

February 2012

# Marin Knitters Guild Newsletter

## Program Schedule:

February – Fimo  
Buttons

March – Stitches  
West Show &  
Tell

March – Tips for  
taking craft  
pictures

April– Stash and  
organizing

## President's Message

Happy knitting everyone! Cathy and Christine

## January 14, 2012 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called into session at 10:00 AM by Marcia Hammett, Programs Chair and former Co-President, as Co-President Cathy Puccetti was not present due to illness and Co-President Christine Bo-Linn was not available to attend. Seventeen members were present including two guests, Toby Cossman and Tammy Taylor, both of whom were warmly welcomed into the Guild as new members.

### OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

**Treasurer's Report and Annual Dues:** Treasurer Dana Dunn reported that we have \$1,198.35 in our account.

*If you have not paid your annual dues, please mail your dues to Dana before February 1. Your email address will be deleted from our Yahoo list after that.*

### NEW BUSINESS

**Fairs:** Elaine Johnson talked about the Marin County Fair. Guild members decided to offer a \$100 cash reward to the best of show in adult knitting section and increase the amount of award for juniors from a \$25 to a \$50 gift certificate. The members present at the meeting approved the increase.

### CHARITY PROJECTS

#### The Doll Project – Stitchin' for Kids:

Caroline Archer announced her new website for her dolls project, <http://www.stitchinforkids.org>. She is planning to post her doll patterns on her site. In the meantime you can access the patterns on our website <http://www.marinknittersguild.org> and choose the Projects tab.

Nazee Fard brought 3 scarves, a hat, and more than twenty knitted

squares that her mother-in-law had knitted. Carita took the squares for her Sonoma blanket project and the scarves for distribution.

Since most members who were interested in the Fimo buttons workshop were not present and Nazee was not in a good shape herself, the workshop was postponed until the next meeting in February.

Diane Sack and Marcia Hammett had another engagement and had to leave. The meeting continued with show and tell. Meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Very special thanks to Nazee Fard, who took the minutes, as your secretary was out sick. Fortunately for us, Nazee made it to the meeting!

Respectfully Submitted by  
Jane Cooperman,  
Secretary

For those who have not visited the Ravelry online community in a while, here is a sample of their humorous take on knitting lingo. Thank you Christine!

<http://www.ravelry.com/wiki/pages/KnittingLingo>

**Acronym** a word made from the first letters of the words in a phrase or name, for example, CAL for crochet-along, PIGS for Projects in Grocery Sacks.

**Ambistitcherous** Having the ability to knit in two different styles, e.g., Continental and Combined; OR having the ability to both knit and crochet.

**BeauFO** A beautiful Finished Object

**BFL** Blue-Faced Leicester, a breed of sheep

**Bicraftual** Able to both crochet and knit

**Bisexual** Able to knit socks both top-down and toe-up.

**BKFF** Best Knitting Friend Forever

**BSJ** Baby Surprise Jacket

**CIP** Crocheting In Public

**Clown Barf** a multi-colored yarn, either rainbow or a combination of several contrasting colors

**Colorway** The name or number assigned by a manufacturer to the color (or multi-colored combination) of a yarn

**Darn Overs (DOs)** - The ones you forget and have to tink back to. AKA @&%^#&%@!!

**DISO** Desperately In search of

**DPN** Double-pointed needles

**DS** Destash (sell unwanted yarn)

**Dyelot** the number that identifies a particular batch of a colorway

**EOR** End of row or every other row

**FO** Finished object

**frog** To rip back (for the sound "rip it, rip it") by removing the needles from the project and pulling on the loose end of the yarn; also applies to crochet. Generally used when mistake is found **below** the row you are currently working, or

when completely undoing an entire project or piece. (see Tink)

**Frog pond** a storage place for knitted and crocheted things waiting to be frogged

**Gifted** The act of giving yarn/items to another for free.

**GOFO** A gorgeous finished object

**HALFPINT** Have A Lovely Fantasy Project, I've No Time

**HBD** Horizontal bust darts, also known as short-row bust darts.

**HSY** haven't started yet (pronounced "hussy")

**ISO** In search of

**ITR** In the round

**JMCO** Judy's Magic Cast-On

**JSSBO** Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind-Off

**KAL** Knit Along

**KIP** Knit(ing) in public

**Knipping** A zero sum gain in knitting: the knitting and ripping cancel each other out.

**Knooking** A method of knitting using a modified crochet hook.

**KL** Knitting loom

**KN** Knitting Needle

**LK** Loom knitting

**LYS** Local yarn shop

**LYSO** Local yarn shop owner

**MK** Machine knit(ing)

**Muggle** non-knitter

**Multicraftual** skilled in more than one craft

**muppet** or dead muppet - those acrylic and fun fur yarns that resemble Elmo and friends while in the skein or, in fact, made up

