



Marin Knitters Guild



MARIN KNITTERS' GUILD APRIL 14, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

Elaine called the meeting to order. There were 21 attendees, including 3 guests: Kristin, Ellen, Claire and Ariane.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The MKG balance is \$500.76. Rent is paid through Dec 31st, and website, domain name and Fair prizes are paid.

Elaine is looking into 501(c) (3) certification as a non-profit, which costs about \$1,000 as a one-time registration fee in addition to lawyer fees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alpaca Shearing: Elaine volunteered at Alpacas of Marin on their annual shearing day. She shared pictures taken by her husband of the fleece part of "fleece to fiber".

Dana brought a roster of MKG members for distribution. Please do not share with non-members.

San Rafael Library Knitting Circle: Library staff wanted to start one but has no knitting staff. The first meeting is 10 AM April 21st at the 5th and E St. branch. All knitting levels are welcome. Melissa and Oonagh will represent the Guild at the first meeting.

The Hamilton Library has a knitting circle every other Thursday evening. The Novato Library also has a knitting circle.

MARIN COUNTY FAIR

Elaine brought copies of the Exhibitors' Guide. In 2018, the Guild aims to increase the proportion of members. Participation helps to establish ourselves as a Guild, its fun to see the entries of fellow members, and some judges provide helpful feedback on entries.

Forms listing the planned entries are due May 8th and finished items are due June 8/9. MKG demonstrates knitting one day of the Fair. Volunteers get a free Fair entry that day.

MEDIA REPORT

A You Tube video called Endangered Threads by Cathleen Vitale demonstrates backstrap weaving and fiber prep.

Elaine brought a newspaper article about how Northwest Wools in Portland was purchased by a retiree.

Melissa posted to Ravelry about a man who knits sweaters to match travel destinations he visits.

Nazee posted to FB of a knitted Queen of England.



Ruth – Hat



Lois – Knitted bird



Radhika – February Lady top down sweater



Dana - Scarf

SHOW & TELL

Aliyya: has trigger thumb and has not been knitting

Ariane: Chiaki's pullover pattern Relax in Shibui
Heichi raw silk

Carita: Pink hats

Claire: Panel 3 of her afghan in Woolfolk yarn

Christine: crocheted sweater, Twigs sweater by Junko Okamoto in Cascade 220. Walk the Cumbria Way vest in Tess' Designer Yarn.

Dana: shawlette in a variegated yarn

Ellen: Striped afghan

Elaine: Wabisabi sweater pattern

Gail: Habu side to side pattern.

Jane: Berocco Suede Jacket in Hopalong Cassidy color, with 8/10 length sleeves. Also an Uluru yarn shawl, variation on her Transition shawls.

Jennifer: Brioche hat

Joanne: shell out of 2 yarns for her daughter. She wore a hand knit sweater, scarf and socks.

Kathie: shawl, Allegra shawl with added tassels, and drop stitch scarf. She took crochet lessons to make a raffia yarn hat.

Kristin: first Fair Isle sweater and first steek, from a Meg Swansen pattern.

Lois: Slipper socks, baby sweater, bird placed in a cage that Carita found in Alphabet Soup thrift shop.

Marilyn: ZickZack scarf in Knit Picks yarn

Melissa: Lost her knitting mojo, but wore a Honey Cowl.

Nazee: fingerless gloves from her free pattern, For the Future Bride. The more it is downloaded the more she gets paid!! ☺

Radhika: green February Lady Sweater

Ruth: cowl as skirt, scrap yarn hat.

Sue: planning a sweater with two shades of yellow

Tamara: scarf

APRIL PROGRAM

BEADED SHAWLS

⇒ Nazee showed a beaded shawlette that had some pink beads that had faded when washed.

⇒ Marilyn showed several beaded shawls. She found a Craftsy beading class by Laura Nelkin was helpful

⇒ Lois had made a beaded shawl using Nazee's pattern Embossed Leaves and a beaded hat. She buys beads at Knit Picks

⇒ Christine brought several beaded cowls. One of them used a pre-strung bead technique.

MAY PROGRAM

Officer Selections: New Officer selections in May.

Melissa and Elaine propose continuing with 2 co-presidents, with overlapping 2 year terms. Each member should think about what role she would like to serve next year.

Survey: Since the Guild has grown so much, with so many new members, we will ask what members want from the Guild, what to change, what to keep the same.

Respectfully submitted by,

Gail Korenaga



Gail – knitted round shawl



Jane – Cowboy sweater with Hopalong Cassidy Life Magazine

2017-18 OFFICERS

Co-Presidents:

Melissa Boles

Elaine Johnson

Programs Chairs/VPs:

Nazee Fard,

Christine Bo-Linn,

Sue Cameron

Martha Fine

Secretary: Gail Korenaga

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Radhika Sitaraman

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We are on the Web!

www.marinknittersguild.org



Volunteers

Marin Fair Liaison – Elaine Johnson

Website & Ravelry – Nazee Fard



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 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 was formed in 1987 as the local chapter of The Knitting Guild of America (TKGA) to promote craft and workmanship of knitting. Today we are an independent organization of over 25 enthusiastic knitters, crocheters and other crafters. 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).