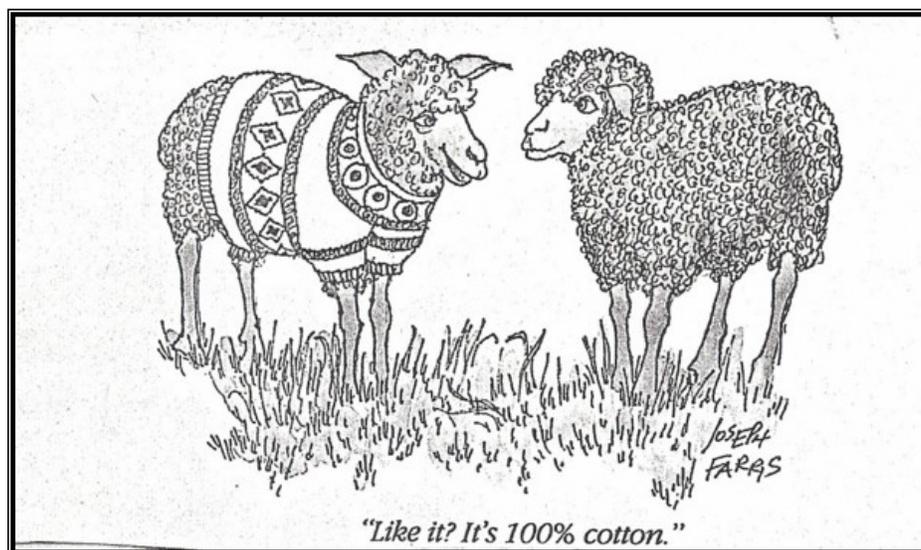


Marin Knitters Guild Newsletter June 2011



Presidents' Message

Welcome everyone; first of all we would like to thank the 2010-2011 officers for their hard work and ongoing support of the guild. We also want to thank all the guild members for their support. It has been a good year.

We have waited a long while for spring to arrive and now it is here, but still waiting on summer's arrival. We see new color and texture everywhere in the warmer days, sunshine, gardens, and farmers markets come to mind.

We shed our heavy woolens and sweaters for lighter cottons, linens and silks. Visiting my LYS, I love to wander through the store looking for new patterns, tops, vests, a simple tee, and of course touching the new yarns. It is also a great time to try something new, push our skills, maybe a lace project or a new fiber? I usually start off the spring knitting a market bag, though maybe this year I will crochet it. What wishes and dreams are sitting in your knitting bag for spring?

Good luck to those who have entered items in the Marin County Fair.

Happy Knitting, Cathy and Christine



Upcoming Events

JUNE 11th meeting is all about UFOs! They are hiding in your home (or project rooms, garages, closets, etc, etc). It is time to bring them out to share your **UnFinished Objects**. We will share, commiserate, and brainstorm. Take advantage of the talented knitters in our group and move it back to a work in progress, or consider a swap. Be prepared to share, get ideas, suggestions, or if all else fails, frogging (ripping). BYOK – Bring your own Kleenex ...

JUNE POT LUCK at Diane Sack's house – This year the wonderful potluck will be at Diane's house., she will supply Chicken and coffee. We know we will have a great assortment of dishes and a great time. Our group cooks as well as they knit.

Where: 657 Cherry St, Novato

When: June 24th, at 5pm

RSVP: under4bydiane@comcast.net

Maps will be available at the June meeting if anyone needs them.

In case you missed it, here is recent online discussion in our Yahoo Group on color bleeding in a finished sweater and what to do.

Issue: Finished cardigan with black band (52% silk and 48% wool, hand washable on label) bleeding into the lighter colored sweater around the neckband when wetted for blocking, giving bluish tinge.

Suggestions: next time, add vinegar to the rinse water to stabilize the color, use "Professional Textile Detergent" at found at Dharma in San Rafael, sew on beads, or knit different collar.

(- Cathy A, editor)

May 14, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Co-presidents Cathy Puccetti and Christine Bo-Linn presided over their first meeting in their new roles. Cathy called the meeting to order and kept the meeting moving along, and Christine presided over the Programs information. Eleven members and one guest attended.

OLD BUSINESS

OFFICERS FOR 2011-2012 – Guild members thanked our 2010-2011 co-presidents, Marcia Hammett and Nazee Fard, and their committee members and others who volunteered their time for the Guild for their great work on our behalf. New officers, committee members and others taking responsibility for 2011-2012 are listed in the May Newsletter.

TAX STATUS OF THE MARIN KNITTERS GUILD – Dana Dunn, our Treasurer, obtained an EIN (Employer Identification Number) for the Guild. Additional reports on this topic will be given at future meetings.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Dana Dunn reported that she paid \$17 for expenses for the Zippers program last month and \$39 for our EIN, leaving \$1,412.42 in our treasury.

MARIN KNITTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER – *Important change:* Please email information to *Cathy Aviles* at caviles@sonic.net for our 2011-2012 Newsletters. She will publish information on websites, pod casts or blogs on knitting or other crafts that we can pass along via our Newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

MARIN COUNTY FAIR – Christine Bo-Linn reminded us that entry forms were due on May 11. The fee is \$2. Drop off dates are June 10-11; release date is July 5th.

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

POT LUCK – Our spring/summer Pot Luck will take place at Diane Sack's house in Novato in June.

MEDIA – The *Interweave Knitting Lab* takes place November 3-6, 2011 at the Marriott in San Mateo. Check their website for details regarding registering for the full program. You may register for individual classes starting May 17, 2011. Several well-known teachers will be presenters.

There will be a *Sock Summit* at the Portland, Oregon Convention Center July 28-21, 2011. One of our members plans to attend.

There will be a TKG Conference in Minneapolis on July 29-31, 2011.

YARN STORE NEWS – West County Fiber Emporium - 3598 Gravenstein Hwy So, Sebastopol, CA, 95472 – is under new management and has changed its name to Yarnitudes. Llama Llama Knit in Novato is looking for a new owner.

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT – Christine Bo-Linn passed around a list of 14 possible upcoming events to which she added about five more possibilities. She asked Guild members to indicate their preferences. She will report back to us at our next meeting.

MAY GUILD PROGRAM – Several members of the Guild made (or are in the process of making) the Diane Sack Swing Shawls. Guild members used a variety of yarns for the project including left over acrylics, a thick and thin alpaca, wool mixes and the Lumina yarn called for in the pattern. It is very interesting to see the same pattern worked up in such a wide variety of yarn. We photographed the beautiful results.

SHOW AND TELL – Guild members displayed projects in process and discussed knit items they were wearing. In addition, one member, who has taken up crochet, displayed a collection of baby clothes she is making as gifts. The baby items were beautifully done and, of course, adorable. Our guest today displayed a two-color garment she is knitting in the round with steeks cut into the garment for the armholes. The armhole and other trim is picked up around the edges.

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

Respectfully Submitted by Jane Cooperman



Completed shawls from MKG Spring group project, Berrocco scalloped edged shawl modified by Diane (left to right Dana, Cathy P, Diane, and Joan)



Christine's crochet baby ensemble for future grandchildren from Japanese patterns (araphs)



Left to right, Diane's shawl in 100% rayon yarn, Cathy P's in Berrocco Cotton