

# Marin Knitters Guild Newsletter



MARCH 2014



## MARIN KNITTERS' GUILD

### FEBRUARY 8, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Jane Cooperman. Nine members and one guest attended.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Our treasurer, Dana Dunn, reported that we have \$922.69 in our treasury, and that the rent has been paid through March.

#### CHARITY REPORTS AND DONATIONS

Nazee Fard's mother knitted a prayer shawl to be given to St. Luke for one of its members.



*Kathryn's Lace Shawl in Progress on Circular Needle*



*In Stitches*



That no matter how well you knit, looking at your work too closely isn't helpful. It's like kissing with your eyes open: nobody looks good that close up."

— Stephanie Pearl-McPhee, *Things I Learned From Knitting*

## MARIN COUNTY FAIR REPORT

Elaine Johnson had a conversation with the Marin County Fair people. Because of the decrease of members in the Marin Knitters Guild, we have lowered the amounts of the prizes given at the fair. We will donate \$75.00 to adult division Best in Show and \$25.00 to the junior division Best in Show.

The opening day of the fair is Wednesday, July 2 and we need members to staff the knitting table in three hour shifts.

#### CRAFTS ROOM

Elaine Johnson reported on the proposed place where members can put their knitting and crocheting for sale. It is at the Marin Art & Garden Center in Ross which has a crafts room that can be rented. We will need quite a few members to show up with a lot of items to make it pay (rent is \$100 for 3 weeks). Elaine will follow up with additional information via our Yahoo! Website and at future Guild meetings.

#### SPRING YARN CRAWL

We decided that our Spring Yarn Crawl will be to the East Bay on Saturday, May 3. We will visit three yarn shops and enjoy lunch together. The yarn shops are Claddagh Yarns at 1506 Walnut Street in Berkeley, Piedmont Yarns and Apparel at 4171 Piedmont Avenue, Suite 102, Oakland, CA, and Verb to Keep Warm in Berkeley.



## MEDIA AND OTHER REPORTS

Elaine Johnson gave our Guild information to Debbie McFarland, a knitting instructor, to pass along to her students at the Community Education program.

Nazee Fard has had a sweater design published in Knit Style magazine. This magazine previously was called Knit n' Style. If you can't find this magazine on the newsstand, contact Knit Style at P.O. Box 422371, Palm Coast, Florida 32142-9200 or [www.knitstylemag.com](http://www.knitstylemag.com).

She also has had a pattern for a shaded-tiles afghan published by KnitPicks. The pattern is available on the KnitPicks website.

## WORKSHOP – LACE KNITTING & CROCHET

Nazee Fard, Kathryn Baston and Christine Bollinn talked about and gave hints on knitting and crocheting lace.

Nazee said that lace can be divided into three categories: (1) Eyelet (yarn-over next to a decrease), (2) Lace Knitting (yarn-overs, decreases, etc. on one side; knitting and a rest row usually purling on the opposite side, and (3) Knitted Lace (has yarn-overs, decreases, etc., on both sides). She said to use a larger needle with a pointy tip than the yarn usually calls for so that you can see the pattern.

Kathryn said to use plenty of markers. Lifelines can be made with the very cheapest dental floss or 1/8" ribbon. Her hint on the yarn-overs is to put the yarn where you want it to end up.

Christine discussed crocheted lace scarves and a poncho.



## SHOW & TELL

Jane Cooperman had a new cable jacket and different scarves. Christine had an example of "arm knitting" and a Steven West pattern scarf. Our guest, Jan Anderson from Corvallis, Oregon was making an entrelac with cables baby blanket. Both Jan and Sue Jenkins raved about the Madrona Fiber Arts Winter Retreat which is held this year from February 13-16 in Tacoma, Washington.

## MARCH MEETING

Members are asked to contribute ideas regarding troubleshooting and altering patterns to fit

*Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Van Arnum, Secretary*



*Nazee's Wheat Pattern Lace Sweater*



*Christine's Lace Scarf & Sweater*

## 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](mailto:marinknittersguild@yahoo.com) to get on our distribution list.

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



## 2013-14 OFFICERS

*Co-Presidents & Co-Vice Presidents*

**Nazee Fard**

**Jane Cooperman**

*Interim/Past President*

**Cathy Puccetti**

*Secretary*

**Ann Van Arnum**

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## 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

