


Marin Knitters Newsletter

February 2009 Meeting

Minutes of Jan. 9, 2009 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Elaine Johnson, President, and there were 16 members present. We had a new member present: Marilyn Klag.

Elaine spoke regarding the points that were covered in the Executive meeting prior to the regular meeting:

the membership seems to be content to come to the meetings, share information and have Show & Tell and Yarn Swaps. Insofar as having a program/workshop, the consensus seems

1. Our venue, meeting place: She has called around and checked several places and the only one that “might” be viable would be the Marin Art & Garden Center. She will call them again and see if it is possible and report back to the members.

2. Future of the to be that it is more attractive for that to happen within one of the regular meetings rather than rent another location and have/pay someone to come and do that for us.

- Guild: How do we attract new members. It is clear that we all must be “ambassadors” and do what we can to spread the word and encourage new membership.
3. Programs: At the moment, we do not have a Program Chairman and it appears that

4. There was a lengthy discussion regarding payment/reimbursement for members of the Guild if they were asked to provide us with a program/workshop during one of our

BEGINNER

“Seeing a pattern doesn’t mean you know how to put it all together. Take baby steps: don’t focus on the folks whose skills are far beyond your own. When you’re new to something—or you haven’t tried it in a while—it can feel impossibly hard to get it right. Every misstep feels like a reason to quit. You envy everyone else who seems to know what they’re doing. What keeps you going? The belief that one day you’ll also be like that: Elegant. Capable. Confident. Experienced. And you can be. All you need now is enthusiasm. A little bravery. And—always—a sense of humor.”

KNIT TWO: By Kate Jacobs.



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regular meetings and that anyone brought in other than a member, would be paid.

5. We were unable to vote on a “policy position” since we did not have a quorum present and there was NO consensus within the group present. Elaine’s position is that: “In general, a member providing a

workshop within the context of our regular meeting would NOT get paid. Other members present strongly disagreed and therefore no policy is in place at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There will be a free exhibit called “Sweaters Re-

Imagined” at the Dance Palace in Pt Reyes now through Feb 15th 2-4 pm. Contact, Marlie de Swart of Black Mountain Artisans for more information.

Elaine’s knit works are on display at the Larkspur Library.

Marcia Hammett will undergo her third chemo

treatment next week and will be hospitalized for five days. Let’s keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

Arlene Finn was honored as the Volunteer of the Week for Senior Access of San Rafael! Congratulations Arlene!

OLD BUSINESS:

Elaine contacted Charlie Barboni of the Marin County

Fair. It is not too late to get into the Fair a Special Award that would be given in honor of Marie Bonano, one of our former members who passed away. It was agreed that a \$75.00 certificate would be awarded at the discretion of the judges. Members may

We miss you, Marcia!

Get well very soon!

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submit whatever works they have done using Marie’s yarn, if desired. The garments should include Marie’s name and tagged: “Marie’s Vest”, of “Marie’s Gloves”, etc. Registration is available online and projects need to be

submitted by June. All details available online or by obtaining a Fair booklet. A list of suggested Class/ Categories to be entered to the Fair by members was passed around and discussed. Top Prize will be \$100.00

New categories were suggested.

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Media Report: None

Stitches: Marin Fiber Arts' Warren will have an exhibit

The knitting gods were taking care of me, for even though my niece didn't get me her measurements in time to make her birthday present my trip knitting, the baby item will come in handy. A good idea always to have some baby gift on hand, ready to wrap up some small person.

needles and your ideas.
See you in February!

Elaine C. Johnson

Raffle: Was postponed until next month's meeting.

For our February meeting, let's Think Red! Bring anything you've knitted that's red, wear red, bring red yarn you want to off-load for an informal yarn swap, and we'll celebrate St. Valentine's Day in style. Also, think about little tricks and strategies you've learned over the last few months that

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Aloha, knitters! Marin feels quite cold after the balmy breezes of Oahu and Maui where I traveled after our last meeting. Of course I took knitting, a baby bunting that will go to my old friend's grandchild to be born in July.

you have not shared with the Guild. We'll do that during our Show & Tell. Think also about "weaving in," that dreaded, often-last step in the making of a garment. What do you do to make it less onerous? What actual techniques have you developed? Bring your tapestry