

# Marin Knitters Guild Newsletter



MAY 2014



## MARIN KNITTERS' GUILD

### APRIL 12, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Jane Cooperman. Sixteen members and one guest, Jaclyn Lee, attended the meeting. The meeting was held in the St. Luke Conference room – crowded, but fun

As a way of introducing ourselves to our guest, we had a round robin of our members. Each member stated her name and city of residence and then told how long she had been a member of the Guild. Our Guild started 27 years ago in 1987 and several members were at the meeting. The average number of years of membership currently is over 13 years. About one-third of the members were newer members, with membership in the Guild between 9 months and 10 years.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Our treasurer, Dana Dunn, reported that we have a balance of \$922.75 in our treasury.

At the request of several members at the March meeting, Dana passed around printed copies of our member list so that members can contact each other.



Sometimes, people come up to me when I am knitting and they say things like, "Oh, I wish I could knit, but I'm just not the kind of person who can sit and waste time like that." How can knitting be wasting time? First, I never just knit; I knit and think, knit and listen, knit and watch. Second, you aren't wasting time if you get a useful or beautiful object at the end of it.

*I will remember that not everyone understands. I will resist the urge to ask others what they do when they watch TV"*

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

## OFFICERS FOR 2014-15

This is the time of year for change of our officers, effective in June. We were very happy that we had volunteers for officer and other positions of responsibility for 2014-15.

Diane Sack and Christine Bo-Linn will share the Co-Presidency. Former presidents Elaine Johnson and Marilyn Klag and another member will serve on the Programs Committee. Elaine will run Guild meetings when Diane and Christine are not available to do so.

Dana Dunn will continue as Treasurer and Ann Van Arnum will continue as Secretary. If Ann is unable to attend a meeting, we will ask another member to take notes.

Radhika Sitaraman will continue to produce our beautiful Newsletter. Nazee Fard will continue running our Website and Yahoo! list, Leona Theolecke will continue as Church Liaison and Elaine Johnson will continue as Marin County Fair Liaison.

## MARIN COUNTY FAIR REPORT

The theme of the Marin County Fair is "The Happiest Fair on Earth." Elaine Johnson brought exhibitor handbooks for the Fair. The entry forms are due by May 15<sup>th</sup> and the cost of each entry is \$3.00. The exhibits are due on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. We understand that the knitting judge is from Berkeley this year.

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

## MEDIA AND OTHER REPORTS

No report this month.

## SPRING YARN CRAWL

Our trip to knitting shops in the East Bay is May 3<sup>rd</sup>. People who want a ride from Marin should contact Elaine Johnson or Diane Sack.

## CHARITY REPORTS AND DONATIONS

**12" Squares:** Members brought their 12 inch squares made of four different colors of yarn. The squares will be given to Carita Lynch for afghans for children in difficult circumstances. The general opinion was that the loveliest square was from Phyllis Camp, but since she was not at the meeting, a book on beaded knitting is saved for her. Diane Sack received two balls of sock yarn and Marilyn Klag received another ball. Nazee Fard donated the prizes.

**Wildcare Baby Birds Nests:** Toby Cossman donated knitted birds nests for baby birds taken care of by Wildcare. Sue Jenkins will deliver them to Wildcare. Toby said that these very small items can easily be made from leftover yarn in an hour.

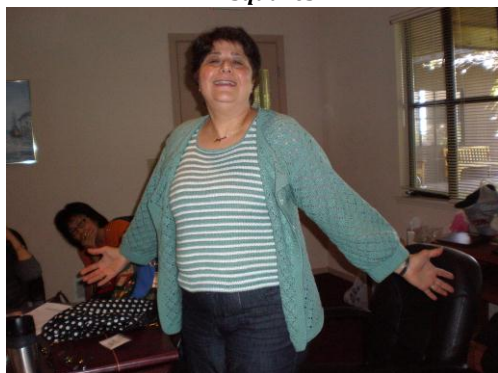
**Yarn:** A woman who contacted Nazee Fard stopped by to deliver an unfinished sweater she had started, plus yarn to finish it. Melissa Woodburn brought a bag of yarn to distribute to members.

## WORKSHOPS – MAY

We will have a Troubleshooting Workshop in May.



*12" squares*



*Nazee demonstrating green & white set*

## SHOW & TELL

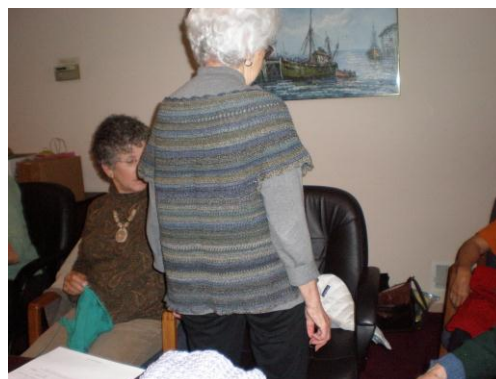
Joan brought a purple dress she is making from Muench yarn. Marilyn had another pair of beautiful socks. Sue was working on a black silk hat. Christine was wearing a beautiful crocheted top and had a baby jacket made from ribbon. One member brought five sweaters she had completed since last meeting. Toby was wearing a beautiful crocheted top and showed a camisole she had crocheted. She also had several crocheted lap robes she made for elderly patients. Ruth was wearing a cabled skirt.

Nazee who has a sweater design in the June issue of *Knit Style*, had a crocheted twin set of green and white. Jane had a lovely feather and fan scarf and another beautiful cable jacket. Arlene showed hats she made from a free pattern from Ravelry. The pattern is the Woolly Wormhead from Ireland. Diane showed beautiful mitts made from yard from her keeshond dogs.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Van Arnum, Secretary*



*Jane's Cable Jacket and feather fan scarf*



*Toby's Crocheted 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**

*Treasurer*

**Dana Dunn**

*Programs Committee*

**Nazee Fard**

**Jane Cooperman**

**Elaine Johnson**

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**Radhika Sitaraman**

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*We are on the Web!*

**[www.marinknittersguild.org](http://www.marinknittersguild.org)**

### 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.