



# April 2015 Newsletter

## MARIN KNITTERS' GUILD

### MARCH 14, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Christine Bo-Linn. There were 14 attendees

### TREASURER'S REPORT

There is \$1132.64 in the treasury, with rent paid through the end of the month.

### CHARITY REPORTS AND DONATIONS

Nazee sent donated weaving wool for Guild members to take, for a small fee to the Guild.

### MEDIA REPORTS

Two members have seen an SUV with a yarn-bombed spare tire on the back.

Knitting Your Own Kama Sutra - Elaine has loaned it to Angela. It has knitted bodies illustrating the Kama Sutra positions.

Elaine also saw an online calendar with men in knit/crocheted trunks and other accessories. Here is the link.

<http://www.buzzfeed.com/mallorymcinnis/oh-darn-look-at-these-men-with-yarn#.ieDDzk0bK>

### Pearls of Wisdom

**"Knitting is still trying to teach me .....**

That no matter how well you knit, looking at your work too closely isn't helpful. It's like kissing with your eyes open: nobody looks good that close up."

— [Stephanie Pearl-McPhee](#), [Things I Learned From Knitting](#)

## MARCH PROGRAM

March Program was Bind offs. The methods of bind off demonstrated were:

- Purl bind off – this bind off looks better on the right side with many bind-offs than the knit bind off.
- Jen's Stretchy Bind off : This bind off is well-suited to hats, sweater necks, and especially toe-up socks – anything that requires a lot of stretch to get into place!
- Other methods of bind off discussed were tubular bind off, slow bind off and Sewn Bind off.

## FUTURE PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

For the White Lies knitting workshop. The Guild would cover the bulk of the workshop fee but attendees would pay a nominal fee as a commitment to go. A poll of members present preferred a 3 hour class over a 6 hour class. Or it could be two 3-hour classes with attendees choosing to attend one or both. Diane will bring the course description to the April meeting. For other workshops the Guild has opened it to non-Guild members if Guild members did not fill the classes. Christine is asking members to look at the course information so the Guild can make a decision. Christine will work with Diane to get a decision.

***Note: At the April meeting, discussion of new officers will commence.***

## SHOW & TELL

Marilyn showed socks from a Cookie- A pattern.

Joan is making a jacket with mixed yarns.

Several members recommend Knitters Pride Marblz needles: light weight, good tips, made of resin so they are comfortable, good if knitter has arthritis.

Jane modeled her cabled jacket with contrast edging. She is making a lace scarf with yarn donated by Ann Van Arnum.



Show & Tell Contd.....

Christine showed a completed cowl with a purl bind-off and a pair of Pow and Bam mitts, with tubular bind on and bind off.

Lois is knitting slippers from a Scandinavian Knits book. She used the Sewn bind-off

Elaine completed her Cabin Fever pullover. She may redo the cuff bind-off and use the Sewn Bind Off. She made progress on her commissioned project from a photo. She has done the neck bind off on smaller needles to reduce flaring.

Katherine is knitting yoked stranded pullovers. She has used the Picot Bind Off for shawls, it is flexible to change with the pattern and behaves well. But it is a slow bind-off.

Craftsy online classes are now 50% off. Several members have taken Craftsy classes and recommend them. Once the class is purchased, it can be viewed over and over, and there is email communication with the teacher.

### STITCHES WEST

Katherine went specifically to look at Anzula yarn for her clients with protein-based fiber allergies. It was her first Stitches. She had a very pleasant experience, and found everyone helpful. But she did not buy a single thing! She visited the Firefly Yarns booth which had beautiful yarn and helpful vendors. But they dye in 3 skein lots, and did not realize some knitters need more than 3 skeins for a sweater. They are considering larger dye lots.

Vendors ran out of the new XRX book Splendid Apparel, by Anna Zilboorg, the first day.

Diane saw lots of new yarn vendors selling their own dyed and/or spun yarns. Many large traditional vendors are no longer attending.

Marilyn took Anna Zilboorg's class and brought a knit hat embellished with embroidery to the Guild meeting. She also took Janelle Laidman's class on two-colored knitting.

Christine went for one day with Lenore. Lots of beautiful yarn, attendees wearing small shawlettes. More artisanal yarns, more gradient yarns. She goes with a budget and goals to help her shop. She saw much more crocheted pieces with more complicated patterns.

Joan encountered a Duck Dynasty hunter with an M16 rifle in the hotel elevator. It turned out to be designer/instructor Lily Chin dressed for the fashion show.

### MARIN COUNTY FAIR

The Marin County Fair entry form deadline is usually mid-May. Entries are due mid-June. Elaine will bring fair booklets to the April meeting if they are ready.

### Member related news

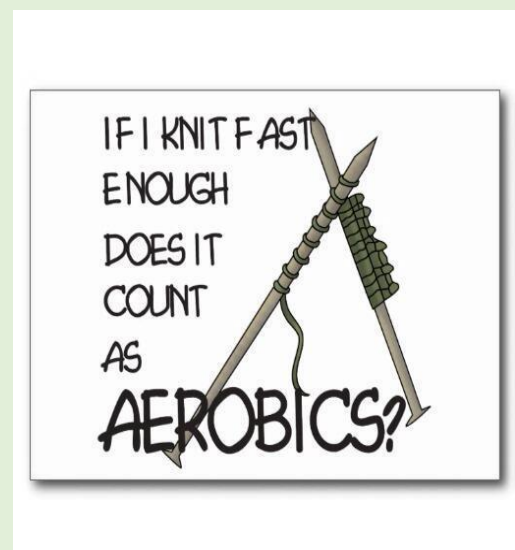
Angela Faillace is ill, at home with hospice care, but too ill to receive visitors.

Carita's daughter and grandson have liver failure and need liver transplants.

*Respectfully Submitted by Acting Secretary  
Gail Korenaga*



### IN STITCHES



## 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*

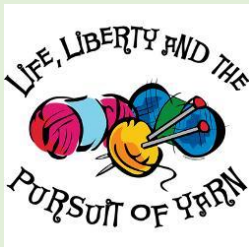
*Radhika Sitaraman*

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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

