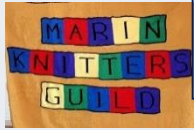


# MARIN KNITTERS GUILD



## MARIN KNITTERS' GUILD JANUARY 7, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Jane called the meeting to order. 19 members were present.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Dana spoke to her local Wells Fargo Bank branch about the monthly fees for the MKG account. WFB will refund 3 months of fees, and waive future monthly fees. Many thanks to Jane, Nazee, and Dana for initiating and pursuing this action.

### NEW BUSINESS

The 2017 National Knit in Public Day falls on the MKG June meeting date. Christine suggested organizing a group KIP for after the meeting.

### CHARITY REPORT

Radhika has volunteered at St. Anthony's for a number of years. Every year she collects hats and scarves for the annual Scarving Artists drive to distribute to the homeless at Christmas. MKG contributed 12 hats, 22 scarves and 1 sets of gloves and 1 wrist warmer for the December 2016 drive. Toby, a former Guild member, made 34 hats and Radhika's co-workers and the Marin Indian community also made scarves, some from yarn donated to the Guild. Radhika will collect any knitted garments in addition to hats and scarves throughout the year for this drive.

### GROUP PROJECT

January kicked off the MKG group project. Project Linus distributes handmade blankets to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need. Guild Members will knit 34-inch long strips from yarn provided by MKG, to be assembled into blankets for donation. Diane purchased the yarn and packaged each ball with instructions for a knit/purl pattern.

Bring the completed strips to the May meeting, but not bound off and with yarn still attached. Diane has more yarn if members want to knit more strips. Diane can be contacted by phone, email, or on Ravelry with questions.

### OLD BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Village Sewing Shop in Santa Rosa is closing out their yarn. All yarn is on sale, currently 40% off/50% off if paid by cash or check.

Stitches West is Feb.22-23, 2017 in Santa Clara. Several members plan to go.



Diane – Top

### SHOW & TELL

Jennifer knit a Zickzack scarf inspired by Marilyn, using a free pattern by Christy Kamm on Ravelry.

Sue is knitting a top down circular sweater. She color coded the start of the round, because there are also 4 markers to mark decreases.

Aleyya made 100 knitted light bulbs for Christmas on 0000 needles using very fine yarn. She is knitting a second version of a cabled jacket.

Christine made hats for Christmas. She is going to Washington, DC for the Women's March and finished her "Pussyhat" to wear. Her daughter and son have both requested Pussyhats for the Washington, DC and San Francisco Women's marches.

Melissa is finishing her 2<sup>nd</sup> sock. She knit 2 Pussyhats to send to her friend marching in DC and hopes to make another for herself.

Elaine visited Lacis museum of lace and textiles, for the first time and was very impressed. She went on a docent-led tour of the current tatting exhibit. She is working on a sweater for a friend using a Knit Picks pattern and yarn.

Anita finished her Pixelated sweater, a multi-colored striped cowl, and 10 hats with pom-poms. She used Pinterest tips to make fluffy solid pom-poms.

Gerry is making an infinity cowl from Bluebird sale yarn.

Diane wore a blue cabled alpaca wool sweater. She has made several sets of hand warmers for sale, including her own entrelac pattern. She brought in a purchased Croatian vest from a recent vacation, probably machine knit and hand embroidered.

Arlene is making a Hitchhiker shawlette. She did 7 craft fairs while Diane was on vacation.



Alleya showing her Christmas Lights



Cathy wearing her cowl



Nazee- Jacket



Pile-able Pups

## SHOW & TELL (Contd.)

Joan is also making a Hitchhiker shawlette. She went to a dye workshop at the HenHaus and is really getting into it. She ordered Dharma's sample card of undyed yarn. Dharma sells undyed Malabrigo, Cascade 220, and many other brands.

Katherine brought her Pile-able Pups, from a purchased Ravelry pattern. She wore a scarf of her own design. She is knitting a steeked Norwegian star stranded sweater. She altered the pattern to garter stitch on the bottom border using a smaller needle.

Lois is making a "Pussyhat" and a beaded shawl. She makes small knitted gifts for Christmas.

Radhika is making a top-down sweater using yarn donated by MKG.

Nazee made a beautiful granny square jacket for her aunt, who requested one inspired by an expensive designer jacket.

Cathy finished her cupcake stranded hat from hand knit and a "Pussyhat". She made a cowl from hand knit and a lace cowl. The cowl pattern is on her Ravelry page (Ravelry name Sockwalker). She is making a long cowl from Tubularity out of Wollemeise yarn.

Jane finished her bright green sweater. She found a yarn called Caron Cakes at Michael's. She is experimenting with a striped sweater with slipped stitch separations.

## MARIN COUNTY FAIR

The 2017 Marin County Fair theme is "Let the Fun Shine In". Just after the January meeting, Fair officials contacted Elaine to ask whether MKG plans to sponsor awards again. By consensus via Ravelry and email, MKG will again contribute awards for Best in Show Wearable Knitting, Best in Show – Adult Crochet, Best in Show – Junior Knitting and Best in Show – Junior Crochet.

## MEDIA REPORT

Elaine was gifted the book Knitting Yarns: Writers on Knitting, edited by Ann Hood. It has small well-written essays by often well-known authors like Barbara Kingsolver and Alison Lurie

Jane received a question via email about access to videos by The Knitting Guild of America (TKGA) as a Marin Knitters' Guild member. The MKG website describes us as an official chapter of TKGA. The answer is: no member of a local guild has access to TKGA website without joining TKGA personally. TKGA has undergone several recent changes, including returning to non-profit status as TKGA.org. Nazee will verify that TKGA still doesn't charge for MKG to be an official TKGA chapter.

The knitting blog Dayana Knits (<http://www.dayanaknits.com>) posted about a Fair Isle mistake without ripping the entire piece out.

## FEBRUARY PROGRAM

February program will be about correcting mistakes. Guild members will share their tips and resources.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Gail Korenaga, Secretary



Elaine – Jacket

## 2016-17 OFFICERS

### **President:**

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Carita's Pussy Cat Hats

## Volunteers

*Marin Fair Liaison* – Elaine Johnson

*Website & Ravelry* – Nazee Fard

*Name Tags* – Dana Dunn



## MEMBER INFORMATION

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

**Reminder:** Please email information for the 2017-2018 *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](http://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 every Second Saturday at Corte Madera Town Center, 770 Tamalpais Drive, Room 201 (Community Room).