

**Program
Schedule:**

April– Tips for
taking craft
pictures

May – Stash and
organizing

**March 10,
2012
Meeting
Minutes**

Presidents' Message

We talked and talked “Stitches West” experiences at our February meeting. The buzz as far as style goes, is glitter, sparkle and beads for knitted and crochet projects. Several people shared about their classes and market fun.

Our group project is baby items for charity. The goal of a group project is to bump up our skills, like adding Fair Isle, steeks, or lace to a project. Projects are due this June and member participation is voluntary.

I would like to take a moment to push for service within our guild; it is a very rewarding experience. We need volunteers for President, and Project committee. Radhika Sitaraman has volunteered to do the newsletter. Dana Dunn will continue as treasurer, Elaine Johnson as Fair Liaison and Jane Cooperman is staying on as secretary. Claire Miller, Charity, Nazee Fard, Website and Yahoo! List, Arlene Finn, name tags and Leona Thoelecke as Church Liaison. Thank you all for your help and support. Happy Knitting, Cathy and Christine

Co-president Cathy Puccetti led our March meeting which was attended by fifteen members. We again set up tables in front of the windows and enjoyed the beautiful view of San Pablo Bay.

OLD BUSINESS

TREASURER'S REPORT AND ANNUAL DUES:

Our treasurer, Dana Dunn, reported that we have \$1,192.60 in our treasury.

GROUP PROJECT:

Cathy continued the discussion of a Group Project for 2012 which will be baby clothes and hats to be given to charities of our choice. As a reminder, participating in the project is purely voluntary. Participants are encouraged to bring items to Show & Tell as they are completed, and to bring knitting questions to our meetings for assistance. These charity items will be collected at the June meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

OFFICER ELECTIONS

Cathy Puccetti reminded us that we change officers and other responsibilities at our May meeting and that she would not be continuing as co-president. We asked Dana

Dunn to continue on as treasurer and Jane Cooperman as secretary. Cathy Aviles is turning over responsibility for the Newsletter to Radhika Sitaraman, who is taking on her first assignment with the April Newsletter. We owe Cathy Aviles a *huge* thank you for beautifully redesigning the format of our Newsletter.

We also hope that Elaine Johnson will continue to be our liaison to the Marin County Fair, Arlene Finn will continue to provide name tags for our members, Claire Miller will be responsible for charity and Leona Thoelecke will continue to be our church liaison and responsible for the key to the facility.

We plan to finalize assignments at the April meeting.

COUNTY FAIRS AND EVENTS

Elaine Johnson and Diane Sack will be judges at the Sonoma County Fair. Elaine Johnson, who is our liaison to the Marin County Fair, reported to one of our members that things appear to be going

well with respect to the categories we suggested. There is a TKGA fall event – knit/crochet show September 14-16 in Reno.

CHARITY PROJECTS

The Doll Project:

Caroline Archer reported that both knitting and sewing patterns now are available at the Doll Project's official website at www.stitchinforkids.org which opened in January and was updated in February to include all patterns. The knitting patterns are also available on our web site.



Caroline was very pleased to accept several knit doll sweaters and hats from two members, and a bag of adult hats for hospitals from our member who is working her way through a stash of yarn by making these great hats. Adorable baby doll hats were also brought in for Caroline's project.



March Meeting
Top (left)- Adult striped sweater
Top (right) dress in progress
mentioned in Stitches West
section
Bottom(center) striped child's
sweater

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All of these items are fun to make – they give the contributor an opportunity to experiment with yarns, patterns and color combinations on a very small scale, and the knitting can be accomplished in a night or two – instead of weeks and months with large projects.

Prayer Shawl Project for Cancer Research:
 Please check our March Newsletter for details of the Nazee Fard's "Prayer Shawl Designs from the Heart" to benefit brain cancer research, the walk in Golden Gate Park on May 5th, and where to link to donate to the cause.