**NATCROMO** National Crochet Month

**NAYY** No Affiliation, Yadda Yadda

**NoTN** Not on the needles

**OOAK** One of a Kind

**OPY** Other people's yarn

**OSFA** One size fits all

**OTH** On the hooks

**OTOH** On the other hand

**OTN** On the needles

**PIGS** Projects in grocery sacks

**Plarn** "Plastic" yarn, often made from plastic grocery bags, but there are also some commercial types; all good for knitting/crocheting in the shower.

**Pooling** When one color in a variegated yarn bunches together in an area. See this post by [Mlok](#) for an example.

**PSY** Project seeking yarn (pronounced "sigh" as in "psychosis")

**SABLE** Stash acquisition beyond life expectancy

**SAL** Spin along

**SEX** Stash enhancement experience (or expedition) = buying yarn

**SIP** sock(s) in progress

**SKA** Sock Knitters Anonymous

**Skank** way of saying skein of yarn (skein+hank=skank)

**Sproingy** soft and stretchable, springing back. Applies to yarn.

**SSC** Slip Stitch Crochet, a type of crochet using only or mostly slip stitches. Also known as Bosnian crochet, Shepherd's knitting, Pjoning, and Smygmaskvirkning.

**SSS** Second Sock Syndrome

**Tarn** AKA T-shirt yarn

**Tink** To undo knitted stitches by reversing the knitting motion, effectively un-knitting the stitch. Used when fixing an error on the same row you are knitting. ("tink" is "knit" spelled backwards) (see also Frogging)

**tl:dr** Too Long, Didn't Read

**TOAD** Trashed Object Abandoned in Disgust

**TYWYK** Things you wished you knew (before starting a project, buying yarn etc.)

**Unraveling** doing all the other tasks in life such as work, bathing, laundry, etc. when you would rather be on Ravelry.

**UFO** UnFinished Object (usually a WIP that has been abandoned or neglected)

**WIM** Work In Mind

**WIP** Work In Progress

**Yarn barf (yarf?)** 1)a big lump of yarn that accidentally gets pulled out of a new centre-pull ball, when you're trying to find the end 2)The stuff produced by a novice spinner that bears a loose resemblance to yarn but has no consistency of size or twist whatsoever.

**Yarnie** independent dyer or spinner with a small business

**YAS** Yarn Acquisition Syndrome



For all who are going to Stitches West this month in Santa Clara, enjoy classes and happy hunting in the market! - Cathy A, Editor

## 2011 MKG Officers

*Co-Presidents –*  
Cathy Puccetti  
Christine Bo-Linn

*Secretary –*  
Jane Cooperman

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**We're on the Web!**

<http://marinknittersguild.org>

## Volunteers

*Charity –* Claire Miller

*Marin Fair Liaison –* Elaine Johnson

*Website & Yahoo! List –*  
Nazee Fard

*Name Tags –* Arlene Finn

*Church Liaison –* Leona Thoelecke

### ***About Our Organization...***

The Marin Knitters' Guild is the official chapter of **TKGA** (The Knitting Guild Association) in Marin County, California. The guild was established in 1987 to promote interest in the craft and workmanship of knitting. While our name states Marin Knitters' Guild, today our membership hails from the counties of San Francisco, San Mateo, Solano and Sonoma as well as Marin.

Knitters with all levels of experience are welcome to participate. We encourage beginners to

join and learn from the experienced. The Guild draws on the talent and expertise of its membership and the knitting and fiber-arts community at large for programs and workshops.

Visitors are welcome to all Marin Knitters' Guild meetings. We ask that you join us with your paid membership on your second meeting, so that we may continue to support our programs. Dues are \$20 annually, payable at the September meeting, and include a monthly newsletter

containing the previous meeting's minutes.

We have mini-workshops in most meetings offered by experienced guild members or local knitting teachers. In addition, we work for charitable causes, group projects and go on fun field trips. From time to time, we invite National teachers to have workshops for us. These workshops allow for a more intensive study of design or technique.

We meet at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, 10 Bayview Dr, San Rafael, CA 94901