



# March 2015 Newsletter

## MARIN KNITTERS' GUILD

### FEBRUARY, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

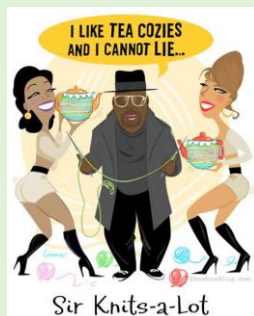
The meeting was called to order by Co-President Christine Bo-Linn.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

No Treasurer's report this time.

### CHARITY REPORTS AND DONATIONS

- St. Anthony's Scarf drive: Radhika informed the group that guild-member Toby had donated 50 hats that she had crocheted. Between her office colleagues and the guild there were 60 hats and 60 scarves.
- Leona donated blankets made by a neighbor's mother which will be donated to St. Luke's
- Nazee has a friend who has wool weaving yarn to donate. Bags have several colorways in them.



It is possible to learn the basics of the (knitting) craft online..... No, the Internet isn't the best place to learn everything – I wouldn't turn there for an education in brain surgery or sex – but for a fairly simple craft, it's ideal.

---- Adrienne Martini

## FEBRUARY PROGRAM

February program was Join Forever- types of Joining. Members shared different tips. Method used depends on weight of yarn (fingering v worsted) and type of pattern (lace v intarsia). Split & spit joins do not work on wool blends. Join at the seam, not in the middle of a row. Wait to tie knots after the stitch is off the needle. Join on a plain section of lacework.

For crochet projects, join in last part of the stitch. Lace - knit in one strand, knit in other strand. Knot ends will disappear in cables. With slip stitch edge, change color a couple of stitches in with a knot.

### FUTURE PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

- March Program: Bind-offs
- There was discussion of a "White Lies" workshop with Joan McGowan- Michaels. A 3-hour workshop will cost \$375 and a 5-hour workshop will cost \$525.

Members were polled for interest in holding the workshop.

### SHOW & TELL

- Diane Sacks showed a sock monkey hat from her own design and fingerless gloves knit from hand dyed angora
- Lois Errante brought a knitted blue vest where she used twisted ribbing because it holds tighter. She also shared a Blue cowl scarf from Alan Dakos design & a navy blue woman's pullover knit in round with cables down the sides from a pattern in Interweave Knits Fall 2014
- Elaine Johnson had knitted a gold ridgeway Light sweater. She also showed a finished coat sweater made from a photo. She said she used a technique of picking up neck stitches and changing to increasingly larger needle sizes to ease out collar.
- Marty showed a work in progress of an amber quiviut cardigan knit on #2 needles.
- Arlene is knitting a scarf using Muench yarns on sale and fingerless gloves from Dharma yarn
- Ruth shared her hats inspired by a ball of yarn-- fruit loops, Monet water-lilies, Turkish rug. She wore a Fair Isle scarf and skirt set that she had knitted.



Show & Tell Contd.....

- Joan shared a cardigan made from Liberty variegated wool that still needs buttons. She had also made a variegated blue/green/purple scarf from Nazee's pattern crescent moon, using merino wool from Melody JoJo Knits. She previously knit a celtic cable dress out of Madeline Tosh pashmina & now making a matching Victorian purse to go with the dress.
- Sue had finished one angora bootie starting a crewneck cardigan from scratch practicing lace patterns. Nazee suggested she use a plain yarn to show off the lace work.
- Dana brought a yellow/green brown feather & fan scarf and a tan lace scarf. She showed an English crocheted fingerless gloves with multicolor button closure below the thumb
- Chris Bo-Linn had crocheted leg warmers seamed on the side to be worn over boots. She had also made a baby vest, pink cotton baby sleeveless pullover, a black/white Harry Potter owl hat and Fingerless gloves with words intarsia-ed in.
- Annette showed a lace shawl composed of triangles in ripple and leaf stitch, a purple shawl in ripple stitch
- Jane had on a red wool original design cable jacket, with bear and dog buttons knit out of Cascade Quattro
- Carolyn showed an Irish doll outfit with green cardigan and tam
- Toby had knitted wild bird's nests, doll sweaters and a crocheted bag -- a main color pulled together all the other different colors. She also had a gray crocheted lace linen/silk short sleeve using a Doris Chan pattern
- Leona had a Noro striped vest to show the group.
- Nazee was working on a new pattern for a spring yellow shawl. She had on a blue cardigan jacket made of wool blend, design is a combination of modular and garter stitch patterns.
- Radhika was working on a brown cowl for her daughter
- Barbara Lester was working on the yellow ribbing for a sweater.

### **MARIN COUNTY FAIR**

Linda Cronin has volunteered to pre-walk the exhibit (probably around June 29-30) to determine if items are properly shown. A new Fair Director is in charge, so the entry fees may increase & prize awards may decrease.

MKG will continue to sponsor awards for Best in Show for Wearable art and Junior Best in Show for Knit/Crochet. It was suggested that we also award a crochet prize. The Exhibitor's Guide usually comes out in March, entry forms due around May 10-12 and entries due around 3 weeks before the Show opens. The members thanked Elaine for the progress she had made with the Fair organizers to which she replied that it would not have been possible without the Guild support.

### ***Member related news***

In honor of Nazee's birthday, the Guild presented her with birthday cards.

Ann Van Arnum will be moving to Davis to be near her daughters. The February meeting was her last meeting. She has been an MKG member for a long time and will be missed.

*Respectfully Submitted by Acting Secretary  
Ruth Suzuki*



*Ruth Suzuki modeling her multi-colored knitted skirt and scarf*



*Carolyn showing the doll Sweater and tam hat*



*Dana wearing her tan triangular scarf*

## 2014-15 OFFICERS

### *Co-Presidents*

*Christine Bo-Linn*

*Diane Sack*

### *Acting -Secretary*

*Gail Korenaga*

### *Treasurer*

*Dana Dunn*

### *Programs Committee & Vice Presidents*

*Elaine Johnson*

*Marilyn Klag*

### *Newsletter*

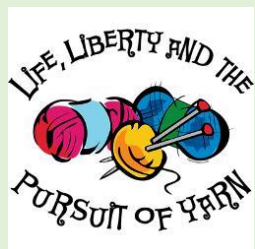
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## MEMBER INFORMATION

### **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](mailto: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

