

Marin Knitters Guild Newsletter

September 2012

President's message

Dear Knitters,

Our last meeting, August 11th, was low key, and enjoyed by all who attended. We had two guests, and hope they return.

Elaine shared with us her adventures in Alaska, and knitting shops/finds along the way.

We discussed, as a group, possible improvements for displaying knitted and crochet items at the faire, and Elaine volunteered to include our ideas in her thank you letter to Charlie B., with whom she has had contact on our Guild's behalf. There is always room for improvement!

At our September meeting membership dues are due. As our funds are being spent on rent, awards, etc., and we no longer have fund raisers, it has been suggested that \$20.00 is not enough, and we agreed to return the dues to \$30. (The Mt. Tam Quilt Guild charges \$35 a year, and also has fundraising activities). Please bring your \$/checks to the September meeting. We will have a final vote for annual dues at the meeting.

We look forward to our September program – Organizing and Storing Your Stash – which Caroline Archer, Programs Chair has been researching for us. Bring your own ideas, too, for a lively discussion.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Klag



"Properly practiced, knitting soothes the troubled spirit, and it doesn't hurt the untroubled spirit either."

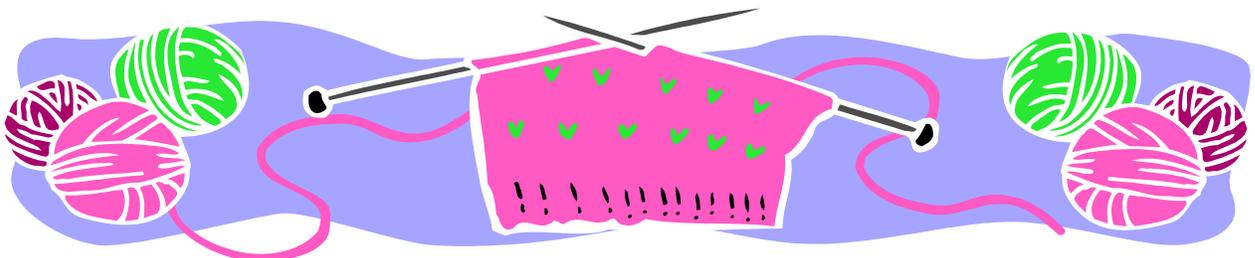
– [Elizabeth Zimmermann](#)

A policeman spots a woman driving and knitting at the same time.

Driving up beside her, he shouts out the window.....

"Pullover"!!

"No," she shouts back, "a pair of socks!"



August 11, 2012 Meeting Minutes

President Marilyn Klag led a delightful meeting of 12 members, plus one guest who is joining our Guild in September and two additional guests who may join if their schedules permit.

We tried yet another meeting set up. Instead of lugging out several large round tables from a storage closet, we arranged our chairs in a large oval. This arrangement quite nicely facilitated face-to-face discussions. We may try this again.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND ANNUAL DUES

Treasury: Treasurer Dana Dunn reported that the treasury is down to \$600.60.

Dues for 2012-2013: After discussion, the members unanimously agreed to move our dues from the discounted \$20 for the 2011-2012 year, to the standard \$30 for the 2012-2013 year. Dues are payable in September. Cash or checks are fine. As we were not sure if we had a quorum present at the August meeting, your secretary checked our by-laws after the meeting and found that we may just have had a quorum in that it consists of thirty percent (30%) of the members of our Guild who are in good standing, but we will bring this up at the September meeting as a courtesy to the absent members.

CHARITY PROJECTS

As many of you know, Nazee Fard's beloved sister, Noushin Sharif-Murphy, passed away at the end of July leaving a deeply bereaved family and many friends. Guild members voted to contribute \$50 to the Gordon Murray Initiative for Brain Tumor Research at UCSF. The link for online contributions can be found at

https://makeagift.ucsf.edu/site/SPa/geServer?pagename=A1_API_GordonMurrayGivingForm. Individual donations may also be made. In addition, a number of Guild members have made or are making chemo hats from a pattern contributed by Nazee or from other patterns to donate to UCSF.

Marny Sorgen's daughter volunteers at Children's Hospital Oakland which may need knitted items. Marney will get more information and get back to us.

Marilyn Klag said that chemo hats are needed at Mt. Zion Hospital in San Francisco. There are also women who go there to teach knitting to patients.

