

# Marin Knitters Guild Newsletter

May 2012

## Presidents' Message

I have enjoyed being your president over this last year, and want to thank all of you for your support and service. Take care and happy knitting!! See you in June.

Best Wishes, Cathy Puccetti

Co-president Cathy Puccetti led our meeting which was attended by eighteen members.

### OFFICER ELECTIONS

Cathy reminded us that we change officers and other responsibilities at our May meeting and that she would not be continuing as co-president. She explained that, in addition to attending our monthly meetings, her duties as president only take about an hour or so a month. For example, she prepares an agenda for each meeting using a standard agenda items list and submits a few words to the Newsletter each month. In addition, she sends a thank you letter to a yarn shop that donates leftovers to us for charity projects once a year, maintains contacts with The Knitters Guild of America (TKGA) and fields miscellaneous questions from members and others.

She asked for volunteers for a nominating committee. Christine Bo-Lin, Jane Cooperman and Elaine Johnson volunteered to meet to recommend a president or co-presidents and members of the Programs Committee (to which we will be happy to add any additional members who wish to volunteer). We all would like to see both long-time and newer members take on officer and committee assignments.

She confirmed that the following members will continue their responsibilities for another year: Dana Dunn - treasurer, Jane Cooperman - secretary, Elaine Johnson - Marin County Fair, Arlene Finn - name tags, Claire Miller - charity, Leona Thoelecke - church liaison and responsible for the key to the facility we use, and Nazee Fard - our web

and Yahoo! list manager. Last month, Cathy Aviles turned over responsibility for the Newsletter to Radhika Sitaraman who produced the April Newsletter and who will keep the position for 2012-13.

The Programs Committee did a great job this year. We hope some Programs Committee members will stay on and that other Guild members will join them. Committee members brainstorm ideas, pass them along to the membership, and arrange the programs. Although this sounds like a lot of work, it actually takes very little time and is fun.

We will confirm assignments at the May meeting.

### TREASURER'S REPORT AND ANNUAL DUES

Our treasurer, Dana Dunn, reported that we have \$972.67 in our treasury.

### Program Schedule

May - Stash and Organizing



### April 14, 2012 Meeting Minutes



Diane Sack presentation



Crocheted sweater

### OTHER EVENTS

#### SUMMER POT LUCK

Christine Bo-Lin offered to host pot luck at her house in Southern Marin on a Saturday from 10-4. Guild members happily accepted the offer. The date will be determined later. It will not be on the same Saturday as our regularly scheduled Guild meetings, which occur the second Saturday of each month.



Striped Sweater

#### Rainbow scarf



#### COUNTY FAIRS AND

**Marin County Fair:** Elaine Johnson, our liaison to the Marin County Fair, said that the fair accepted our list of categories and awards exactly as submitted. The fair's theme this year is agriculture. Entry forms are due by 5 PM on Thursday, May 17. The cost is \$3 per entry form (up from \$2 in past years). Items must be delivered to the fair by 5 PM Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. In

addition to hand knit and crocheted items, there is a section for machine knit items, too. For additional details, check the Fair booklet or website.

**Volunteering for the Marin County Fair:** If you would like to volunteer to demonstrate at the Marin County Fair, there will be a sign up sheet at the May Guild meeting.

If you are unable to attend the Guild meeting, please contact Elaine Johnson to get on the list.

All days are available from opening day, Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> through closing day Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> - *except* Sunday, July 1.

**TKGA:** There is a TKGA fall event – knit/crochet show September 14-16 in Reno.



*Question: What do you call someone who knits cartoons?  
Answer: A knitwit.*

## CHARITY PROJECTS

**Group Project:** Cathy Puccetti 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. However, a suggestion was made at today's meeting to give the finished items to charities earlier as the items tend to be for colder weather, and spring is here.

