

MARIN KNITTERS GUILD



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Jane called the meeting to order. There were 15 people present including 1 guest.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Rent is paid through the end of the year, with no outstanding checks. There is \$446.74 in the account. Fair prizes will be a \$200 expense in May.

Web site-associated fees are \$138/year, and the Guild also buys things like the yarn for the Project Linus project. The Knitting Guild of America now charges \$25 to list a guild as a local chapter. That fee also allows 2 specific people to access features on the website. Members discussed the pros and cons and decided to revisit joining TKGA in a year.

A few members aren't up to date on membership dues. Dana will contact these members and recurring guests (already attended two or more meetings) with reminders of dues. Dues are paid in September - at this point, dues are \$15 for a partial year. Jane circulated the member information list for updates

NEW BUSINESS

Guild Officers

Officers will be selected in May.

President: Duties include gathering material if necessary and runs the meeting. Jane says it's fun, good experience, and can build confidence. There is lots of support available.

Vice President: The VP runs the Programs Committee. Usually meets once to set up the program calendar for the year. Chairs the meeting if the President can't attend.

Secretary: The Secretary takes the minutes, sends to the President for review after which the minutes are sent to the newsletter volunteer.

Treasurer: The Treasurer is responsible for managing the Guild account, which has a tax number but is rated a hobby club. We are nowhere near the threshold to pay taxes.

Other Guild Volunteers

Website: The Website volunteer posts information including minutes; monitors Guild email account. Nazee has been handling the website but would like someone else to take it on.

Newsletter: Once the newsletter volunteer gets minutes and pictures, she can format the newsletter. Radhika has been doing this for years and is happy to continue the job, but if someone else volunteers, she is willing to take a break.

Facebook: Amy started an MKG page and makes an effort to post knitting-related news to keep fresh.

Fair liaison: Elaine is willing to continue as Fair liaison. She brought Fair exhibition booklets to the meeting for distribution.

CHARITY REPORT

Elaine sent Anne's red preemie outfit to Baby Love Ministry.

Project Linus blanket strips are due at the May meeting.

APRIL PROGRAM

Jewelry to Knit & Crochet

Nazee sent some lovely knit/crocheted/beaded bracelets and necklaces to show. Jane brought a macramé necklace from years ago. There are hundreds of jewelry patterns on Ravelry. The Guild had once had a meeting program on knitting with metal wire.

ALPACA FIELD TRIP

Sue spoke to the Alpacas of Marin ranch owner and suggested several possible dates. Members decided on June 3 for the Guild field trip, 10:30 AM -1:30 PM. Bring your own lunch. There will be some raw fiber and spun fiber available. The krias will be grown by then, so there will just be young and adult alpacas. Logistics will be discussed at the May meeting.

Note the former Valley Ford Wool Festival is at Casari Ranch in Point Arena May 20-21.

ALPACA VOLUNTEER REPORT

Elaine and Lois helped at the alpaca shearing and shared pictures. There were 80 alpacas to be restrained, sheared, and ears and feet tended. Elaine and Lois cleared the shorn fiber, which was separated into the blanket, neck fleece, and a fiber sample. Thank you Sue and Jane for the timely ranch contact and quick Ravelry post about volunteers needed.

SHOW & TELL

Jennifer wore a hat made by a friend.

Lois is knitting a red cabled cape and wore a color work cape.

Christine finished a child's sweater. She is going to a crochet conference in Chicago. She wore a Dexter sweater knit out of Rowan cash soft.

Dana finished a yellow shawl. She is making a baby blanket using a Purl SoHo short row pattern.

Sue brought some yarn for adoption from a colleague. She is knitting a scarf from 2 different yarns.

Martha is making a sweater out of stash yarn, playing yarn chicken.

Tamara is working on a Hitchhiker Beyond.

Jeri is making a lace shawl out of a Trendsetter gradient yarn. She finished a grey infinity scarf.

Leona wore a green and purple cardigan from her closet of knitwear.

Diane finished a silk and wool shawl out of Wooly Wonka yarn from Stitches. The pattern had some Fair Isle, which doesn't stretch as much as the rest of the shawl.

Arlene wore a shawlette made as a class project. She also finished some cowls from Stitches yarn and some mitts for craft shows.

Elaine is knitting a sweater on commission.

Joan just remodeled her house and is making housewares from cotton stash using patterns the Guild used for the Project Linus strips.

Marilyn is using KnitPicks Chroma to make the ZickZack pattern.

Anne is making a Brooklyn Tweed Docklight sweater. She has been taking a Fleece to Garment course through Windrush Farm fiber school in Petaluma. She picked her sheep, watched them shear it, and learned to process the 7 lb. fleece. There classes on dyeing the fiber and spinning into yarn. She finished a sock made of blue handspun. They each had to dye enough fiber to make a garment, and she is knitting a green sweater. Class info is at <https://windrushfarm.wordpress.com/windrush-fiber-school/>.

Gail asked for advice on an inherited project she is completing for her aunt's family. The blanket squares are acrylic and didn't block well using her regular method. Members suggested soaking the squares, using blocking wires to stretch out, then covering with a wet cloth and steaming with an iron held over the cloth.

Jane made a sweater from sequined yarn acquired at Tuesday Morning. She also made a scarf. She is also making a sweater out of Noro Yarn she got at Dharma and Little Knits.

Respectfully submitted by,

Gail Korenaga



Arlene – Hand warmer



Jeri – Infinity Scarf



Necklaces



Christine – Dexter Sweater



IN A YARN BASKET



Jane - Sweater



Diane - Silk & Wool Shawl



Lois – Colorwork cape



Marilyn -



Tamara –Hitchhiker Beyond



2016-17 OFFICERS

President:

Jane Cooperman

Programs Chairs/VPs:

Nazee Fard,

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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 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 located 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).