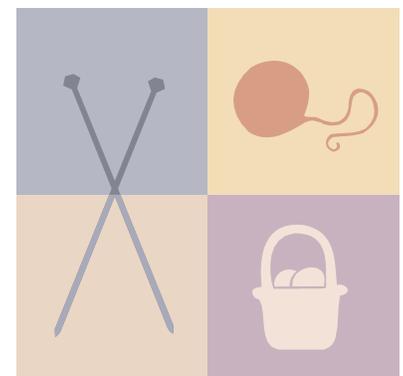
After the meeting, Claire Miller reported via our Yahoo! emails that our host location, St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, only has five prayer shawls left from the stack of prayer shawls we made last year. The church will appreciate more prayer shawls from us this year. We can discuss this again at our September meeting.

MARIN COUNTY FAIR

Elaine Johnson, who is our Fair Liaison, reported on the Marin County Fair that took place over the July 4th weekend. She and President Marilyn Klag did the knitting demonstration. They noticed that other groups have handouts that

are used to increase membership and inform the public about their programs and services. Elaine volunteered to draft a handout for our review in September that we might be able to place in libraries, knitting and craft stores, knitting circles, etc. The Guild will pay printing costs if we go ahead. As Guild Liaison to the Fair, Elaine keeps in touch with Charles Barboni, Exhibits Supervisor, to make suggestions for improvements each year. She will draft this year's letter, to be reviewed by our president and secretary.

We were delighted that one of our guests came to our meeting to thank us for the monetary award she won at the Fair from which she purchased some very fancy knitting needles that she showed us. We will post a list of winners from the Guild in future minutes.



MEDIA REPORT

Elaine reported on Stitch 'n Pitch night at a recent San Rafael Pacifics baseball game. Bluebird Yarns in Sausalito and Dharma in San Rafael and other stores contributed to goody bags. Sophie from Bluebird's is credited with doing lots of work to get those goody bags together. A specific seating section was designated for knitters, but it turns out knitters could sit wherever they want.

AUGUST GUILD PROGRAM



Elaine Johnson explaining about Qiviut yarn

Elaine reported on her March trip to Alaska with her husband. They went on a number of tours, but Elaine always managed to find the local yarn shops to explore. She displayed pictures of locals knitting European style using musk ox yarn called Qiviut. Check the Oomingmak Alaskan Cooperative's website for details, including a video:

http://www.qiviut.com/about_fiber_yarn.cfm. According to the video, musk oxen are survivors of the Ice Age. They look a bit like oxen, but they are basically the beginning of the goat family. They shed their very, very fine undercoat. Musk ox farmers gently comb out the soft undercoat, which is a wonderful, if very expensive, light weight, warm, resource in natural colors only.

SHOW & TELL

Gail Korenaga, who is a member of the Jubilee American Dance Theater, reported on her visit to Latvia and Lithuania with members of the troupe. She also showed us several hats and a unique dark brown scarf she made. Members showed items entered in the Marin County Fair and other items.



Items made by Gail Korenaga

FUTURE GUILD PROGRAMS

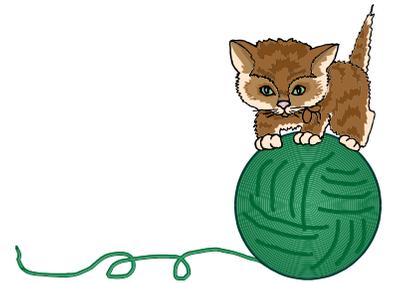
We still have a few months for which we need program ideas, specifically, February and April 2013. Please submit proposals to Caroline Archer or make suggestions at Guild meetings.

- September: Discussion of Organizing and Storing Yarn
- October: Getting Silly – Novelty Ideas for Upcoming Holidays (and Notions)
- November: Open – Have an idea?
- December: Pot Luck and Yarn Exchange
- January: Christine's KNITO Game
- February: Open – Have an idea?
- March: Discussion of Stitches 2013
- April: Open – Have an idea?

- Additional suggestions :
 - How to design, write a pattern
 - Reschedule the certified masseuse

NEWSLETTER PHOTOGRAPHS

Due to space issues on our Yahoo list, we will be limiting the number of photographs in our Newsletter. Additional photographs from meetings will be published on our website marinknittersguild.org.



2012 Officers

President –

Marilyn Klag

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MEMBER INFORMATION

MARIN KNITTERS GUILD

NEWSLETTER: *Reminder:* Please email information for the 2012-2013 *Newsletters* to Radhika Sitamaran. 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, Secretary

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