**The Doll Project – Stitchin' for Kids:** Caroline Archer reported via email that she had an opportunity to meet one of the girls who received a doll package – the girl was the recipient of a heart transplant. It is incredibly heart-warming to know that our work goes to such a great, unique cause and is enormously appreciated by the recipients and the Child Life Specialists at the hospitals who care deeply for them. The Stitchin' for Kids website at <http://stitchinforkids.org/> has detailed information about the project, as well as knitting and sewing patterns for participants. Our MKG web site also has knitting patterns.

**Prayer Shawl Project for Cancer Research:** Although Nazee Fard was unable to attend our April meeting, please check our March Newsletter for details

regarding her “Prayer Shawl Designs from the Heart” to benefit brain cancer research, the walk in Golden Gate Park on May 5<sup>th</sup>, and where to link to donate to the cause.

**Nazareth House:** Claire Miller reported that yarn she received from Diane Sack will go to Nazareth House. She also reported seeing a woman at Kaiser making a lap robe for patients who come in for dialysis or chemo treatments. More lap robes would be greatly appreciated. Claire will take them to locations where needed.

**Afghan:** We asked the husband of the woman who went into assisted living and whose yarn stash was donated to us in December for charity projects to find out if she would like to receive an afghan from us, but we have not heard back from him.

**Keep Knitting:** The need for hand-made items for these worthy causes is endless. And, a great way to use your stashes.

## MEDIA, SHOP and TKG REPORTS

Cathy Puccetti reported that The Knitters Guild of America has a Master Knitters Program. Members who participated in the program in the past reported that there is quite a lot of work to do to graduate, but you will learn a lot. The program is especially helpful if you plan to teach knitting. To get details, simply “Google” for “The Knitters Guild

of America Master Knitters Program.”

There were no media or shop reports this month.

## APRIL GUILD PROGRAM

We all gathered around Diane Sack to learn unique ways to fix lace and cable mistakes. She also showed us a useful tool called a double-end latch tool designed for machine knitting. You may substitute a double-end crochet hook or a single-end crochet hook. Double-end latch hooks are difficult to find, but may be available on eBay. Double-end crochet hooks are available at Knit Picks. Here is a picture of double-end latch hooks from eBay.



## SHOW & TELL

We had a wonderful Show & Tell including a twilight scarf, socks, a sweater that can be worn upside down, a Fair Isle baby cardigan, lots of knit hats and several sweaters for the baby-hat project, a white tweed sweater for a man, crocheted “bucket” hats for small children, a grey-striped pattern sweater, a child's sweater with sheep and fences (we can't wait to see the finished product), and lots of other gorgeous sweaters, some from original patterns.



Baby knits



Top down Fair Isle baby cardigan

**2011 MKG Officers**

*Co-Presidents –*  
Cathy Puccetti  
Christine Bo-Linn

*Secretary –*  
Jane Cooperman

*Treasurer –*  
Dana Dunn

*Programs Chair –*  
Marcia Hammett

*Newsletter –*  
Radhika Sitaraman

*E-Mail:*

[marinknittersguild@yahoo.com](mailto:marinknittersguild@yahoo.com)

**We are on the Web!**

<http://www.marinknittersguild.org/>

**SUGGESTED FUTURE PROGRAMS**

The new Programs Committee already has several suggestions for programs, as follows:

**Qiviuk Yarn:** Elaine Johnson suggested a program on Qiviuk yarn from musk oxen in Alaska.

**Neckline Secrets and Timely Tips:**

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](mailto: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:** Main Knitters Guild members are not who receiving Yahoo Group emails, should email [marinknittersguild@yahoo.com](mailto:marinknittersguild@yahoo.com) to get on our distribution list.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Cooperman

**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 drawn on 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.

**Volunteers**

- Charity –* Claire Miller
- Marin Fair Liaison –* Elaine Johnson
- Website & Yahoo! List –* Nazee Fard
- Name Tags –* Arlene Finn
- Church Liaison –* Leona Thoelecke

