



# NCW Knitters Guild Newsletter

October 2013

## Business Meeting

Presiding: Michele Townliand, President; 29 attending.

Welcome & Introductions by Michele

Treasurer: Balance of \$2,704.96. \$70 dues collected in September, \$90.92 in expenses.

September minutes approved with one amendment—add Mary Ann and Marilee to set up crew for fair and quilt show.

Michele stated it may be time for an updated membership list, perhaps distributed via email.

## Current Projects & Committee Reports

**Upcoming Programs:** November: Yarn swap and small knitted Christmas gifts  
December: Potluck, nametags, best/worst Christmas sweater

### Workshops/Events:

- Knit-In at Pybus Market on October 11th, 9am-4pm to celebrate 'I Love Yarn Day'.
- Possible Fair Isle class by Mary Ann in November.
- Spring road trip? Looking for leadership for this.
- Good feedback received from Fair and Quilt Shows. Marcia helped a soldier knit at the Fair booth. Guild members are encouraged to enter their knitted pieces next year. We need to 'talk up' the event earlier (in April and May) to foster participation. Guild awarded a gift certificate from Elite for 'Best of Fair' showing—Victoria took the prize!

**Shop Talk: Elite Needlework**—It's scarf and hat time! Chunkies, linens, and alpacas are just some of the lovely yarns in stock. Mary Ann provided a basket of back editions including Jane Austen and Knit Traditions, at 50% off. Mary Ann teaches continuing education classes at WVC, including a felting class and one-day sock workshops. Complete schedule online.

**This just in from Mary Ann:** Since July was a scorcher, the annual sale was a cool one, so . . . it's a **JULY SALE IN OCTOBER—NOVEMBER!** SPECIAL YARNS (end of dye lots, seasonal yarns, discontinued yarns) all 50% off. Other yarn kits at 50% discount. We need to make room for new and holiday gift project ideas. Remember, guild members get 10% off **all** stock!

**Cashmere Cottage Yarns** (from Oct. Newsletter) - Knit Along is a colorful cowl using Kenzie yarn; Beaded Lace Cowl class coming up, also a Mom & Me learn to knit.

**Warehouse Woolery**—Open knitting at the shop noon-6pm on Thursdays. Classes coming: Kimono Cardi, 2-at-a-time socks, learn to crochet. Check website for full schedule!



**Charity:** Mary Ann has a big basket of hats for Wellness Place. She also brought in skeins of Classic Worsted Tapestry yarn—computer dyed colors, great for men’s hats.

**Door Prize:** Bar of soap wrapped with knitted cloth – won by Terry Murphy (first meeting!)

**Website/Library:** Jackie was accepting library books for return. Pybus ‘Knit In’ event has been added to guild website.

**Tips/Tech/Tools/Misc:**

TJ advised us to go to the doctor SOONER rather than later if we experience ‘trigger finger’ (your thumb or finger locks up).

Janet attended the Snowgrass event and brought a pair of felted insoles she purchased from Shadow Ridge Alpacas’ booth.

Patty saw soaps with felted covers at Anthropology—similar to those we made at guild.

Victoria recommended the book ‘100 Flowers to Knit & Crochet’. Cost is \$15.16 on Amazon; perhaps a group order to save on shipping? Contact Victoria if interested.

Marilee has a ‘Knitters Guide to Color’ DVD available to loan.

## SHOW & TELL

*Joyce showed us the boy’s baseball quilt she has been working on. Fabrics she used are available at the Attic Window Quilt Shop. Sorry, no picture!*



*‘Adrian’s Vest.’ Helen taught knitting to women in prison, and one of the inmates created this pattern after studying another knitter’s garment.*



*Marilee’s gorgeous, lacey Ishbel.*

**Program:** Jackie Gabaldo had us oohing and aahing with these beautiful and fun ways to wrap up knitted gifts. She also shared an easy knitted flower pattern you can use to embellish a package (pattern should be attached along with newsletter.) Thanks, Jackie!



*Jackie with a small red flyer wagon loaded with goodies for a child.*

*Bars of soap wrapped up with knitted dish cloths tied with a knitted flower. Pattern is 'Chinese Waves' by Margaret Radcliffe, FREE on Ravelry. Yarn: Crystal Palace Cotton Chenille.*



*Any small suitcase or hatbox can become a gift box. Look for them at Hobby Lobby, Ross, etc.*

*Slipped Stitch Studios has great bags for gifts.*

*Other ways to wrap something up:*

- *Dog sweater in a new water bowl, with a small stuffed dog.*
- *Coffee cup cozy—personalize with initial.*
- *Knit socks in a coffee mug, with a gift card and/or cocoa packets.*
- *'Book' box (looks like hardback) with a hat or accessory that matches box décor.*
- *Small clear paint cans with a scarf or cowl inside.*
- *Baby blanket in a basket with a stuffed lamb, and a growth chart.*
- *Potholders in a bowl with brownie mix.*



*Simple wrapping with knitted flowers—buttons used for flower centers.*

*Wine cozies in neutral shades; pattern by Fiber Trends, available at Elite Needlework.*

