

August 2011

Marin Knitters Guild Newsletter

Program Schedule:

August – Charity
Squares for
Blanket Project,
Charity Doll
Clothes, and 2nd
half of the DVD
on color work

September –
Making Beaded
Row Markers

October – Making
Fimo (clay)
Buttons

November – Knits
that Fit

December – Pot
Luck and Yarn
Swap

January – Reading
Japanese
Charts and
2012 County
Fairs

February –
Massage for
Knitters

March – Stitches
West Show &
Tell

April– Tips for
taking craft
pictures

May – Stash
organizing

President's Message

Congratulations to Marny Sorgen, Lois Errante, Melissa Woodburn, Marilyn Klag, Ruth Suzuki, and Elaine Johnson; they were winners at the Marin County Fair. The projects were beautiful; what talented people.

Congratulations also to Caroline Archer creator of the Doll Clothes Project for winning the Jefferson Award, a great honor and we are very happy for her.



Photos above of doll clothes Caroline brought to our June meeting. Nazee posted the patterns to our MKG Yahoo! Group.

At last month's meeting several of our members brought items they made for her project (see photos below), good job everyone.

We are looking forward to the August meeting.

Marcia will show the remaining video of color.

We will be making a 6" block of new knitting patterns to give to Carita for the blanket project.

Please bring your yarn and supplies. Stitch patterns for the squares will be provided, and include Mock Rib Stitch, Bamboo Stitch, Like Lace, Twisted Stockinet, and Tunic Stitch.

Our membership is growing, last month Judy and Margaret joined and this month Radhika, joined, welcome everyone.

Happy stitching,
Christine and Cathy

July 9, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Co-presidents Cathy Puccetti called the meeting to order and kept the meeting moving along and Christine Bo-Lin presented future programs information. Eighteen members and one guest attended the meeting

OLD BUSINESS

JUNE POT LUCK – Our spring/summer Pot Luck at Diane Sack's on Friday

evening, June 24, was fabulous. Very special thanks to Diane Sack for hosting the event this summer.

TAX STATUS OF THE MARIN KNITTERS GUILD – The Board of Directors will discuss proposed language for an amendment to our by-laws regarding the disposition to charity of any funds remaining in our treasury should our Guild disband.

The matter of the proposed amendment will be brought to the membership at a future meeting for discussion.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Dana Dunn reported that we have \$981.25 in our accounts, and we have a tax ID number, too.

Dues are due in September – they will continue to be \$20.



**Charity Doll Clothes
July Meeting**

**Marcia (above, hat),
Judy (left, jacket), and
Lois (right, hat)**

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**June 30 - July 4, 2011
San Rafael, CA**

MARIN COUNTY FAIR

Elaine Johnson, our Marin County Fair Liaison, reported that the Fair was good this year – improved from last year’s presentation. She mentioned that the award donated by our Guild was missing, but she got that fixed. She will check on the process next year to prevent mistakes. This year, there was more than one award given in a category. Elaine will write a letter urging that a single winner be

selected in each category. There was also a discussion regarding how judges are selected. Ruth Suzuki and Jane Cooperman volunteered to demonstrate knitting at the Fair this year. Elaine suggested that more Guild members participate in knitting demonstrations next year. Several of our members brought their award-winning entries to the meeting to display; they were photographed by

Cathy Puccetti. She thanked Elaine for her hard work on the Fair and suggested that we start our discussions regarding the Fair in January 2012. The theme for 2012 will be Agriculture in Marin. Donna Rich volunteered to help Elaine and other volunteers are welcome to join a Fair committee. There was a recommendation to invite the Junior Awardee to our next meeting.



Guild Members Win Honors at County Fair!

The following is Elaine Johnson's write-up of honors for our members:



As we have in the past few years, Guild members received many ribbons for Knitting at the Marin County Fair, as well we should!

