



November 2015 Newsletter

MARIN KNITTERS' GUILD

OCTOBER 10, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Christine Bo-Linn. Nine members attended the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No Treasury report this month.

CHARITY REPORTS AND DONATIONS

Nazee's mother has several hats to donate. Nazee found a tiny knit hat in Tobe's friend's yarn at the last meeting. Nazee is holding it for Carolyn's doll charity.

The Guild will have its annual yarn exchange for knitting a charity square. Everyone bags up 3 yarns to exchange, and knit up into a 6" square to go into a charity blanket that Carita will assemble.

Radhika is collecting scarves and hats for the St. Anthony's Foundation – Scarving Artistes project this Holiday season. Scarves or hats can be knitted or crocheted, should be 5-7 inches wide and 48-60 inches long. Mid-weight yarns in washable wool or wool/acrylic blends are preferred in neutral colors (no light colored yarns please, as they soil easily!). Radhika will collect these scarves at the December meeting to be delivered to St. Anthony's by December 21, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS

Possible yarn crawl dates were posted on Ravelry. There were only two responses to the Ravelry poll on preferred dates. Due to lack of interest, the yarn crawl trip was cancelled.

Going forward, Ravelry will be the primary Guild communication vehicle. Members are encouraged to check for messages and post any notes to keep the Ravelry group active. Look for Marin Knitters' Guild on the groups page.

In Stitches

"I read not long ago in the journal *Brain* that knitting increases the activity in the left prefrontal cortex, causing less susceptibility to stress and a more positive attitude toward life. The article said meditation and trampoline jumping had similar neurological benefits. I chose knitting as the outcome includes a scarf, a blanket, a sweater." From *No Ordinary matter* by Jenny McPhee

FAIR REPORT

Elaine drafted a letter to the fair officials with feedback on the 2015 knitting category, for review by Christine and Diane as Guild co-presidents.

MEDIA REPORT

Amazon has started its Amazon Handmade division to compete with Etsy. The terms are different. Amazon has been vetting vendors to verify handicraft sourcing.

Fashion week in Paris just ended. There were not many photos of knitwear.

Christine went to an exhibit of Vogue photography in Madrid and shared a photo of a 70's era hat. She also visited two yarn shops while there. There is no yarn fondling there, or paging through patterns. The staff retrieves what the customer wants. The approach to knitting is different - there are very few patterns used.

A new yarn shop opened in Albany on Solano, in K2Tog's space. It is called Avenue Yarns.

The 2016 Madrona program was released this week. Madrona is in Tacoma the week before Stitches. It is a small conference with knitting, weaving, and spinning classes.

OCTOBER PROGRAM

Christine demonstrated arm knitting with super bulky yarn or two strands of bulky yarn. She modeled one she made. There are several YouTube videos on this technique - here is one: <http://youtu.be/YPer3Xv2QSM>.

Christine's tips: take off your watch and bracelets before starting so the yarn won't snag. Don't start right before bedtime or you'll find yourself tied up.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

In August 2015, the group decided to make a keyhole scarf as a group project. In November we will be sharing of the different keyhole scarves that the members have made. The program for November is "Mending a sweater with moth holes and ways to stop the holes in the first place".

Membership dues are due in September. If you haven't paid yet, please be prepared to pay your dues (\$30.00) in November.

SHOW & TELL

Christine showed her crocheted scarf and wore her blocked Doris Chan crocheted bolero. She highly recommends Doris Chan crochet patterns. They are well-written and well-designed with shaping.

Lois showed her Hexagone cowl pattern mixing a Koigu multicolor with black. She has gotten a good start on her Christmas knitting of hats, cowls, scarves, and Scandinavian slippers.

Marilyn is knitting Cookie A Pomatomus socks, a free pattern, out of Knit Picks Glimmer.

Ariane is knitting a vest from Feminine Knits out of a locally dyed yarn called Tactile.

Jane wore her completed cabled striped sweater with ruffles, pockets, and button embellishments. She is on to the sleeves of a new sweater. She knits two sleeves at once and pins them together so she won't forget which one she knits next.

*Respectfully Submitted by
Gail Korenaga*



*Christine - (Top) Demonstrating Arm knitting and Arm knit cowl
(Bottom) - Crochet Motif scarf*



Lois - Hexagone multi-color cowl



Marilyn - Sock



Jane modeling her jacket



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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

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