

Marin Knitters Guild Newsletter

December 2012

President's message

Hello Ladies,

Thanks to all who contributed such great yarns for our annual exchange last month. Our program was knitting an entrelac scarf, and thanks to Diane Sack for an excellent pattern, assistance to those of us who attempted it, and wonderful presentation of her lovely knitted items she has made using entrelac; I had no idea it could be used in so many ways.

Next month is our annual Pot Luck, so be sure to come with a holiday dish of your choosing. Please also bring charity items and yarn for the Yarn Exchange started in October. Also, be sure to come with ideas for future programs, so we can accommodate your desires. There is a lot of talent, and SO many topics to share. I will be passing out cards for you to write down a few (?) suggestions. Show and tell will also be included for those who have sharing.

At last month's meeting we began a discussion of possibly having a joint meeting with the Marin Golden Threads for next year. I am looking for a volunteer to coordinate who will make contacts with several women of this group, and I will pass on their names/emails. We'd host the meeting at our location. Let's make sure that the whole group is in favor of a joint meeting before we proceed.

See you all at our next meeting, December 8th.

Marilyn Klag

Why did the knitter join the dating service?
She wanted to get en-gauge-ed!!



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

— Elizabeth Zimmermann

MARIN KNITTERS GUILD

November 10, 2012
Meeting Minutes

President Marilyn Klag led our meeting of 17 members.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND ANNUAL DUES

Treasury: Treasurer Dana Dunn reported that the treasury currently has \$1,280.72 and that we have 33 members. Some members still owe dues. If you haven't paid your \$30 dues for 2012-13 but plan to do so, please contact Dana to let her know.

CHARITY PROJECTS

Please bring completed charity projects to the December meeting.

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. Radhika received two scarves at the November meeting.

Prayer Shawls: Prayer shawls will be appreciated by our host, St. Luke's. Two were donated at the November meeting.

Stitchinforkids.org and Other

Contributions: Caroline Archer has completed delivery of dolls, outfits and other materials to Oakland Children's Hospital, UCSF and Lucile Packard Children's Hospital. Patterns are on our web site and at Stitchingforkids.org. April and October are Stitchin' for Kids delivery dates.

Chemo Hats: Nazee Fard received a personal thank you note from UCSF for the chemo hats donated in her sister's name. Chemo hats also are appreciated at Mt. Zion (and many other hospitals). Mt. Zion's Cancer Resource Center (part of UCSF) volunteers also teach knitting.

Cat Blankets for Adoption

Cats: The Marin Humane Society will gratefully accept 12" x 18" blankets to be given to cat adopters.

Sonoma Blanket Project:

Use up left-over yarn making six inch squares to be sewn into blankets for foster children in Sonoma.

Keep working year-round on charity projects as they can be passed along to charities during the year.

MEDIA AND OTHER REPORTS

Elaine Johnson is working on a half-page brochure to publicize our Guild. The brochure will introduce the Guild to potential new members.

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

NOVEMBER GUILD PROGRAM

Diane Sack taught us the basics of doing entrelac. She told us about the magic ratio – if you cast on 15 stitches, plan to do 30 rows for each block. A number of us would like to have a follow-up session or two! She also provided a detailed pattern and showed us absolutely stunning garments she made – a dress, scarf, shawl, hat, sleeveless jacket, purse and other items.

One of the items was made from Keeshond undercoat, carefully combed from these beautiful dogs then spun into yarn. She testified that this yarn is warmer than legendary Qiviut yarn which is combed from the undercoat of musk ox.

SHOW & TELL

We showed off our in-progress and completed projects. Yarn for our Yarn Exchange covered one long table. A stack of old knitting magazines was provided.

Bring more yarn, magazines and other craft items to the December meeting.

FUTURE GUILD PROGRAMS

Please send Caroline Archer, Programs Chair, your ideas for our future meetings. Suggestions that were made at the November meeting are sessions on "crab stitch" and on "steeking." Here are upcoming programs:

Dec 8: Pot Luck and More Yarn Exchange

Jan 12: Christine Bo-Lin and KNITO

Feb 9: Possibly Jennifer Rockwell (Physical Therapist)

Mar 9: Reports on Stitches 2013

Apr 13: Crab Stitch



Diane Sack demonstrating different garments using Entrelac technique



2012 Officers

President –

Marilyn Klag

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MEMBER INFORMATION

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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

