

Marin Knitters Guild Newsletter

October 2012

President's message

Hi Knitters,

At our September meeting we all enjoyed Caroline Archer's wonderful presentation of organizing and storing yarns. Not only were loads of ideas presented, but articles, books, and hand outs gave us all many ideas. Thanks so much, Caroline!

If you haven't brought in your dues cash or check, please remember to do so at our Oct. meeting. The annual dues are \$30.

Speaking of October's meeting, the topic is getting silly - novelty ideas for upcoming holidays. Be sure to join the fun and bring in your ideas. Also, let's share our favorite notions, as well as the usual show and tell.

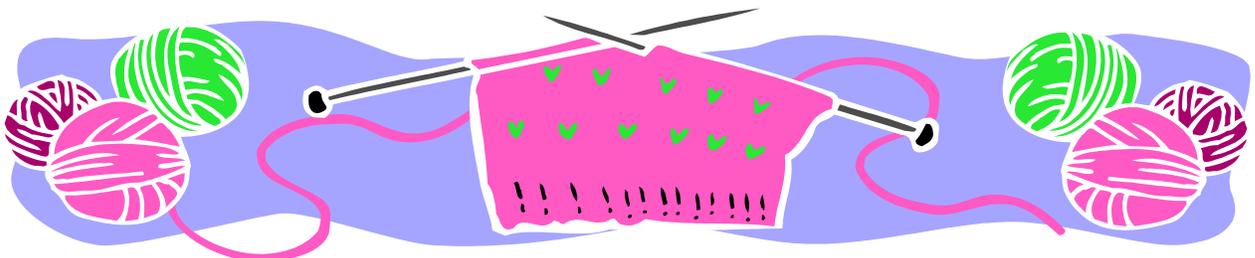
Looking forward to seeing you all on Oct. 13th.

Marilyn



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

– [Elizabeth Zimmermann](#)



August 11, 2012 Meeting Minutes

President Marilyn Klag led our meeting of 20 members, plus one guest who plans to rejoin us for the November meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND ANNUAL DUES

Treasury: Treasurer Dana Dunn reported that the treasury currently has \$610.63.

Dues for 2012-2013: After discussion, the members moved and seconded the request to raise the annual dues to \$30, which are due now. Dana Dunn collected checks and cash from members present at the meeting and will continue to collect dues over the next month or so.

Donation to UCSF: Nazee Fard thanked Guild members for the Guild's donation to the UCSF Brain Tumor Research project in the name of her sister, Noushin Sharif-Murphy, who passed away at the end of July. She told us that, so far, \$3,000 had been donated by friends and family to UCSF. If anyone would like to make additional contributions, check our September Newsletter for details. She also thanked Guild members for making chemo hats for that facility. Caroline Archer is taking them to UCSF for us.

CHARITY PROJECTS

Prayer Shawls: After the August Guild 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. One member brought in a prayer shawl that is being given to the church. Others who are interested in making prayer shawls may use Homespun or any type of soft, washable yarn. Measurements roughly would be 28 or 30 inches by 60 inches. Bring them to any meeting.

Doll Project – Stitchinforkids.org:

Caroline Archer will take dolls and outfits to UCSF for the October delivery. She and friends organize the packages, coordinating knit and sewn outfits. Keep making those doll hats and sweaters year round.

St. Anthony's in San Francisco:

Radhika Sitaraman will take hats and scarves to take to St. Anthony's for the homeless for Christmas distribution. She mainly needs scarves, but hats are fine. Please bring them to the November and December Guild meetings.

