

Marin Knitters Guild Newsletter

November 2012

President's message

Hi Knitters,

We very much enjoyed the company of three guests for our "Getting Silly" program and are looking forward to Diane Sack's entrelac program at our November meeting.

Be sure to bring your yarn exchange materials, including implements, books and magazines, to our *November* meeting (instead of December).

Looking forward to seeing you all on November 10th.

Marilyn



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

— Elizabeth Zimmermann



Santa Hats



Children's clothing & baby hats

October 13, 2012 Meeting Minutes

President Marilyn Klag led our meeting of members and three guests.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND ANNUAL DUES

Treasury: Treasurer Dana Dunn reported that she collected \$550 in dues and that the treasury currently has \$1,100.67. If you haven't paid your \$30 dues for 2012-13, please get them to Dana by check or cash as soon as possible.

CHARITY PROJECTS

St. Anthony's in San Francisco: Radhika Sitaraman will take scarves and hats 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.*

Prayer Shawls: Prayer shawls will be appreciated by our host, St. Luke's. One was donated at the September meeting, and we hear that several more are in the works.

Stitchinforkids.org and Other Contributions: By the time we get together for our November meeting, Caroline Archer will have delivered 24 boxes of dolls and outfits to Oakland Children's Hospital, UCSF and Lucile Packard Children's Hospital. She is also delivering three sweaters and four blankets for children, and 70 chemo hats to UCSF.

Cat Blankets for Adoption Cats:

The Marin Humane Society gratefully received two 12" x 18" blankets made by Nazee Fard's mother to give to people adopting cats. Nazee immediately received a thank-you to the Guild from

MHS.

All of these groups, and many others of interest to our members, will gratefully accept our hand-made contributions year-round.

MARIN COUNTY FAIR

Charlie Barboni received Elaine Johnson's letter and they will meet to discuss improvements to the Fair. Elaine will report back to the Guild at the next or a future meeting.

MEDIA AND OTHER REPORTS

Guild members commented that, thanks to Radhika Sitaraman, our Newsletter looks prettier and prettier.

Elaine Johnson is working on a half-page brochure to publicize our Guild.

Stitches West takes place in February in San Mateo. Let's try to arrange car pools for those who want to go for half or full day.

Comicblogspot.com has very funny knitting comics.

Caroline Archer followed up on her September "Organizing Your Stash" program with information on a personality profile test from *Organizing Your Craft Space* by Jo Packham – the test is sort of reminiscent of Myers-Briggs personality profiles.

Nazee gave a report on "The Knit and Crochet Show" sponsored by TKG and CGOA in September in Reno. The program was enjoyed by all.

OCTOBER GUILD PROGRAM

Our October program was "Getting Silly." Guild members and guests brought an amazing variety of items, many suitable for Halloween, including a scarf with a raised spider pattern, some very cute fluffy

knitted catnip mice (for cats, not for computers), a crocheted brown bear, a hedgehog mitt with a thumb (from Morehouse patterns), a cephalohedron (pattern available on Ravelry), tiny Santa Clause hats for cute little stuffed animals, and much more.

SHOW & TELL

In addition to the "Getting Silly" projects, we showed off our in-progress and completed projects. When discussing the difficulty of working on dark yarn projects with insufficient light available, one member suggested putting a white sheet on your lap to reflect light upwards as you work. Another member commented, when discovering a "mistake" that you don't plan to fix, "pretend you meant it."

FUTURE GUILD PROGRAMS

Please send Caroline Archer, Programs Chair, your ideas for our future meetings. One suggestion we received at the October meeting is having a session on Crab Stitch in crochet. Here are upcoming programs:

Nov 10: Diane Sack and Learning more about Entrelac Knitting

and Our Yarn Exchange

Dec 8: Pot Luck and More Yarn Exchange

Jan 12: Christine Bo-Lin and KNITO

Feb 9: Judy Tipple and Learning more about Ravelry

Mar 9: Reports on Stitches 2013

Apr 13: Possibly Jennifer Rockwell (Physical Therapist)



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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 Thoelecke

