

Marin Knitters Guild Newsletter



FEBRUARY 2014



MARIN KNITTERS' GUILD

JANUARY 11, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

Co-President Nazee Fard led our meeting of 14 members.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our treasurer reported via email that we have \$1,087.69 in our treasury, and that she would be paying our first quarter rent this weekend.

CHARITY REPORTS AND DONATIONS

Toby Cossman showed us a blue and black "Greek Key" pattern blanket she made to donate to an assisted living group. In addition, another member contributed a beautifully knit Feathers and Fan blanket, and another blanket will be contributed next month.



Feather & Fan hat



In Stitches



Why did the hog farmer give up knitting?

He didn't want to cast his purls before swine!

YARN CRAWL SUGGESTIONS

We discussed two potential yarn crawl routes for this spring and/or summer.

One might be an East Bay yarn crawl to *Claddagh Yarns* at 1506 Walnut Street in Berkeley, *Piedmont Yarns and Apparel* at 4171 Piedmont Avenue, Suite 102, Oakland, CA, *BiStitchual Yarn and Notions* at 2406 Pinole Avenue in Pinole, *K2TOG* at 1325 Solano Ave (between Pomona Ave & Ramona Ave) in Albany, CA 94706 and *Verb to Keep Warm* in Berkeley. The idea would be to carpool from Marin at 10 AM, visit two stores in the morning, have lunch together, and visit two more stores.

Another yarn crawl might be to go to the Valley Ford Mercantile and Wool Mill in Sonoma County which processes wool and sells wool products. The owner is open to a road trip and there is a gift shop. She is active in Fibershed.com. Fibershed's web site states that: "The mission of Fibershed is to change the way we clothe ourselves by supporting the creation of local textile cultures that enhance ecological balance, and utilize regional agriculture while strengthening local economies and communities." There is also a farm nearby in Two Rock that we could visit.

Check the web sites for these stores and organizations for more information for our discussion at our February 8, 2014 meeting.

MEDIA AND OTHER REPORTS

The **Marin Art & Garden Center** in Ross has a crafts room that it may open to the public for rental. If the Guild is interested, we could display information about us, as well as provide a place for our members to sell hand made items for a brief period of time. There would be a rental fee of \$100 for three and half weeks. MAGC would take 30% of the retail price for items sold. Currently, the room is available Feb 9-Mar 1, May 18-June 7 and June 15-July 12. We would want to have time to advertise this adventure well in advance of taking this on, if we do. We will discuss this proposal at future meetings, including if we are required to charge sales taxes, staffing, etc.

Muench Yarns at 1323 Scott Street in Petaluma (800) 733-9276 is a wholesaler of yarns, needles, buttons, patterns, etc. Muench has opened a retail showroom where the public may purchase discontinued yarns and other items. Store hours are 9-3, Tuesday to Friday.

WORKSHOP

Diane Sack provided detailed instructions for learning the Broomstick Stitch using two very-different size knitting needles – in this example, sizes 8 and 17. Diane mentioned that the name of the stitch comes from historically using a broomstick handle for the larger needle.

After we laughed and had fun with the two needle sizes, Nazee Fard gave us instructions for accomplishing the same stitch using a crochet hook.

Diane and Nazee provided written instructions to all of us. We learned a really interesting stitch that is less complicated to do than it looks!



Variegated Chevron Hat

SHOW & TELL

Among the items displayed during our Show & Tell were a variegated green chevron hat, socks deemed by the group to be “fair worthy” (as in, “Marilyn - you should enter those socks in the Marin County Fair”), a few items made from alpaca owned by the friend of one of our members, a sailor’s watch cap, a bright red amazing cable sweater and more!

STITCHES WEST

If you are going to Stitches West in February and need a ride to attend for one day, let us know by emailing marinknittersguild@yahoo.com.

FEBRUARY MEETING

Members are asked to contribute lace knitting ideas and techniques.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Van Arnum, Secretary



“Greek Key” Stitch blanket



Sailor's watch cap

2013-14 OFFICERS

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MEMBER INFORMATION

MARIN KNITTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER:

Reminder: Please email information for the 2012-2013 Newsletters to Radhika Sitaraman. 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.



Volunteers

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.

