments she passed around show why she is so well respected in her profession.

Installing a zipper that fits and doesn't buckle or sag is an art, but Phyllis made it sound like we all could master that art with her instructions, lists of resources on the internet and the right zipper for the garment. She noted the importance of having firm edges to which the zipper will be sewn, showed us how to drill little holes in the tough ends of a zipper to receive sewing thread, and discussed the importance of, and how to make, facings for the zipper.

Zippers typically are available in fabric and some crafts stores in the U.S., but she has found that there is an amazing variety of zippers available in fabric (not yarn) stores in Japan. If you know of anyone traveling to Japan who would like an interesting side trip to a fabric store to purchase zippers, please let Phyllis know.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Cooperman