

MARIN KNITTERS GUILD

FEBRUARY 2019

JANUARY 12, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Martha and Elaine called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. There were 22 people present – 18 members and 4 guests. All members were issued name tags.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Arlene Eyler shared the sad news that member Diane Sack had unexpectedly past away the previous Thursday. Diane was one of the founding members of the guild and an active member and she will be sorely missed. Throughout the meeting members shared stories of Diane's generosity in sharing her prodigious knitting skills, fondly remembering different techniques she had taught them. A card was passed around for members to sign and Arlene will give it to Diane's husband. This news saddened our members, Diane was a beloved member of our knitting community.

The minutes of the December 4th meeting were emailed to members to review. At our next meeting these minutes will be reviewed and hopefully approved.

New Business cards were given out to members. Members are requested to give these out whenever interest in knitting is expressed with the goal of gaining new members.

OLD BUSINESS

Sue would like to purchase waterproof bins to store the Guild's library in, this expenditure was unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

MKG has a \$1,400 balance. We have attained 501(c)(6) non-profit status – thanks to Elaine for getting us through this complex process. This will enable us to keep meeting in the room we now meet in, to enable members and others to take tax credit for donations to the guild and for us to open Checking & Savings accounts at Redwood Credit Union.

Elaine and Martha are approved as signatories on these accounts at Redwood by the members present.

Our meeting room is paid for through March as we are only able to reserve three months out. Radhika will investigate meeting at the Hamilton Community Center.

MEDIA REPORT

PETA believes it is cruel to shear sheep and is publishing articles and billboards to promote this idea. Unfortunately their argument should have been made a few millennia ago before sheep were bred to produce copious amounts of wool. At this point it is cruel to not shear them.

Nazee has a pattern featured in Creative Knitting Magazine, Headley Poncho a graceful and unusual lace poncho. It looks perfect for cool Marin summer nights

MARIN COUNTY FAIR

The guild is offering awards of \$50 for Best in Show Wearable Knitting.

2 Best in Show awards for Junior Knitting and \$50 Best in Show for Knitting/Crochet. We have suggested a Mr. Rogers Sweater category and also suggest changing the Scarf/Hat Ensemble Category to Accessories/Ensemble category. A suggestion was made to add a category for finished items made from hand dyed yarn. We discussed raffling knitted items at the fair as a fundraiser for the Guild. We question whether we should instead put our efforts into entering more items that hopefully would inspire others to knit. There is also the possibility of raffling non-knitted items such as a year's membership or knitting lessons, or a beginning knitting kit.

SHOW & TELL

Arlene: a walking cowl from Churchmouse

Aliyya made five adorable Santa gnomes stuffed with fiberfill and six “Copy” hats and a wonderful robot intarsia zip-front sweater for a little boy.

Celia bought Donegal Tweed in fingering weight while touring Ireland and is making a sweater for herself with this lovely yarn.

Dana: finished her last Xmas present last night – hat for her grandson. It’s always good to keep the Christmas spirit going.

Elaine: is working on a sweater with Mountain Colors in a rich teal color and a multi-color hat of leftover yarn that looks well-planned and not as if it were made of leftovers.

Eve is working on a beaded Luisa Harding pattern using fancy yarn. She revealed her knitting secret is to knit simple patterns using embellished yarns. Everyone thinks her knitting is much harder to accomplish than it actually is. We can all learn from Eve.

Jane: wore a richly cabled sweater she made a few years ago.

Jennifer: finished an eyelet hitchhiker and is making a new Pivot Cowl.

Joanne: wore a beautiful Fair-Isle sweater

Joanne is on the last color of her multi-color hitchhiker and a cardigan she made a few years ago.

Kate has been busy while recovering from hip surgery, knitting a slouch hat, two charity hats and a shawl. She is currently working on an afghan of multi-color stripes and a mosaic stitch shawl.

Kathie, a new knitter is working on a hat.

Kathleen T. modeled her Central Park Hoodie with buttons purchased on the Isle of Skye and two shawls, one whose yarn was purchased in Edenborough. Kathleen thank you for this vicarious travel adventure.

Kathryn: is working on a stranded hat.

Lisa made a colorful large gauge sweater from the top down, using the book *The Knitter’s Handy Book of Top-Down Sweaters* by Ann Budd.

Lois: is making a baby sweater in navy and a scarf of two different skeins in a zig-zag infinity pattern. Grateful for her charming birds, Lois’s family created a lovely keepsake book that features them and other garments knitted for them by Lois.

Martha modeled Light Waves Shawl made of Rowan Yarns to wear at Stitches and is working on a “Googly-Eyed Gator Blanket” for her grandson’s third birthday. This pattern is published in misnamed *60 Quick Baby Blankets* and Martha hopes to finish it by his fourth birthday.

Nazee: showed us a purple lace shawl of her own design made in Miss Babs cashmere and merino yarn.

She is making herself a top down sweater

Radhika: stitched the remaining seam on a garter stitch poncho for her granddaughter and is working on a loom knitted hat for her grandson.

Sandra lost an afghan battle with her cat and needs to make a new one for herself. Cats 1/Humans 0.

Sue: is knitting multi-color striped baby socks for many pregnant people.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Our next meeting will feature German short rows and arrange for car-pooling and meet-ups at Stitches.

Respectfully submitted by,
Martha Fine
President



Aliyya – Intarsia Robot sweater for grandson



Aliyya – Christmas Gnomes



Cathy's Shawl



Light Waves Shawl



Joanne's Steeked Jacket



Lisa's Top-Down Jacket



Dana's Hat



Sue's Baby Sock

2018-19 OFFICERS

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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.



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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).