Marny Sorgen received Best in Show and a blue ribbon in Men's Sweaters for her Kaffe Fassett pullover (left top). She also got a 3rd place for her oatmeal wool jacket with multiple patterns (left bottom), and a 5th place for a Kaffe Fassett cardigan (Women's Sweaters). As the recipient of Best in Show for Wearable Knitting, Marny got the Guild's Special Award. *Congratulations, Marny!*

Lois Errante, last year's Best in Show winner, got a blue ribbon for her Aran jacket. Her group-project shawl (Shawls) got a red ribbon, as did her colorful Fair Isle cap. Lois' red sweater got a

4th place in Women's Sweaters, and her fingerless mitts an honorable mention. In Art to Wear, Lois' signature capelet got a 4th place.

Melissa Woodburn's beige cardigan with the edging that bled into the beige until she fixed it won a red ribbon in Women's Sweaters, always a hotly-contested category.

Marilyn Klag, a first-time entrant in the Fair, got a blue ribbon for her beautiful socks in the Socks category. Another pair of socks entered in Original Design got an Honorable Mention, and yet another pair of socks in Any Other Hand Knitted Item took 4th place.

Ruth Suzuki's green and brown sweater with a lacy panel front and back got

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Fair winners (left to right) Marilyn (socks), Lois (aran jacket), Ruth (lacy panel sweater and hat), Donna (hat) and Elaine (patchwork vest)

Honorable Mention in Women's Sweaters, and her hat with a wide cabled band took a 2nd.

Elaine Johnson's baby blanket took a blue ribbon in Baby Blankets, and her Patchwork Vest got a blue in Vests. Her Hat/Scarf Ensemble got a 3rd in that category, and a charcoal man's vest (Men's Sweaters) got a 5th. Her colorful cap got a 3rd place.

Even though this looks like just a few entrants, it represents 16% of our membership. Let's aim for a bigger percentage of entrants next year.

Congratulations to all of the winners and, tremendous thanks to Elaine Johnson for her extraordinary dedication and hard work for the Fair.

July 9, 2011 Meeting Minutes (continued)**MEDIA –**

Yarn Bombing Update: There are YouTube videos and there are articles about a yarn bombing in Minneapolis.

This just in - Women's Cancer Awareness Group in Petaluma is having a "Yarn Balming", projects due August 15, 2011. To participate, call Lydia Zipp at (707) 769-8325 or lydiawcag@gmail.com

Elaine Johnson brought to our attention that there is a needle arts store at 10 California Street (off Fifth) in San Rafael called "Come to the Point." In addition to needlework, their web site includes a link to knitting and to charity projects. They sponsor an afternoon of knitting on Thursday afternoons. They also mention that "Dogs on leash may accompany all well-behaved owners!"

"Never Not Knitting" is a yarn and accessories website sponsored by Jimmy Beans. It includes patterns. <http://nevernotknitting.blogspot.com/>

Upcoming Events - There will be a *Sock Summit* at the Portland, Oregon Convention Center July 28-31, 2011. One of our members plans to attend.

Lois Errante mentioned that the SF Chronicle's July 5th edition article by Meredith May suggested the following activity for kids: Take six colors of yarn and turn the living room into a spider's web let the kids untangle the yarns and find prizes hidden at the ends.

There is also a website called "knitting for charity.org." It includes free knitting patterns and information about knitting many charitable causes. <http://www.knittingforcharity.org/>

Ravelry tour with screen shots
<http://www.ravelry.com/tour/peek>



Ravelry is a free online community for knit and crochet with lots of organizational tools.



A RSS feed (symbol above) can be a blog, news headline, audio, or video. You subscribe, and it regularly checks for new information.

Podcasts:

This is an audio or video on the web you download, not a live stream.

<http://fvkg.wordpress.com/2011/05/11/podcasts-for-knitters/>

Bean Counter's Knitting & Stuff Blog from the Net
<http://www.beancountingknitter.com/>

Podcasts available on my iTunes
Knitmoregirls
Knitting Pipeline
Savvy Girls Podcast
Sleepy Eyes Knits
Sticks and Strings
<http://www.apple.com/itunes/podcasts/>

CHARITY –

Claire Miller thanked members on behalf of the blanket project and said that there will be an upcoming program on knitted squares. She reported that she will be happy to take chemo caps, shawls, etc., for various charity organizations.

