



Knit One Purl Two

Marcia Hammett, Editor

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Marin Knitters' Guild Newsletter

General Meeting

Saturday, April 12, 2008
St. Luke Presbyterian Church
10 Bay Drive
San Rafael, CA
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Officers For 2007/2008

Co-President	Nazanin Fard/Diane Sack
Programs	Nazanin Fard
Treasurer	Dana Dunn
Secretary	Cindy Morgan
Newsletter	Claire Miller Marcia Hammett
Kim Huynh	Website/Yahoo Group

Marin Knitter's Guild Website:

www.marinknittersguild.org

Webmaster: Kim Huynh

Please check the website for information on our meetings, projects and membership.

President's Message

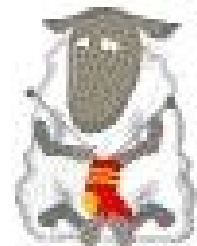
Diane Sack/Nazanin Fard

This month brings with it the election of new officers. The following members have volunteered to steer our group through 2008/2009:

Elaine Johnson - President
Melissa Woodburn - Secretary
Dana Dunn - Treasurer
Karen Harshfield - Yahoo site
Nazee Fard - Web Site
Marcia Hammett - Newsletter
Christine Bo-Lin - Snail mail
Programs - Available

If there are any other members that would like to run for office please contact either Diane or myself. We will hold a vote on the above slate this next meeting.

Diane and Nazee



Programs



Regular Meeting

This month we will be having Nancy Roberts who will **WOW** us with her dyeing techniques.

Nancy Roberts is first and foremost a hand knitter. She learned to spin and dye in order to expand her yarn choices beyond those commercially available. With control over fiber content, yarn construction, and color, she can enhance both the hand-knitting process and her textile designs. Check out her web site:

www.machineknittingtodayfor.com

Annual Dinner

This year our annual dinner will be held at Christine Bo-Linn's house on Friday, May 2. at 6:30 pm.



Someone's In The Kitchen With . . .

This month's recipe is from:
Christine Bo-Linn

BANANA CAKE

1/3 cup unsalted butter, at room temp., plus more for greasing the pan
1 cup all purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 cup honey
1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup roughly mashed BABY BANANAS (about 5 baby bananas)
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 large egg
1/2 cup plain whole-milk yogurt or sour cream
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips, optional

1. Preheat the oven to 350. Lightly butter an 8 1/2 x 4 1/2 inch loaf pan and set aside.
2. Sift together the flour, baking powder, and baking soda and set aside.
3. Put the butter, honey, sugar, cinnamon, and salt in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment. Beat the mixture on medium high speed until light and fluffy, about 5 minutes. Scrape down the sides and bottom of the bowl, add the bananas and vanilla, and beat on medium speed until the mixture looks "broken," or lumpy, about 1 minute. The bananas should be smashed, with a few small chunks remaining.
4. Turn the speed to medium-low and beat in the egg until incorporated. Turn the speed to low and gradually add the sifted flour mixture, mixing just until no traces of flour remain, about 10 seconds. Add the yogurt and mix until the batter has only a few remaining white streaks, about 5 seconds. **Be sure to avoid overmixing.** Gently fold in the choc. chips, if desired.
5. Transfer the batter to the greased pan, Bake in the center of the oven until a tester inserted in the center comes out clean, about 45 minutes. Cool the cake in the pan on a rack for 5 minutes, then unmold and cool completely on the rack.

Correction: In the Pumpkin Cake recipe in the December newsletter 1 cup of milk should be added to the pumpkin filling.

April Minutes Highlights

Treasurer's Report

\$1,879.39

After Dance Palace Payment and March Rent \$13.00 was raised from magazine sales donated by Christine Bo-Linn

Attendance

Twenty (20) members attended the meeting

Old Business

None

Workshop

Joan Schrouder has been invited to give a workshop for the guild October 25 and 26 at the Dance Palace in Point Reyes Station. The cost has not been determined but is expected to be about \$50 per person. The classes are limited to 25 knitters. The classes will be as follows:

Saturday

Schrouder Shares Swell Shaping Secrets for Simplifying Set-In Sleeves

Sunday

Tips, Techniques and Tidbits; and Enclosed Cut Edges

Media Report

None

Announcements

Marin Arts in San Rafael is having a yarn sale.

A Good Yarn in Windsor is going out of business. She will be open until April 12th.

Cottage Yarns located on El Camino Real in So. SF has just finished remodeling their store. It has a huge yarn selection so check it out.

Minutes cont.

Raffle Prize

This month's raffle was won by Marcia Hammett

Stitches

All agreed that Stitches just gets better and better, not only for yarn but people watching.

Leona bought a beautiful pair of Rosewood knitting needles.

Knit Tip

Scrubbie

Buy nylon bath "scrubbies" at the dollar store, undo the string that holds the nylon tube together and you'll have around a dozen infinitely adjustable yarn holders. As you need one just put the pull skein inside, tie a knot in one end and cut to the length you want. You can also store unwound hanks inside a length of the tubing to keep it from tangling while it waits in the project bag to be wound.

— Jean Walters

Web News:

● **Licorice Whip**

This top-down sweater is knit in worsted weight cotton in chest sizes from 34" to 50". It's classy enough for a grown up but stylish enough for a teenager.



<http://www.bluealvarez.com/bluealva/patterns/licoricewhip.html>