



MARIN KNITTERS' GUILD

JANUARY 9, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Diane. Fourteen members attended the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no treasury report

OLD BUSINESS

Program Committee: Phyllis was not able to attend so Naze led this month's program activity. Phyllis' schedule has changed so she frequently has a conflict with the Guild meeting time.

The February program will be mitered squares, but we need a volunteer to lead the program. We will also discuss Ravelry and how the group should use it. Please bring your brown bag swap blanket squares to the meeting. These will be given to Carita's group to assemble into blankets to be giving to children at the Valley of the Moon Children's Home in Sonoma. Members not participating in the swap are still encouraged to bring 6-inch square for the Guild collection. You can bring your squares to the March meeting

There was no new business.

MEDIA REPORT

Members discussed a video of Christopher Walken knitting - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8sY9sVZVVVA A newspaper arrival covered a man in Ireland that knits using unraveled yarn from charity stop items.

There was a WSJ article about the Detanglers, a Ravelry group that enjoys untangling yarn - http://www.wsj.com/articles/knitters-with-hopelessly-knotted-yarn-call-detanglers-for-help-

In Stitches



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Unicorn Books is going out of business. Therefore, Hen Haus Boutique is moving to Cotati. They are having a moving sale.

Tessuto located in Novato, is also going out of business - all Fabric is 20% off through the end of February.

The Valley Ford Wool Mill is moving to Point Arena in Mendocino. Details are on the Casari Ranch Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/ValleyFordMercantileAndWoolMill/?fref=ts) The 2016 Wool Festival will be in Mendocino.

There is a Boonville Fair in the fall. It is about a 3-hour drive from Marin. This fair is held at the Mendocino County Fair.



## SHOW & TELL

Jane showed a scarf of purple and brown. She is knitting a coordinated brown sweater.

Diane is knitting striped mitts as gifts and for sale at craft shows. She also knit an interasia owl hat, with unusual top shaping that forms ears when worn. She is teaching it in her class.

Katherine is on a stash-busting mission. She knit a gray sweater and plans to knit 2 more. She is also planning on elbow length fingerless mits from moth damaged yarn and a purple lace shawl. She is working on a commissions Pi Shawl. She is trying out Addi Flip Sticks – aluminum double points, slightly textured, with one end sharp and one end blunter. Each needle in the set is a different color.

Nazee showed 2 lace scarves from variegated yarns. There was too much variegation to show the lace, so she dyed over both scarves to reduce the contract. The lace pattern shows up much better after dying.

Ariane is working on her Fair Isle Rams and Yowes blanket. It will be steeked.

Melissa finished a toddler dress from multi-color yarn that was mentioned in the January newsletter

Marilyn is knitting Jaywalker socks, a free pattern on Ravelry. She is using Knit Picks Felici yarn. She wore her Potato Chip Scarf (because you cannot knit just one!!) – a free pattern on Ravelry.

Elaine knit a hat and a Hexagon Cowl as gifts. She knit a baby blanket for a St. Vincent de Paul raffle with matching cap. She is knitting a Vogue Knitting tunic on commission.

Lois wore a Hexagon cowl, available on Ravelry and an Interweave magazine Gansey sweater out of Knit Picks Swish. The cowls are popular with her male and female relatives. She will be knitting a sweater from Viking Knits & Ancient Ornaments by Elsbeth Lavold.

Anita is working on her top down pullover from Swedish yarn, a gift from a friend's trip to Sweden.

Gail wore the beautiful wrap that she had knitted.



Christine is finishing a purple crocheted vest. She used Ravelry tips from others who have made the pattern. She is working on a new vest from a Vickie Chan pattern. It is a very well written pattern, with charts for each size, pictures, and even a photo showing how to count rows for the gauge swatch. She wore a completed crocheted vest.

## MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT

Carita lost her daughter and grandson over the last few months. Nazee brought a card for the Guild members to sign.

## PROGRAM

Scallop Cast on: Nazee showed how to create scallops at the cast on edge. Instructions are on a website: <http://gannetdesigns.com/2014/04/15/scalloped-cast-on/>. It would make a cute sock top or edging for a child's sweater.

February Program: Mitered Squares

Respectfully submitted by:  
Gail Korenaga, Secretary



*Ariane Fair Isle Blanket*



*Elaine Baby Blanket for raffle*



*Gail - Wrap*

## 2015-16 OFFICERS

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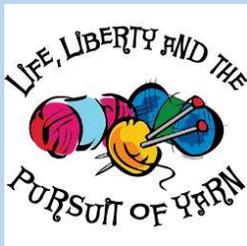
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## MEMBER INFORMATION

### **MARIN KNITTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER:**

**Reminder:** Please email information for the 2015-2016 *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.

**RAVELRY GROUP:** Marin Knitters Guild has a group on Ravelry. You can join us by going to our website [www.marinknittersguild.org](http://www.marinknittersguild.org) or join directly from Ravelry by searching for "Marin" in the group section.

**PHOTOS:** Members may access additional Guild photos on our website [www.marinknittersguild.org](http://www.marinknittersguild.org).



## **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 & Ravelry List* – Nazee Fard

*Name Tags* – Dana Dunn

*Church Liaison* – Leona Thoelecke

