

Marin Knitters Guild Newsletter



AUGUST 2014



MARIN KNITTERS' GUILD

JULY 12, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Co-President, Diane Sack. Eleven members and three guests attended.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our treasurer, Dana Dunn, reported that we still have a balance of \$646.82 in our treasury. We are paid for our meeting place through August.

CHARITY REPORTS AND DONATIONS

Wildcare Baby Birds Nests: Diana brought a newspaper clipping about Wildcare and the baby bird nests that we and others are knitting. She also said that Meunch yarns will give a knitting magazine if you buy yarn from them.



In Stitches







“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*

MARIN COUNTY FAIR REPORT

Elaine Johnson, our liaison with Marin County Fair reported on our display at the fair. She felt we did not have enough space or good communication with Chris Daly. Many of our members received various ribbons – blue, red, honorable mentions and Best of Show.

Some of the items that were entered in the fair and won awards were:

-  A pair of yellow socks and a pair of beaded socks – Marilyn Klag
-  Coordinated skirt, sweater and scarf – Ruth Suzuki
-  Rib Scarf and a Jean Frost Jacket – Elaine Johnson
-  Navy Blue lace shawl – Gail Korenga

One of our guests, Linda Cronin won Best of Show at the Marin County fair.



Guest Linda Cronin showing her award winning cable sweater



MEDIA AND OTHER REPORTS

Our guest, Linda Cronin recommended the - book, Cast on-Bind off by Leslie Ann Bestor – a one-of-a-kind reference presents more than 50 ways to cast on and bind off. The book is spiral bound and has 54 step by step methods - indispensable guide will ensure that all of your knitting projects are polished and pleasing, from start to finish.

WORKSHOPS –PROGRAMS

Our July program was the different cast-on techniques. Diane led this program. Techniques that were discussed were: Backwards Loop, Knitting on, Cable Cast-on, “Invisible” Cast on, Long Tail Cast on, Norwegian (or old German) cast on, Tubular Cast on, Picot edge and last, but not least – Provisional Cast on. Diane Sack recommended the knit on or purl on cast on for patterns that require a single rib or seed stitch. Lois recommended the Norwegian cast on for sock tops. Elaine Johnson drafted up a summary of the different types of cast on that will be available in the Yahoo Groups.



Gail Kornega – blue ribbon winning Navy blue lace shawl



Elaine Johnson with prize winning sweater

SHOW & TELL



Lois with her Accordion Cowl and hat



Leona with her in progress sweater

Items for Show and Tell included a sweater with a cowl by Diane, an accordion cowl and several hats by Lois, a cowl and prayer shawl (work in progress) by Radhika, a beautiful blue sweater by Leona, a man’s sweater by Elaine Johnson, a knitted bag, a scarf by Dana and a Feather and fan shawl.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Van Arnum, Secretary*



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MEMBER INFORMATION

MARIN KNITTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER:

Reminder: Please email information for the 2014-2015 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

