



February 2015 Newsletter

MARIN KNITTERS' GUILD

JANUARY 10, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Diane Sacks. The meeting was attended by 13 members.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in the Treasury is \$1,228. Rent is due for January 2015.

CHARITY REPORTS AND DONATIONS

Nazee's mother made several items for donation. The church sent a thank you note to the non-guild member that donated several afghans through Leona Thoelecke last year.

MEDIA

Elaine circulated a New York Times article about knitted furniture slipcovers knit with tree branches as needles.



In Knots



Which of these is NOT a method of casting on?

- a) Provisional
- b) Tubular
- c) Ringed
- d) Long-Tail

See Page 2 for answer

NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion about a possible class by White Lies Designs: Sacramento business White Lies Designs focuses on romantic knitwear and offers 3- and 6-hour workshops by Joan McGowan-Michael. Diane circulated a brochure of their class offerings. The workshops are also described in the link to their website. The Guild discussed the possibility of holding a class. Diane will find out about costs, classes, and possible dates.

A new yarn shop, Tessuto, opened in Novato. They are looking for a teacher for a beginning knitting class, to be paid from student fees. It is primarily a fabric store with a good selection of quality fabrics. A Guild member will communicate suggestions to upgrade the yarn selection to the same level of quality as the fabrics before offering knitting classes with purchase required.

JANUARY PROGRAM

January program was Fixing Mistakes. Guild members shared their experiences and resources for fixing mistakes. Suggested resources that help with solutions to fixing mistakes are two books: Knit FIX and When Bad Things Happen to Good Knits. Also available is the website Knittinghelp.com. Members also shared tips to prevent, avoid or correct mistakes made during knitting:

- Don't be afraid to fix the mistake
- Use lifelines, especially for lace
- Check dye lots before buying yarn
- Check for pattern mistakes before knitting – on Ravelry, publishers website, designer's website
- Make a swatch
- Admire your work in progress – lay it out, look at it and find any mistakes before finishing

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- February Program: Join Forever (in honor of St. Valentine's Day – knots, joins)
- Reminder: Stiches West registration is open.
- A 2015 yarn crawl was discussed. Dates and Venues TBD

SHOW & TELL

There were many beautiful items that members shared at the meeting.

 Nazee showed a sweater from her pattern published in the February Ilikeknitting.com. She also has had recent patterns in Ilikecrochet.com.

 Diane showed angora mitts and her Karaoke Sweater. She is currently knitting with a new yarn from Three Irish Girls.

 Elaine is knitting a commissioned sweater she is reverse-engineering from a magazine photo.

 Linda is knitting a self-designed sweater using Austrian twisted stitches

 Ariane is knitting a hat with a new Anzula yarn.

MARIN COUNTY FAIR

Marin County Fair: This year's theme is "On with the Show". A Guild member will be allowed to do a walk through on June 29th or 30th to inspect the entries. This is in response to feedback that some 2014 Fair entries were displayed inside-out.

The Guild decided to offer \$100 for Best in Show, and a \$25 certificate for a junior fiber award.

Member related news

The Guild sent flowers to Leona Thoelecke in condolence for the death of her son in December.

Ann Van Arnum will move to Davis shortly, following the recent death of her husband. She is resigning as the Secretary for the Guild. We are looking for an acting secretary to the end of Ann's term in May. The Guild offers its condolences to Ann and her family and thanks her for her services as Secretary to the Guild in the past months.

***Respectfully Submitted by Acting Secretary
Gail Korenaga***



***Answer to Knitting Quiz: c) Ringed
Other types of casting on include Cable, Knitting On,
Backwards Loop, Crochet and dozens more.***



***Diane with the Angora mitts, Karaoke sweater and
Monsters' Inc. hat and colorful hat***



***Linda wearing her self designed sweater – Austrian
twisted stitches***

2014-15 OFFICERS

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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 Thoeleck

