



MARIN KNITTERS' GUILD

FEBRUARY 13, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Diane Sack. Nine members attended the meeting. Diane opened the meeting with committee reports.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No Treasurer report for this month.

MARIN COUNTY FAIR

No updates on the Marin County Fair.

MEMBER RELATED NEWS

It was Carita's first Guild meeting for several months. She thanked Guild members for all the cards, emails, and calls after losing her grandson and daughter this year.



Christine Bo-Linn displaying her Tunisian Crochet kit from Stitches West

CHARITY REPORT

Several people turned in charity blanket squares. Carita Lynch attended the meeting and received the squares for assembly into blankets by her fellow volunteers. The completed blankets go to the Valley of the Moon Children's Home, a Sonoma County agency. It is the first residence after children are removed from their homes. The children choose a blanket and take it with them when they move to foster care. Volunteers meet once a month to make squares, which are then assembled into blankets. The volunteers seek extra yarn donations, even small balls.



Carita Lynch posing with the donated blanket squares

Christine Bo-Linn & her baby bunting kit from a past Stitches West



In Stitches

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STICHES WEST REPORT

Stitches West was well-attended by Guild members, who brought back evidence. Bags and accessories were very popular among Guild members this year.

Diane purchased a felted bag and has started Lyra's Song Shawl pattern. She visited the Bluebird Yarn booth, and got some very popular kits for the Golden Gate Bridge hat, a local pattern by Bluebird Yarn owner Sophie Kurnik, in Giants and Golden State Warriors colors.

Joan got this year's featured XRX book, Knit My Skirt by Candace Eisner Strick. She also got some unusual Cat Mountain Fiber Arts yarn, a mix of colors, fibers, and glitter. She also got many colors of Thera Gloves from a vendor there.

Marilyn got a fabric bag with sheep pattern.

Christine got Della Q fabric cases, one for her crochet hooks and a travel case that hold a mix of hooks, dpns, and circulars. She has finished a Baby Cocoon from Stitches 2015. An acquaintance had a booth with kits for Tunisian crochet (using a large double pointed crochet hook), Koigu yarn, and patterns. The kits sold out and created many new crocheters. Christine completed a cowl from one of the kits. She also bought a beautiful black walnut yarn bowl.

Kathryn went to her 2nd Stitches West and amazingly bought no yarn again. She did get many fastenings, and was given alpaca and llama yarn by a vendor she knows.

Gail did not attend Stitches West, so reported on Madrona Fiber Arts, which is held in Tacoma the week before Stitches. She took two knitting ergonomics classes from Carson Dehmers, a Bay Area physical therapist who teaches workshops on incorporating movement into knitting habits and improving knitting posture and movement. She also took classes in card weaving and spinning.

Respectfully submitted by:
Gail Korenaga

April Program

Marilyn will teach us to cast on seamlessly for toe up socks. If you like to learn bring light color yarn with 2 circular knitting needles to match the yarn.

MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENTS 2016-2017 OFFICERS NOMINATIONS DUE

It is that time of the year again. Nominations for officers for the Guild are needed. If you are interested in becoming an officer or would like to nominate someone, please put in the name at the April or May meeting. We need volunteers who can step up and help our Guild to keep functioning.

Thank you!!

Marin Knitters Guild 2015-2016 Presidents



Diane Sack's hats from Bluebird Yarn kits



Multi Finer Yarn



2015-16 OFFICERS

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Diane Sack

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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.

RAVELRY GROUP: Marin Knitters Guild has a group on Ravelry. You can join us by going to our website 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.



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

