

Meeting Notes May 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

Shelley called the meeting to order at 10:10am.

2. NEW MEMBERS

No new members.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Wine Country Yarn Hop**
Annual event in Sonoma County at the end of July.
July 26th, 27th, and 28th.
Bus tickets are \$150 for Friday and Saturday.
Includes yarn stores in Petaluma, Santa Rosa, and Ukiah.
Suggestion to start in Ukiah due to the heat.
Carpooling is an option.
- **Lisa Souza Retirement Sale**
Lisa Souza, a yarn dyer in Placerville, is retiring and offering 50% off her stock. Last opportunity to buy her yarns. Her yarns are known for high-quality like cashmere, silk, merino, and yak. Her store is located 108 miles away, past Sacramento.
- **New Shops:**
 - **Scrap Exchange Shop** is called Scrap Exchange in Ross. It is located off Francis Drake Boulevard. The shop carries donated art, painting, watercolor, knitting, and sewing supplies. Prices are reasonable and discounts are available.
 - **Noma Knits** is a new yarn store in Sonoma. It sells yarn and knitting-related items. Slap bracelets/rulers for socks available.
 - **Castaway Yarn Shop** is located in Santa Rosa near the train station. Participates in the yarn crawl. Meeting nights available.
Smart Train is free for seniors.
- **Membership Dues**
Discussion about accepting membership dues at a reduced rate for new members joining mid-year. Proposed rate: \$15 for new members, then full renewal in September. Current full rate is \$30.

4. OLD BUSINESS, County Fair:

We need to staff the guild's table at the fair. No one has signed up for Thursday, July 2nd.

Free fair admission is provided for volunteers.

Sign-up sheet was circulated. Sign-ups needed by June.

Awards for knitting entries have been prepared.

Concern about whether the awards were received by the fair organizers was resolved.

- Table Setup

Elaine and Beth will conduct walkthrough of the fairgrounds to determine table location.

Elaine will e-mail Christine from the Marin Co. Fair Board to schedule a walkthrough.

Table should be in the textile display area.

- o Veterans Memorial Auditorium building will reopen in January, providing more space for the fair next year.

- Demonstrations

- o Demonstrations at the table will involve knitting and allowing people to try.

Needles and yarn will be available for people to use.

Guild cards will be available.

- Table Covering

The banner has squares of different knitting textures and techniques.

Members should bring their own knitting to work on at the table.

- Sales of items entered in the fair

- o The guild is not responsible for selling items.

- o The fair handles sales and takes a percentage.

- o Items can be marked "for sale" or "not for sale" on the application form.

- Fair Theme

- o The fair theme this year is "Stars, Stripes, and Stories."

- o A cap resembling the American flag will be made for the fair theme entry.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Membership dues of \$30 are due in September. Please pay your dues to Lisa and any monetary donations to Christine.

6. Yarn Donations

- o Yarn available for taking may have moths. Recommendation to freeze the yarn for an extended period to kill larvae.

If not taken, the yarn will be donated to San Quentin Knitters.

7. TREASURERS REPORT

- Current balance: \$2,270.
- Rent is paid for the rest of the year.
- Taxes need to be filed. Radika will file taxes this week. We should not incur any fees this year.

8. PROGRAM

Entrelac:

- Instructions on how to do Entrelac are available.
- Examples of Entrelac projects were shown, including a scarf and a sample piece.

It was suggested that mohair is a good yarn choice for Entrelac.

The cast-on and cast-off edges can look different.

9. Next month's program

- Potluck for the anniversary next month. It can be combined with the knit outside event.
- Public Knit and Chat Day at the park is separate from the regular meeting will be held after our meeting and potluck.
 - o Members who would like to participate should bring foldable chairs.
 - o Inquire with management about providing chairs.
 - o Folding chairs and tables are available if needed.
 - o Email reminder to be sent in advance.

10. Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.