

# MARIN KNITTERS GUILD



## MARIN KNITTERS' GUILD FEBRUARY 11, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Jane called the meeting to order. There were 23 people present including 3 guests. Attendees went around the room and shared how they learned to knit.



Guest Nancy works at JoAnn's where she talked to a Guild member who gave her a Guild business card. Nancy mentioned there are JoAnn VIP memberships with a 10% discount, and brought a sample application.



Guest Lisa was a member about 20 years ago and learned to knit from Guild members. She recently moved back to the area and is coming back to the Guild with her granddaughter.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no Treasurer's Report for February.

### MEDIA REPORT

Pink hats are on the cover of The New Yorker and Time magazines.

### CHARITY REPORT

Diane will take the completed Project Linus strips. There are more skeins of yarn available for those that have already finished. We will put the strips together at one of the upcoming meetings.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Knitterly is under new ownership. A former employee bought the store with her daughter

Christine brought a photo of pink hats from her trip to the Washington DC March.

The Larkspur Library has a temporary display of Guild member Lois' knitting.



*Lois' work on display at Larkspur Library*

### PROGRAM – FIXING MISTAKES

Elaine got a commission to copy a hat that the owner had shrunk in the dryer. She was going to reknit it, but remembered a suggestion from a Guild meeting years ago, to use hair conditioner to stretch out the shrunken item. She soaked the hat for 8 hours in conditioner mixed with water, then stretched it over a Styrofoam ball from JoAnn's. She steamed it and blocked it, and it is now back to the desired size.

Hair conditioner will also soften some yarns. It needs to be mixed with hot water to dissolve, then mixed with cool water before immersing the wool.

Anne knit a striped sweater from several types of yarn, and one stripe shrunk a bit. She cut out a row of yarn and unraveled the shrunken stripe. She knit a new stripe, then Kitchener stitched the two parts of the sweater back together.

Jane bought a variegated yarn, but it didn't knit up the way she expected. She ended up donating the yarn to be knit for cat blankets. Her lesson learned was to look at the yarn carefully before knitting with it.

Lois's cat panicked when a visitor came, and ruined a sleeve on a hand knit sweater. She repaired it by unpicking part of the sleeve and reknitting the damaged part bottom up and Kitchener stitching it together. The top down and bottom up stitches are indistinguishable.

Gail knit a dark shawl from 3 different dye lots but didn't notice until she finished that there was a big difference in color. Nazee had a white sweater that she spilled tea on, and Melissa blocked and dried a white superwash baby sweater outside on her deck in direct sunlight. It discolored unevenly from the sunlight. All three overdyed the finished objects to even out the color differences.

Katherine's dog made some holes in her knitted scarf. She used a crochet hook to repair the columns of stitches with holes.

It is more difficult to correct mistakes in crochet than knitting. Crochet uses more yarn and makes a denser fabric, but often has large open areas which use less yarn.

### **SHOW & TELL**

Diane is making red and white hand warmers to sell at craft fairs.

Joan made a lap blanket from Ella Rae yarn from the Village Sewing Center sale.

Carita found some pink rabbits at the dollar store. She is performing "earectomies" and sewing the ears onto her pink pussyhats.

Nazee made a shawl from Guild yarn adopted from Christine.

Gail made a Resist hat for herself. A friend has commissioned one.

Lois made an alpaca shawl with beads from Nazee's pattern.

Judy made a mohair sweater out of sale yarn bought on a trip to France. She also made several mohair möbius shawls.

Melissa is working on sport weight socks. Anne is making a shawl. The pattern has some errors, but she is persisting. She made a tiny preemie sweater and hat which Elaine will send to Baby Love Ministries.

Marilyn like the Chroma yarn from KnitPicks. She is making another ZickZack shawl, which is good social knitting.

Cathy is making a racer back sweater from handspun yarn. It has part Verb yarn and part her own hand-dyed yarn.

Christine wore a sweater made of Canyon yarn by Classic Elite. She prefers short rows around the shoulders and neck for better fit.

Ruth wore a Kelly green cable sweater from cotton Diane gave her years ago using an old Vogue knitting magazine pattern. She is making fruit caps for babies from inherited yarn.

Radhika is working on the strip for the group project and a sweater from donated yarn

Nancy made several "messy bun hats" as gifts. She made a hooded sweater for her granddaughter and wants to add a zipper. Phyllis once gave a Guild talk on inserting a zipper - Elaine will send Nancy a copy of the directions.

### **Next Meeting**

The March meeting program will be Stitches reports from attendees. Bring/wear your green items in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

**Respectfully submitted by:  
Gail Korenaga, Secretary**



*Arlene – Hat*



*Carita – Pussy hats with “bunny ears”*



*Christine “Short Rows” Sweater*



*Gail – “Resist” Hat*



*Ruth – Kelly Cable Sweater*



*Nazee – Shawl*



*Judy – Mohair Sweater*

## 2016-17 OFFICERS

### **President:**

Jane Cooperman

### **Programs Chairs/VPs:**

Nazee Fard,

Christine Bo-Linn,

Lois Errante

**Secretary:** Gail Korenaga

**Treasurer :** Dana Dunn

### **Newsletter :**

Radhika Sitaraman

### **E-Mail:**

marinknittersguild@yahoo.com

We are on the Web!

[www.marinknittersguild.org](http://www.marinknittersguild.org)



### 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, podcasts 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 every Second Saturday at Corte Madera Town Center, 770 Tamalpais Drive, Room 201 (Community Room).