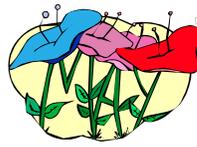
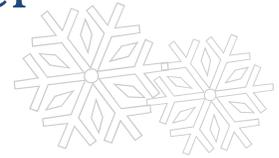


Marin Knitters Guild Newsletter



MAY 2013



Dear fellow knitters and friends,

It has been a wonderful experience being your president this past year. I look forward to continuing my involvement in this great guild over the years to come.

Thanks to Phyllis and Nazee for teaching us the reverse single crochet (crab) stitch. It looks like a very useful edging for both knitting and crochet patterns/projects.

Our May meeting will be an important one, as new officers will be elected. Do your best to attend so that you can participate in electing your new officers. It will also be an opportunity to bring those extra buttons, yarns, books and magazines, etc. you would like to exchange for other goodies, so be sure to look through your stash and libraries.

Please remember to submit your forms to display the projects you plan to enter for this year's Faire. Let's make sure our talented knitters are well represented. Please contact Elaine, our liaison, if you have any questions.

Many thanks to all of our current officers for all you have done to make our guild so terrific.

Sincerely,
Marilyn
mdkklag@aol.com

MARIN KNITTERS' GUILD JANUARY 12, 2012 MEETING MINUTES

Guild president Marilyn Klag led our meeting of thirteen members and two guests. We were seated at three round tables next to the windows to enjoy the wonderful view of San Pablo Bay.

At the end of the meeting, we took the opportunity to thank Marilyn for her service as President this past year, as she will not be able to attend the May meeting.

IT'S YOUR TURN TO VOLUNTEER

At our April meeting, we asked members to volunteer for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Newsletter. The terrific news is that Dana Dunn, Treasurer, and Radhika Sitaraman, Newsletter, graciously agreed to continue in their respective positions for another year.

However, everyone else at the meeting looked rather shy about raising their hands to show interest in the President, Vice President and Secretary positions, so we approved a Nominating Committee composed of Nazee Fard, Melissa Woodburn and Jane Cooperman.

Their job is to either bring a slate of candidates to the May meeting for approval of the membership or to open the floor again for volunteers. After some thought, Nazee and Jane agreed to volunteer to be Co-Vice Presidents and Programs Co-Chairs. If the membership agrees, that leaves the President (or Co-Presidents) and Secretary (or Co-Secretaries) positions open.

We are hoping that members who have not had responsibilities for these offices will accept nominations. Our members have busy lives, and we are flexible about filling these positions. For example, these

positions can be filled by two people, alternating attendance at the meetings and responsibilities.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dana Dunn reported that we have \$556.67 in our accounts, and we need to pay rent. Our treasury is quite low for this time of year. Dues are not collected again until September.



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

— **Elizabeth Zimmermann**

MAY BUTTON & YARN EXCHANGE PROGRAM AND TREASURY BOOST

We talked about the difficulty of finding great, interesting buttons these days as buttons are carried by fewer and fewer stores. So, we decided to have a Button Exchange at the May meeting. We added on a Yarn Exchange, a Sweater/Garment Exchange and a Whatever Else You Want Exchange.

Then someone suggested that “takers” drop a small contribution into the Guild’s kitty to help us get through these lean times. And, we will have Fun!

A request: If you’ve made an Einstein Jacket – please bring it to the May meeting to show to Guild members interested in this pattern.

MARIN COUNTY FAIR

Elaine Johnson reported that the Marin Golden Threads group asked us to staff the knitting and crocheting table on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 5th, 6th and 7th. If you did not sign up at the meeting, please contact Elaine.

Elaine provided Exhibitors’ Guides to the membership. The Guides are also available at <http://www.marinfair.org/2013>. The theme is “Schools Rule,” but your entries do not have to follow the theme. The knitting judge is Ellen Graves who runs K2TOG in the Albany, which is a lovely yarn shop.

Demonstrators get a free ticket to the Fair.

GUILD BROCHURES

Radhika Sitaraman is having our brochures printed in color and black and white. We will make our brochures available at the Fair and at various yarn and craft shops.

GROUP PROJECT

Nazee Fard discussed the shawlettes group project. Shawlettes are very popular and fast to knit. She provided through our Yahoo! emails a list of patterns available through Ravelry.com. Knitty.com and other web sites also have shawlette patterns. If you participate in this voluntary project, you may use one of these patterns or any pattern you like. We will show off our completed shawlettes at the August meeting. This is a project for us – not a charity project – unless you want to donate your shawlette to a favorite charity.

SHOW & TELL AND YARN EXCHANGE

Show & Tell was terrific, as usual. Our talented knitters showed off teddy bears knitted for charity, a lace shawl and doll clothes for Stitchinforkids.org. A sweater made over 30 years ago by a guild member’s mother demonstrated how so many hand-knitted garments remain stylish and beautiful through the years. We also discussed another web site that may be of interest: patternfish.com.

CRAB STITCH WORKSHOP FOR APRIL MEETING

Nazee Fard and Phyllis Camp gave a workshop on Crab Stitch (Reverse Single Crochet) at our meeting in April. They also provided handouts showing how to do the Crab and other stitches, and they went from table to table showing us how to do the stitches. Even those who didn’t participate looked on and learned a lot and had a good time. Thanks to Nazee and Phyllis



We will ask members to volunteer to share and teach their favorite “yarn-joining techniques” for the program for June, including “Split and Splice” for non-washable wool or any other protein fiber, and the Russian Joint.

FUTURE PROGRAM IDEAS

Here are ideas for future programs:

Broomstick crochet
Various kinds of cast-ons and bind-offs
What to use for different fabrics, etc.
Knitting Jewelry, wire, etc. Beads?
How to do a hat with a brim
Orenberg lace
Shetland lace
Fair Isle Knitting
Christmas Ornaments
Finishing techniques
Blocking
Entrelac (repeat)
Cable patterns
Yarn-joining techniques
Fixing mistakes: unknitting, undoing, patterns that are more intricate, unraveling, etc.
How to alter patterns for good fit
Sharing favorite patterns, books, notions--by Guild members
Use of internet for knitters: websites, demos, yarn sites, etc.
Regular old-fashioned granny squares, from the beginning to the end!
Knooks

CHARITY PROJECTS

Many of us work, on a voluntary basis, on lots of projects for charity including blankets for cats adopted through the Marin Humane Society, chemo hats for UCSF, Mt. Zion and other hospitals, prayer shawls for distribution by our host, St. Luke’s, six-inch squares for the Sonoma Blanket Project for foster children, scarves and hats for the homeless for distribution by St. Anthony’s in San Francisco, and doll clothes for Caroline Archer’s Stitchinforkids.org project for children at Oakland Children’s Hospital, UCSF and Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital.



Doll Clothes for Stitchinforkids.org



Teddy Bears for Charity

Nazee Fard and Phyllis Camp who demonstrated Crab Stitch



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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.

PHOTOS: Members may access additional Guild photos on our Yahoo! website.

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 Drive, San Rafael, CA 94901.

Volunteers

Charity – Claire Miller
Marin Fair Liaison – Elaine Johnson
Website & Yahoo! List – Nazee Fard
Name Tags – Dana Dunn
Church Liaison – Leona Thoelecke