St. Anthony's Project:
 Cathy Puccetti shared a letter sent to Radhika Sitaraman from St. Anthony's in San Francisco thanking the Marin Knitters' Guild for contributing 47 hats, 2 sets and 7 scarves for its holiday knitting project for the homeless and needy.

MEDIA AND SHOP REPORTS

Cathy shared three articles:
 The *San Francisco Chronicle* published an article on March 8, 2012 showing a Nike "sock shoe," where the upper part is made of synthetic yarn woven together by a knitting machine. These

Flyknit shoes retail for \$150.

The *Press Democrat* recently published an article about "Yarn-storming Petaluma." Author Mac Barnett read from his children's book, "Extra Yarn," and art students decorated building pillars in front of Copperfield's Books, a Volkswagen Beetle and other items. The poles still were decorated in mid-March.

Finally, on a much different note, Cathy shared an article from March 5th *Wall Street Journal* on how elderly Japanese, displaced by the tsunami that wiped out their fishing village, work on assigned projects in a

"Yarn Alive" program started for them by a local person whose house was not destroyed by the tsunami. Many of the knitters are learning to knit. The article reports that continuing to meet and work on their projects has lifted members' spirits. Yarns have been donated by a church in Ohio, and from Scotland, Korea and Australia.



**Left: Red and white
Fearless Fair Isle hat**

**Right: Baby hat in
progress**

MARCH GUILD PROGRAM

STITCHES WEST

Several members attended Stitches West in San Mateo, either for a one-day walk-around-the-Market, or for one or more days of classes. The day programs and Market were crowded, but Thursday night was empty. There appeared to be fewer vendors this year than last, and some lacked adequate staffing. There did not appear to be as many sale items this year as in the past, but one member said some vendors who appear overloaded with stock will bargain if asked. There was a good button booth that also had lots of trim, a jewelry booth that had good crochet hooks and that knitstop.com has gorgeous patterns. The Lisa Souza booth (lissouza.com) was bigger this year than last. The author who designed a lace shawl for *Piecework* signed copies of the article. Several members enthusiastically noted that the food available was much improved from last year.

Members who took classes learned about using variegated yarns with complimentary and contrasting colors, worked two strands of yarn making a Fearless Fair Isle hat in white with red, and attended a "paint your toes" sox workshop.

Perhaps the most awe-inspiring project brought back to our meeting was a beautiful dark brown sweater sleeve that had been hand lined as part of a program to teach how to line knit sweaters. The program, called "Custom Fit Knits for Jackets," was presented by Jean Frost. She recommends making a "muslin" out of sweat shirt material, then stabilizing the "muslin" to repeatedly use as a pattern. The author recommends using silk lining and hand-washing the garment.

The fashion show was a highlight. There were knit sweaters worn with skirts with flouncy hems to

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balance the sweaters and three versions of the knit-dress-in-progress one of our members showed at last month's Show & Tell. Our member's dress is being made out of much finer yarns than those in the fashion show.

SHOW AND TELL

In addition to items brought to our meeting from Stitches West, Guild members displayed projects in process and discussed knit items they were wearing including an amazingly crafted striped and decorated adult sweater and a green and yellow child's sweater.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Afghan: We still need to discuss making an afghan for the person who contributed yarn to our December meeting who now is in assisted living.

Neckline Secrets: We are looking forward to a demonstration of sewing down stitch-by-stitch (instead of casting off) crew neck style necklines. And other timely tips.

MEMBER INFORMATION

MARIN KNITTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER:

Reminder: Please email information for the 2012-2013 *Newsletters* to

Radhika Sitaraman at radhika_sitaraman@yahoo.com. She will publish information on websites, pod casts or blogs on knitting or other related crafts.

MEMBERSHIP: The only requirement for joining our Guild is an interest in knitting and crocheting. New and experienced crafters are equally welcome.

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.

Respectfully Submitted by Jane
Cooperman



How did the knitter knit a suit of armor

She used steel wool!!



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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.