
Marin Knitters Guild Newsletter

March 2009



Minutes of February 14, 2009

Marin Knitters' Guild Minutes

2-14-09

Attendance: Melissa, Marilyn D., Lyn, Joann, Carita, Diane D., Lois, Phyllis, Leona, Diane S., Joan, CJ, Karen, Geri, Arlene, Dana, Claire, Marilyn K., Christine, Elaine

President Elaine called the meeting to order and expressed our condolences to Leona on the death of her husband. We were glad to see Leona at the meeting. Elaine also reported that Marcia is doing well.

Next Years Officers

At Elaine's request, Christine and Claire volunteered to form a Nominating Committee to fill the Guild jobs of President, Program (VP) and Secretary for next year. Please respond generously when they call you. Elaine will continue as liaison to the Marin County Fair and Dana will continue as Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report

Dana reported \$1862.84 in Treasury. She will update the membership list for use by the Nominating Committee.

Announcements

Elaine recommends a video at www.filminfocus.com/video/coraline (look for

"Behind the scenes tiny sweaters) to see sweaters referenced in the movie "Coraline"

Elaine continues to research alternative meeting sites, but has found nothing to report yet. Carolyn Pew will be the knitting judges at the Marin County Fair this year.

Please enter; remember that your paper work must be done in May, but you have until June to turn in actual projects.

Several members are going to Stitches. Elaine has room for 2 more in her car Feb. 27. Call her if you want to carpool. Leona recommends "Tess's Yarns" at Stitches Marketplace.

GAUGE

"ABILITY IS WHAT YOU'RE CAPABLE OF DOING. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it."

—Lou Holtz

"Gauge is a precision game; there is no room for a relaxed attitude. There are many knitters who, after knitting a couple of gauge swatches, make the classic error of thinking that a measly little inconsequential half stitch more per inch is no big deal. So it will be a little smaller. That's okay. For example, how about a sweater that has a bust measuring 40 inches, with a gauge of 4 stitches to 1 inch. You are getting 4 1/2 stitches."

AT KNIT'S END: Stephanie Pearl-McPhee

Minutes continued...

MKG members are invited to meet at 12:30 for lunch on Friday at Stitches.

Contact Marlyn@abbeyyarns.com if you want to receive a good yarn newsletter "Best of

Worsted" from Black Water Abbey Yarn. Kate Fasset is teaching a workshop at a quilting shop in the East Bay \$150/day, and there will be a lecture Apr. 29 (\$30) on Design and Color of Mosaic Quilt-

ing at Lafayette Veterans Memorial Hall. See Cotton Patch Website for more details.

In Benicia the "Knitting Circle" offers a big selection. Mar 20 – 22: BeniciaKnitting@sbcglobal.net is offer-

Minutes continued and recipe:

ing a weekend at the Sonoma Orchid Inn on "Unfinished Projects" Blue Bird in Sausalito was again recommended: great inventory, local owner.

"Got Yarn" great yarn sales announced via email

Elaine has a gift certificate from Dharma that she would like to sell.

Contact her if you are interested.

The neat Karaoke Mitered Jacket seen during Show and Tell is a free pattern available online.

Check online for Morehouse Farm

Knits for the fun Alligator Scarf.

Yarn Exchange

Much of today's free yarn and books comes from Cottage Yarns in SSF on El Camino. Elaine will send a thank you note on behalf of the Guild.

Raffle

Diane won the raffle gift brought by Christine and will bring the gift next month.

Respectfully submitted

Melissa Woodburn, Secretary

Next meeting: Saturday, March 14th, 2009: 10:00 a.m. to noon.

See you there!

PRAYER SHAWL/HEALING SHAWL

Free Knitting Pattern

Prayer Shawl / Healing Shawl

Lion Brand® Homespun®

Pattern #: 20281-K

What is a Prayer Shawl? Throughout the ages, shawls have come to symbolize shelter, peace and spiritual sustenance. Since the inception of the Prayer Shawl Ministry in 1998, the members of this ecumenical organization have lovingly donated their time and talents by creating hand-knitted and crocheted shawls for those in need. What started as a grass-roots movement has quickly grown into an international cause, with countless numbers of shawls being given to grateful recipients around the globe.

The Ministry's message of caring is simple, universal and enduring. And we have seen time and again that the creation and presentation of a prayer shawl, like all acts of generosity, enriches the giver as well as the recipient.

SKILL LEVEL: Beginner

SIZE: One Size

Approximately 24 inches x 60 inches;



Average Size: 24" x 60"

Materials: 3 skeins Lion Brand

Homespun

Needles: 10.5

Cast on 63 stitches or any multiple of three, such as 54, 57, or 60.

First Row: Knit 3, purl 3 to the end of the row.

Repeated row, Turn and knit the purl stitches and purl the knit

stitches.

Work about 2 1/2 skeins in this pattern.

Use the rest of the yarn for fringe, which can be from 3" to 9" long. Knit the ends of the fringes to keep the yarn from frizzing.

