

Marin Knitters Guild Newsletter



APRIL 2014



MARIN KNITTERS' GUILD

MARCH 8, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Jane Cooperman. Fifteen members attended the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

At the request of several members, Dana will print copies of our member list to be passed around at our April meeting.

CHARITY REPORTS AND DONATIONS

Reminder - 12" Squares: Bring your 12-inch squares to the April meeting for donation.

Phyllis and Lois brought their squares to the March meeting. Their squares are quite lovely!

Stitchin' for Kids: Caroline Archer was lauded for the five-year anniversary of *Stitchin' for Kids*. She regularly provides updates of the amazing work of this organization to the Guild via our Yahoo! emails.

Wildcare Baby Birds Nests: Sue Jenkins showed us nests she made for Wildcare for baby birds and emailed a link to the pattern (wildcarebayarea.org). Nests are particularly needed for May and June. These are very small items, and it should not take more than an hour or so to make one.



In Stitches



"The best reason for a knitter to marry is that you can't teach the cat to be impressed when you finish a lace scarf."

— [Stephanie Pearl-McPhee](#), *At Knit's End: Meditations for Women Who Knit Too Much*

REPORT ON STITCHES WEST

Everyone who went to Stitches had a wonderful time. Some members stayed for several days. Some of the standouts were: Lisa Souza from Placerville who dyes her yarns; Koigu, Miss Babs, Carolina Homespun, Anzula yarn, hats displayed on balloons and Webs.

Sue Jenkins waited in line at Stitches to deliver her hand-knit hats to Halos for Hats, an organization that provides knitted, crocheted, and sewn hats to chemotherapy patients in the US.

Phyllis suggested going on Sunday (the last day) to take advantage of bargains. Glass knitting needles were available at Stitches, but we were cautioned that they break – they *are* glass!

MARIN COUNTY FAIR REPORT

The theme of the Marin County Fair is "The Happiest Fair on Earth."

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 that she had gone to the Marin Art and Garden Center to check on space in the craft room for the proposed sale of items such as hats, mitts, shawls, etc., from our members. She also said there is space for handmade quilts. Her contact person is Marcia Kent. After discussion, the members felt the time given to us for our display and sale is not a good time. We will see if we can find a suitable time for next year.



MEDIA AND OTHER REPORTS

No report this month.

SPRING YARN CRAWL

We discussed our spring yarn crawl which will be to the East Bay on Saturday, May 3. We will visit *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*. **We will need volunteer drivers.**

WORKSHOPS – MARCH & APRIL

We did not have a workshop at our March meeting. So, we will combine the topics originally planned for the March meeting into a combined workshop for April as a round-table, asking members to discuss their favorite techniques for cast-ons, cast-offs, troubleshooting and getting patterns to fit.



Dana showing holiday socks



SHOW & TELL

Arlene showed some fancy mitts. Lois showed a hat and slippers made from the book *60 Quick Knits* which she recommended. Elaine had a cap made from yarn which had been donated to the Guild. Dana showed her tiny holiday socks. Phyllis wore a beautiful cotton sweater with lace and cables.

Phyllis and Lois both recommended a book entitled *When Bad Things Happen to Good Knitters: An Emergency Survival Guide* by Marion Edmonds.

Sue showed us how to fold and roll a large bath towel as a back support which she learned when she was at Madrona in Tacoma, Washington.

*Respectfully submitted,
Ann Van Arnum, Secretary*



Sue demonstrating folded-rolled towel as back support



Phyllis' Lace & Cables Sweater

MEMBER INFORMATION

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Reminder: Please email information for the 2013-2014 *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.



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

Marin Fair Liaison – Elaine Johnson

Website & Yahoo! List – Nazee Fard

Name Tags – Dana Dunn

Church Liaison – Leona Thoelecke

