

Marin Knitters Guild Newsletter



SEPTEMBER 2013



MARIN KNITTERS' GUILD AUGUST 10, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

The Marin Knitters' Guild August meeting was called to order by Co-president Jane Cooperman. Fifteen members and two local guests and Ute, a visitor from Germany who owns a knitting shop there, attended the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There was a general discussion of the need for more money in our treasury for 2013-14. Our membership has dropped and we need to pay for our meeting place and the prizes that we donate to winners at the Marin County Fair.

Some of our ideas included asking Deb McFarland, who used to teach knitting at Dharma and has knitting classes in Adult Education, if she could encourage her students to come to the guild meetings. Perhaps we could also ask members of informal knitting groups, such as the group that meets at The Depot in Mill Valley, to come to our meetings.

CHARITY PROJECTS

For our charitable knitting, Marilyn Klag would be happy to bring soft, washable chemotherapy caps to Mt. Zion Hospital.

We also appreciate the wonderful reports from Caroline Archer on Stitchin' for Kids activities. If you would like more information on this extraordinary program, and patterns for doll items you can make for the children in five

hospitals, go to Stitchinforkids.org. Patterns are also available at our website.

MARIN COUNTY FAIR

Elaine Johnson will send a thank you letter to Charlie Barboni of the Marin County Fair to let him know we were very pleased with the arrangements of knitted and crocheted garments this year. And, next year, we will give our volunteer knitters a checklist of items to bring with them. We will also have them bring our beautiful Guild banner (a large afghan) to hang on our table.

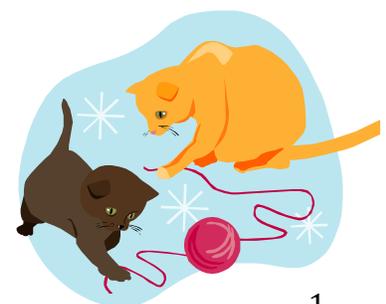
We were thrilled that one of our members, Gail Korenaga, won Best of Show at the Marin County Fair. Gail showed us her Best of Show shawl and told how much it meant to have won the top prize at the Fair.

We received a handwritten thank you letter from Sage for the gift certificate in the amount of \$50 Dharma dollars that she won in the young people's knitting competition at the Marin County Fair in July.



Gail Korenaga showing her Marin County Fair - Best of Show shawl

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

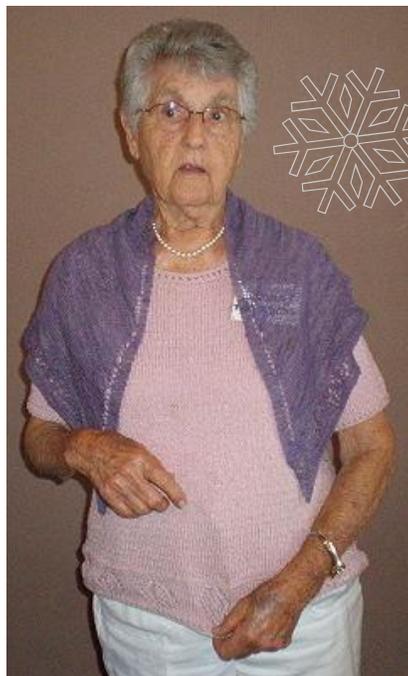


JULY PROGRAM

Many thanks to Diane Sack for the August program. Diane provided detailed instructions and a diagram of an entrelac scarf, and brought some beautiful entrelac articles she made. The instructions and diagram will be posted on our Yahoo! Website for members only to access. She helped all who had done their homework and explained the direction of the knitting. It was a great program.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Our September program will be on blocking techniques. Members will explain their favorite techniques, share ideas, and answer each other's questions about blocking.



Leona wearing the shawlette knitted for the group project

SHOW AND TELL

August is the month in which we were to bring our shawlettes to show each other. Leona showed her lavender shawlette with lace border. Radhika had a knitted green shrug. Several members showed spectacular socks in unique designs. Dana had made a scarf from Marie's wool and Sue showed us a Blackfoot sideways spindle. Phyllis showed Christmas stockings of her own design. Ute, our guest from Germany, showed us a knitted fish and we took a group picture with her and the fish. Elaine brought a child's sweater and a scarf she was working on.

Elaine also provided instructions for a Cartridge Belt Rib Pattern, as follows:

Cast on 35 stitches or a multiple of 4 stitches plus 3.
Row 1: Knit 3, *slip 1 wyif, K3, repeat from * across.
Row 2: Knit 1, "slip 1 wyif, K3, repeat from * across, ending with slip 1 wyif, K1.
Repeat rows 1-2 for pattern.
Note: "wyif" means "with yarn in front." Bring the yarn to the front of the work. Slip the next stitch as if to purl. Return the yarn to the back of the work so you can knit the next stitch.

Respectfully Submitted
Ann Van Arnun, Secretary.



Guild group picture with guest Ute and her globe-trotting fish



Phyllis showing off her Christmas Stocking



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MEMBER INFORMATION

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NEWSLETTER: *Reminder:*

Please email information for the 2013-2014 *Newsletters* to Radhika Sitaraman. Her email address is available on the membership list. 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 website.



Volunteers

Charity – Claire Miller

Marin Fair Liaison – Elaine Johnson

Website & Yahoo! List – Nazee Fard

Name Tags – Dana Dunn

Church Liaison – Leona Thoelecke



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.