

Marin Knitters Guild Newsletter



JUNE 2014



MARIN KNITTERS' GUILD

MAY 10 2014 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Diane Sack. Thirteen members and two guests, Arnette Curuso and Judy Grant, attended the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our treasurer, Dana Dunn, reported that we have a balance of \$767.75 in our treasury.



Yarn Crawl (1)



Yarn Crawl (2)



In Stitches

"I will continue to freak out my children by knitting in public. It's good for them."

– Stephanie Pearl-McPhee, *At Knit's End: Meditations for Women Who Knit Too Much*

OFFICERS FOR 2014-15

Upon motion from one of our members, we formally elected our officers for 2014-15, effective in June: Christine Bo-Linn and Diane Sack will be Co-Presidents. Elaine Johnson will serve as Interim President if Christine and Diane are unable to attend meetings. Ann Van Arnum, Secretary, and Dana Dunn, Treasurer, retained their positions for another year.

Elaine, Marilyn Klag and one other member will serve on the Programs Committee/ Vice Presidents. Radhika Sitaraman will continue to produce our 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.

We will need members to take photographs for our Newsletter at future meetings. Lois Errante volunteered to bring a camera and others with smart phones can help out too.

CHARITY REPORTS AND DONATIONS

Sonoma Blanket Project: Carita Lynch thanked members for the twelve-inch squares for the Sonoma Blanket Project. They will be integrated into the Afghans made for children in foster care. Typically, one of the Afghans consists of 64 six-inch squares.

Wildcare Baby Birds' Nests: Lois Errante reminded us that patterns for the birds' nests are available at Wildcare's web site. More on that in our May Programs report below.

MARIN COUNTY FAIR REPORT

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



MEDIA REPORT

Knitting software called Knit Companion is available for purchase on line. It is an application designed to help you follow chart patterns. You may want to check it out at www.knitcompanion.com. Their webinar and Ravelry group were recommended.

If you are looking for ideas about how to work with color, www.quiltindex.com might be helpful. The web site has a huge number of quilts and information about making them that we can apply to our color ideas for our yarn projects.

SPRING YARN CRAWL

Our trip to knitting shops in the East Bay on Saturday, May 3rd was a lot of fun. Members traveled in cars driven by Diane Sack and Elaine Johnson. The favorite stop was Piedmont Yarns and Apparel, which is open seven days a week. They had lots of dyed yarn, and will dye yarn for you. They employ a man who designs and teaches crochet techniques including crochet cables.






We visited one other yarn shop, but were unable to visit the third one because of parking problems. Lunch was at a terrific Vietnamese restaurant near Piedmont Yarns. Because of parking problems, picking a weekday next year was recommended.

MAY PROGRAM & SHOW AND TELL

We had a Troubleshooting Workshop in May. Our two guests were anxious to learn how to use double pointed needles to make birds nests. Lois showed them and they "got it" right away. Christine tried on a hooded cowl (a WIP – work in progress) on circular needles. Leona was wearing a lovely cabled lavender sweater with traditional backing behind the button and buttonhole rows, and she showed us a "mystery sweater" in white that she is making. She will have to show us how it comes out when she finishes it. Sue Cameron showed us her triangular scarf – a WIP still on the needles. One other member showed us a beautiful blue-green sweater out of Tatamy Tweed.

RULES – SO TO SPEAK

We had fun sharing our "rules" with each other, including:

-  If you have an intimidating stash, don't buy more yarn unless it is going to be used with another yarn
-  The key to going on a "yarn diet" is to "Just say NO"
-  If you buy yarn at Stitches, you have to start the project
-  If you stay overnight at Stitches and have a roommate, do not let her reimburse you with "more" cash
-  If you make the same mistake three times, it's a pattern.

JUNE PROGRAM

Our new officers will take the reins in June. The June program will include a Structured Yarn Exchange. Bring any knitting/crocheting-related items to donate, including books, magazines (any subject), yarn, equipment, sweaters (WIPs or completed) – anything. Make a small donation to our Treasury for items you take. Leftovers will be donated to charity.

*Respectfully submitted,
Ann Van Arnum, Secretary*



Leona showing her "mystery" Sweater



Lois teaching how to knit with dpn's



Christine demonstrating her "hoodie" cowl

2013-14 OFFICERS

Co-Presidents

Christine Bo-Linn

Diane Sack

Secretary

Ann Van Arnum

Treasurer

Dana Dunn

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We are on the Web!

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



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.



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