Cat Blankets for Adoption Cats:

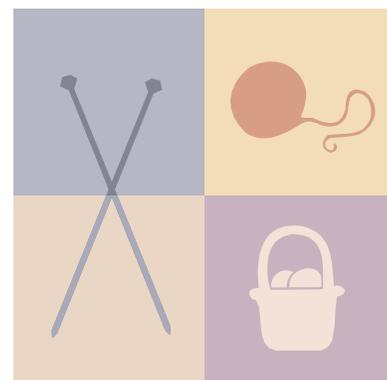
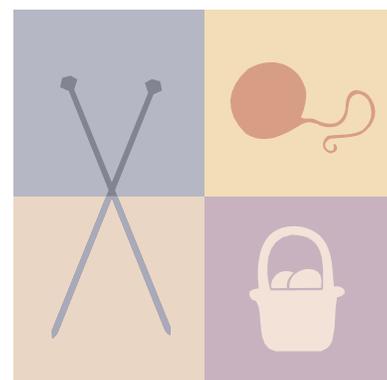
Jane Cooperman mentioned that the Marin Humane Society would appreciate donations of knitted (or crocheted) cat blankets, roughly 12 by 18 inches. After the meeting, she checked for more specifics with MHS. The cat blankets should be washable, and solid (not lacy). The blankets are given to people adopting cats to take home with their adoptees. Children's eyes light up when they pick out a special blanket for their cat.

These blankets are not used in the cat cages. Instead, cloth blankets

are used, and MHS also needs cloth blankets (the same size) to be used in the cages, so if members would like to sew blankets, fleece or flannel on one side and a solid fabric on the other side (all washable, of course), would be appreciated. Jane will take these offerings to the Marin Humane Society. There is no deadline.

MARIN COUNTY FAIR

We received a lovely thank-you note from the Junior Knitter who won the \$50 gift certificate for Dharma. We need to publicize this award more broadly next year.



MEDIA REPORT

The second Friday in October (October 12) has been declared "I Love Yarn Day" by the Craft Council of America. It's a day to knit or crochet in public, teach someone these crafts, show off your stuff, etc. There is lots of information on the internet on this topic.

SEPTEMBER GUILD PROGRAM

Caroline Archer presented a tremendously informative, fun program to Guild members on *Organizing and Storing Your Yarn and Supplies*. The program was beautifully presented and not to be missed. In addition to setting up a sample basket storage display on small bookshelves, she also brought us magazines and books containing pictures of creative storage solutions in studios and in the home. In addition, she provided several handouts to take with us.

Caroline led us through the storage organization process from A to Z, starting with determining what you have on hand, when/how you buy yarn (if needed for a specific project, or for a someday project in the future, or both).

She provided hints on scouting your home for space to store yarn and supplies – from an organized room or wall to storage under a bed, to unused dressers (in that empty nest or guest room) and shelves and other tempting places. She suggested keeping current projects in separate bags (bags with pockets are great), so that you can easily access the project on which you want to work.

Organize your yarn according to your own preferences – for example, by yarn weight and/or

and/or color. Large plastic containers with drawers are particularly useful. But be aware that long-term storage in plastic containers may not permit the yarn to "breathe" and may result in dye color changes, but on the other hand, may be useful in keeping out dust and moths. Old suitcases may also be useful.

Organize your books and magazines, and consider using Ravelry or your smartphone to help you keep track of patterns. Store your yarn needles and crochet hooks by size, noting duplicates.

Finally, donate what you don't need – bring yarn and supplies to the Guild or donate to local charities.

SHOW & TELL

We showed off our current and completed projects, the highlight of which was a mitered square shawl designed by Nazee Fard. A copy of the pattern is available for sale at:

<http://www.craftland.com/lacemore/ixvf.htm?p=k777.htm>

FUTURE GUILD PROGRAMS

Please send Caroline Archer, Programs Chair, your ideas for our November 2012, and our February and April 2013 programs.

- Oct 13: Getting Silly
- Nov 10: Diane Sack and Learning more about Entralac
- Dec 8: Pot Luck and Yarn Exchange
- Jan 12: Christine Bo-Lin and KNITO
- Feb 9: Judy Tipple and Learning more about Ravelry
- Mar: Stitches 2013
- Apr: Possibly Jennifer Rockwell (Physical therapist)



Nazee's mitered square shawl



Caroline Archer – Presentation "Organizing and Storing your Yarn & Supplies"



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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, 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 draws 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 \$30 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 Thoeleck

