

Marin Knitters' Guild

Newsletter August 2010



Presidents' Message

Well, the calendar says it's August but all you have to do is poke your head out and it feels like early April. Hopefully we will see some of those warm summer nights before the month is out.

Don't forget to bring your swatches to work on picking up stitches with Nazee. And a reminder that you will need to sign up for the September workshop/field trip at the August 11 meeting.

Happy knitting and see you at the next meeting.

Marcia and Nazee

From our Marin County Fair reporter, Elaine Johnson:

Lois entered 7 items and got 7 ribbons, 6 for knitting and one for Art to Wear. She won a red for her Kaffe Fassett jacket ("Foolish Virgins"), a blue for her Nordic knit in the Fair theme category, a blue for her hat, a 4th place for a pair of socks, a blue in men's sweaters, and a blue in women's sweaters. She got two additional awards, one from the Golden Threads group and one from another group--we'd have to look at the pictures to figure that out. She got a blue in Art to Wear for her red shawl.

Marny entered 3 items and got 3 ribbons. She won a yellow, 3rd place, for her kimono jacket, a 5th place for a vest, and an Honorable Mention for her women's sweater.

Ruth entered a cap and scarf and I believe got a red ribbon for that set.

Melissa entered a shawl and said she got a third.

Marcia and **Diane** each entered multiple machine-knitted things and got several ribbons each. A few things were displayed but did not have ribbons on them.

Elaine entered 5 items and got 5 ribbons, 4 for knitting and 1 for Recycled Clothing. She won a blue for children's sweaters, a red for a vest, a red for a Fair theme vest, and an honorable mention for a jacket. I won a 5th place for Recycled Clothing, but it's the biggest ribbon!

The Marin County Fair theme for next year is the 75th anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge. It's never too early to start planning your entry.

Upcoming Programs

August 14, 2010-Pick up those edges.

Nazee will show us various ways to pick up edges. Supplies: 1. A swatch worked on Garter stitch 4" to 6" square in a light color preferably in worsted or sport weight yarn. Bind off the swatch but do not cut yarn.

2. **September 11, 2010** Socks, Socks and more Socks. Bring in socks you have made or are working on. Unusual construction, favorite patterns, sock secrets, finishing touches, toe up, top down, DPN's, magic loop, two circulars, two socks on two circulars, favorite sock yarns, etc.

October 9, 2010-Lets talk Charity knits, and bring in your items to donate.

November 13, 2010- Favorite needles and tips for care. Bring ideas, your favorite needle container(s), protectors, etc.

December 11, 2010-Holiday Pot Luck, and lets show



Upcoming Field Trip/Workshop

Field Trips and Workshops – Please note date changes.

• September 10 (Friday), 2010 – Field Trip – 11 AM – "Machine knitting to Dye For" Nancy will present a demonstration of her custom yarn dyeing techniques. Web site is www.machineknittingtodye.com We will car pool and be close to Solano Ave, there are two knitting stores, Stash and K2TG; and lots of great places to have lunch.

Nancy's address is 928 Santa Fe, Albany, CA 94706 **Sign up in August.**

• October 9 (Saturday), 2010, Workshop - 1-4 PM. Nazee will present a workshop on "Reading Charts" with the new guidelines. Meeting place is at the church in our regular meeting room. Fee: \$ 5.00 for members, \$ 20.00 for non-members. Sign up in September

July Meeting Minutes

The July 10 meeting was called to order by President Marcia Hammett at 10 A.M.

Two guests attended: Lois Max of San Rafael and Emily Drotman of San Anselmo.

Marcia said the Oakland Fiber Festival was of very high quality with many out-of-state vendors with high quality merchandise.

Mary Sue Frediani of St. Helena is sponsoring another knitting retreat. It fills up very quickly so call Mary Sue at 707-963-0934 if you want to sign up.

Members who want to attend Mary Robert's dyeing workshop at her studio of Friday, Sept. 10 can sign up at our August Meeting. It is \$10 to attend. Our regular meeting is on August 11. At the August meeting, Nazee will teach a new method of picking up stitches. Members should bring a four or six inch garter swatch in a light color. Bind off the stitches but do not cut the yarn.

There will be a sidewalk sale at Knitterly on July 22-25.

Elaine discussed the Marin Fair and the many ribbons won by our members. After discussion with the members, Elaine offered to contact the knitting exhibits chairman to suggest that there be only one Best of Show ribbon, instead of a Best of Show in each of the knitting divisions. Pictures of many of the winning items will be on our website.

Marcia Hammett and Diane Sack won ribbons in Machine Knitting. Ribbons in other knitting divisions were won by Lois Errante, Elaine Johnson, Marnie Sorgen, Ruth Suzuiki, and Melissa Woodburn.

Elaine, Lois, and Marcia brought their prize winning entries for show and tell. Elaine also brought Marnie's sweater and vest.

Nazee showed an exquisite lace sweater she had finished. Melissa brought her laceweight shawl that won a prize.

Ruth passed around the new circular stainless steel needles she bought at the Fiber Festival. The needles are half the price of Addi-Turbos and just as good. The name of the needles is Chiaco Goo.

Lois then proceeded with her Turkish Wrap demonstration. She brought four of her own Turkish wraps, including one that won Best of Show.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Van Arnum

Check It Out

Knitspot.com Designer Anne Hanson's blog. Check out her patterns, too.

Principles Of Knitting by J. H. Hiatt now sells for \$177.97, used, on Amazon.com

A "used-like new" copy sells for \$495.00

Alice Starmore's **Aran Knitting** sells, used, starting at \$75. New it's \$295.95

Tudor Roses goes for \$285, used.

In the Hebrides goes for \$235, used

Pacific Coast Highway goes for \$124.48, used.

The Scottish Collection by Alice Starmore, Nancy Marchant, Nicky Epstein and Carol Lapin sells for \$699, used.