

# MARIN KNITTERS GUILD



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

Jane called the meeting to order. There were 21 people present including 2 guests.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Rent is paid through 2017. There is \$513.16 in the account. The dues starts in September at \$30/year. With the year half over, new members can join now for \$15.

### **MEDIA REPORT**

Koel, a new knitting magazine, started out of Korea. There is a new Making magazine, which includes several crafts. Laine magazine has started in Germany. Interweave Knits has put all its publications onto one website, Interweave.com

Missoni's Milan runway show featured pink pussyhats on models and gifted them to the audience.

Jane and Nazee circulated an article on a pilot education project covering math in knitting to encourage girls to continue in math and science.

Gail circulated an article about the annual Portland, OR Yarn crawl, which was organized by 13 yarn shops. There are similar yarn crawls in LA and Sonoma.

Gail also circulated an IJ article about the Mad Hatters, an informal Mill Valley group that knits pink Pussyhats for the cost of the yarn and a donation to charity. The group has raised over \$5,000 for various charities.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jane visited Petaluma's Knitterly. Wendy, one of the new owners, was very welcoming and helpful.

The Guild website received an email from Electivity, which offers classes on-site in schools. They are looking for knitting teachers at schools in Southern Marin and Novato. Parents pay for the classes but don't attend with their children. Teachers are paid and materials fees are reimbursed upon pre-approval. If anyone is interested, please see Jane. She will also post the information on Ravelry.

Knitting kits of NYC solicited the guild offering discounts for a paid subscription to their newsletter. Jane circulated pictures of some of their kits. Jane will respond that she mentioned it at the Guild meeting and individuals will contact her if interested.

Sue will contact the West Marin alpaca ranch for a spring Guild visit. She will get some suggested dates to share at the April meeting.

### **CHARITY REPORT**

Project Linus Update: The strips are due at the May meeting. All the yarn has been distributed. There will be 6 blankets when completed. The June meeting program will be assembling the Linus blankets.

### **MARIN FAIR REPORT**

There was a short piece in the Marin IJ. Ticket prices at the gate are unchanged. There is a lower rate to buy on-line and the fee for on-line tickets is reduced from 2016. Fair officials have been responsive to comments from the Guild on last year's fair.



## **MARCH PROGRAM – Stitches West Report**

Jennifer made a last minute trip and spent several hours in the market.

Martha and Tamara went for the weekend with 4 other friends. Martha took a Franklin Habit tessellated knit class and bought lots of gradient yarn. They booked a hotel room early and got a good deal on a suite. They went to a pajama party and wore matching pajamas

Joan, Diane and Arlene went together. They attended the regular and student fashion shows. The student show had high quality, very creative work, and there were many younger participants. Diane bought 3 shawl kits.

Christine took 3 classes – 2 knitting (steeking and socks) and 1 crochet (reading Japanese patterns). She finds the Stitches crochet classes basic. She saw a lot of indie dyers, sock yarn and gradient yarn. There are more accessory booths than in previous years.

There was 1 booth with some spinning and weaving supplies.

Barbara went for 1 day and took a class on key sweater-making details.

There will be a new Stitches in LA next year.

Gail went to Madrona Fiber Arts in Tacoma, WA the week before Stitches West with 6 Marin friends. She took 3 classes (Interasia from Lucy Neatby and Catherine Lowe, Using variegated yarns and Couture knitting techniques). Madrona is much smaller than Stitches, but covers weaving and spinning in addition to knitting.

### **SHOW & TELL**

Barbara is making a 10-stitch blanket - there are always 10 stitches on the needle, with mitered corners. It's a free pattern on Ravelry.

Lisa started a green jumper for Quiana.

Nazee designed and knit a beaded shawllette from yarn adopted from Lois.

Jane wore a Kelly green sweater. She knit a scarf to match a Kelly green sequined baseball hat, then decided to make a matching sweater.

Gail brought her overdyed black Orenburg shawl from 3 grey dye lots, which she forgot to bring to the February program on errors.

Amy wore/brought two Icelandic yoke sweaters. She is stash busting before her return visit to Iceland in a few months.

Aliyya is knitting Princess socks and finished her cabled sweater except the buttons. She is making several pairs of multicolored socks.

Dana is making a children's sweater from a Nazee design.

Jennifer made a sweater out of variegated yarn and finished a gradient scarf inspired by Katherine's project.

Martha finished a Fair Isle/intarsia Kieran Foley Safavid shawl out of Sweet Georgia yarn.

Tamara is making a Hitchhiker Beyond out of a club yarn.

Joan is making a linen stitch blanket in the round. She is learning to crochet and is making an infinity scarf out of Sweet Georgia.

Diane made a Bolt shawllette in a KAL with 4 friends.

Arlene is also making Bolt. She finished a cowl from two yarns from Stitches.

Elaine is making a shawl from a Panda silk pattern. She has yarn in 2 different dye lots adopted from the Guild. She will alternate dye lots. Amy has 1 skein of the same yarn she will bring to Elaine to see if it matches her dye lot.



Carita is knitting pink Pussyhats. She has been giving them away but is selling them now. She has branched out to green hats for St. Patrick's Day. She is making a brain hat for a friend's daughter for the Science March.

Anne finished a half circle shawl. She is learning to spin. She bought 2 pounds of Shetland wool, spun it, and brought a completed handspun handknit sweater for her husband.

Christine is making a sweater out of sale yarn from Tuesday Morning. She is using a yarn bowl which she keeps on the floor but is light enough to take with her. She brought her yummy Stitches yarn acquisitions.

Lois is making a hat with beads. She brought cards for her sister Phyllis, who does professional finishing.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

New Guild officers will be discussed in April and selected in May. New blood is needed!

Duties: The President runs the meeting. The VP is also the program chair and subs for the President if absent. The Secretary takes the meeting minutes. There is a separate newsletter volunteer.

**Respectfully submitted by,**

**Gail Korenaga**



*Diane's Shawl*



*Nazee Shawlette*



*Martha's Wrap*



*Jennifer's Scarf*



*Amy's Top & her husband's pullover*

  
I'm not addicted  
to knitting!  
I can stop after  
just one  
more row....



*Ayala's Jacket*



*Gail's Orenberg Shawl*



*Cathy's Top*

**K** - Knowledgeable  
**N** - Noble  
**I** - Intellectual  
**T** - Therapeutic  
**T** - Tasteful  
**I** - Inventive  
**N** - Neat  
**G** - Global

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## 2016-17 OFFICERS

### President:

Jane Cooperman

### Programs Chairs/VPs:

Nazee Fard,

Christine Bo-Linn,

Lois Errante

**Secretary:** Gail Korenaga

**Treasurer :** Dana Dunn

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We are on the Web!

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## 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 2016-2017 *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).