Nazee Fard reported that there is a weekly knitting gathering on Thursdays from Noon – 1 PM at the Ida & Joseph Friend Cancer Resource Center, 1600 Divisadero St, 1st Floor. You may work on your own projects or give away hats, scarves, and sweaters as gifts for

people living with cancer. Donations of extra wool or knitting needles are welcome. Support is provided by members of the Knitting Bridge.

Call the Cancer Resource at (415) 885-3693 or more information.

<http://www.tkga.com/>



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**PROGRAMS
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Here is a list of programs provided by Christine Bo-Linn for the remaining months of 2011 and for the beginning of 2012.

Changes are in italics:

August – Make a 6” block of a new knitting pattern to give to Carita Lynch for the blanket project, or little doll sweaters or other knit items for Caroline Archer’s project (see below for details).

September – Christine Bo-Lin will teach us to make yarn row counters similar to stroke counters used in golf (think, abacus).

October – We will learn to make clay FIMO buttons.

November – *Marcia Hammett announced that there is a program change for our November meeting – Diane Sack will teach cast-ons and cast-offs at that meeting. Knit-O may be rescheduled.*

December – Pot luck at our meeting and another yarn swap.

January – Christine Bo-Lin will teach us how to read Japanese charts. *We will also start discussing preparation for the 2012 Marin County Fair.*

February – We hope to invite a masseuse to show us how to deal with those knitting aches and pains.

March – Report on Stitches West.

April – Workshop on taking better pictures of our crafts (we are looking for a photographer).

May – Professional Organizer (we are looking for a professional organizer who will give us ideas on organizing our stashes of yarn and other craft items).

Other ideas:

Knitting items with one skein of yarn.

Various cast-ons and cast-offs.

More on Ravelry, blogs, creating your own library, using the yarn section and using PayPal.

Group project – fingerless gloves (check Nazee Fard’s fingerless glove project on Ravelry).



FIMO buttons
(Images from Google)

NEW BUSINESS

JULY GUILD PROGRAMS

INTERNET PROGRAM – Marcia Hammett brought video equipment so that we can see videos of some new knitting stitches on the internet, but, unfortunately, we could not get an internet connection. Instead, we watched the first part of a Laura Bryant video – A Knitters Guide to Color.

YARN EXCHANGE – We held our mid-year yarn exchange

SHOW AND TELL – Guild members displayed projects in process and discussed knit items they were wearing.

OTHER ITEMS

MARIN KNITTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER –

Reminder: Please email information for the 2011-2012 Newsletters to Cathy Aviles at caviles@sonic.net. She will publish information on websites, pod casts or blogs on knitting or other related crafts.

YAHOO GROUPS LIST –

Marin Knitters Guild members who are not receiving Yahoo Group emails, should email marinknittersguild@yahoo.com to get on our distribution list.

JULY MINUTES – A very special thank you to Cathy Aviles, who took notes for the July Minutes, as I was unable to attend the meeting.

*Minutes Respectfully
Submitted by Jane
Cooperman*

2011 MKG Officers

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About Our Organization...

The Marin Knitters' Guild is the official chapter of **TKGA** (The Knitting Guild Association) in Marin County, California. The guild was established in 1987 to promote interest in the craft and workmanship of knitting. While our name states Marin Knitters' Guild, today our membership hails from the counties of San Francisco, San Mateo, Solano and Sonoma as well as Marin.

Knitters with all levels of experience are welcome to participate. We encourage beginners to

join and learn from the experienced. The Guild draws on the talent and expertise of its membership and the knitting and fiber-arts community at large for programs and workshops.

Visitors are welcome to all Marin Knitters' Guild meetings. We ask that you join us with your paid membership on your second meeting, so that we may continue to support our programs. Dues are \$20 annually, payable at the September meeting, and include a monthly newsletter

containing the previous meeting's minutes.

We have mini-workshops in most meetings offered by experienced guild members or local knitting teachers. In addition, we work for charitable causes, group projects and go on fun field trips. From time to time, we invite National teachers to have workshops for us. These workshops allow for a more intensive study of design or technique.

We meet at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, 10 Bayview Dr, San Rafael, CA 94901