



Knerdy Knitters of the SFV

Minutes of the Nov. 28, 2016, Guild Business and Membership Meetings

Held at the Burbank Police & Fire Department, 200 N. Third St., Burbank, CA 91502

Approved Jan. 23, 2017

- I. **Business Meeting Call to Order:** President Tammy Takahashi called the membership meeting to order at 7:20 p.m., Monday, Nov. 28, 2016.

II. Roll Call

Members present:

Tammy Takahashi, President

Sarah Smith, Treasurer

Jeannette Hartman, Secretary

Nicole Briggs

Rachel Decker

Julie Kornblum

Anastasia McGee

Deb Mobley-Burns

Virginia Van Osdel, DDS

III. Business Meeting:

- a. Approval of Minutes: Sarah moved to approve the business meeting minutes of the Oct. 24, 2016, meeting; Tammy seconded; the motion carried. The minutes of the September meeting were tabled to the Jan. 23, 2017, meeting. Virginia moved to approve the minutes of the Oct. 24, 2016, membership meeting; Deb seconded, and the motion carried.
- b. Finance Report: Sarah reported that as of today, the guild had \$1,368.97 in its bank account. To date, we have collected \$127 in advance payment for the holiday party and two other people have said they plan to attend but have not yet paid.
- c. Newsletter: There was no November newsletter because Jeannette was traveling. The December newsletter will be labeled the "November-December" newsletter.
- d. 2017 Calendar: Tammy distributed copies of a draft 2017 calendar. It follows the same pattern of meetings as 2017. There are four fifth Mondays in the year. The first in January will be the blanket finishing workshop. The second will be on Memorial Day in May. The third will be in July and will be the annual WIPs, Chains and Stash Exchange Party. Last will be on Oct. 30. The calendar also includes a two-part, top-down sweater making class to be taught by Virginia on Feb. 6 and March 6. Deadlines for the Los Angeles County Fair entries, volunteer days and entry pick-up day are all TBD until the fair organization updates its website. Tammy reminded everyone that the calendar is organic and subject to change as the year progresses.

The guild's annual retreat was set for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 21, 22 and 23. A subcommittee of Tammy, Deb and Julie was set up to explore locations that had yarn stores and wine-tasting opportunities.

Several activities were discussed including having a yarn dyeing workshop or an activity involving a class and the Yarn Over Truck. Julie will be investigating wet studio space where a dyeing workshop could be held. Virginia will talk to Barbara of the Yarn Over Truck for ideas that might involve the truck. Having these events near a brewery or wine-tasting shop would be a plus.

Jeannette was assigned to put guild events on Facebook using its "Events" option. The idea of listing guild events on Ravelry was also discussed. Sarah will give Anastasia, Virginia and Jeannette access to add things to the Ravelry site.

IV. Business Meeting Adjournment: Tammy adjourned the business meeting at 7:24 p.m.

V. Membership Meeting Call to Order: Tammy called the membership meeting to order at 7:26 p.m.

VI. Events and Projects

- A. Charity Knits: Chair Kim Neuhauser was not in attendance. The project for this year is knitting/crocheting nests for injured birds or small animals.
- B. Knit- and Crochet-Along: Anastasia showed her Catalina crocheted square (\$3.99), which was her choice in the "Choose Your Own Adventure" crocheted square for the crochet-along. Sarah announced that the knit-along square would be the Entrelac Centered Square. Beginning Jan. 1, Virginia will be taking over the KAL from Sarah.
- C. Holiday party: So far, 13 people have paid for the guild's annual holiday party on Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Holiday Inn, 150 E. Angeleno Ave., in Burbank. Two others are committed, but unpaid. The price is \$10 for members; \$15 for nonmembers and at-the-door admission; and \$30 for new members, which includes both party admission and a year's membership.

The event will include appetizers and nonalcoholic beverages provided by the guild; dinner at attendee's expense, a fashion show, and door prizes. Dressing up is optional. The \$100 deposit has been paid; we have to spend at least \$15 per person.

- D. Square-joining workshop: This will be Jan. 30, 2017. The cost is \$10 for nonmembers and free for members. The location has yet to be set. Anastasia encouraged everyone to bring whatever squares they had to the workshop, adding that two squares could be joined to form a pillow, four or six squares could be a baby blanket; no one should feel they had to have completed a full blanket to attend.
- E. Design Circle: Virginia, Julie, Tammy and Elizabeth Kay Booth, all interested in designing knitwear, have been meeting monthly to learn to write patterns. The goal is to publish

Knerdy Knitters patterns on Ravelry to generate income and promote Knerdy Knitters. The group is only open to members. The next meeting will be Dec. 9.

- F. Top-down Tee workshop: Virginia will be teaching a two-part workshop on knitting a custom-fitted tee from the top down. After taking the workshop, participants will be able to make cardigans, sweaters or dresses. In Part 1, participants will come with a gauge swatch and will do the measurements and calculations needed to get a custom fit. In Part 2, students will move the sleeves on to waste yarn and start the body. The class will cost \$25 for members; \$49 for nonmembers, which will include a year's membership in the guild.

VII. **New Business:**

- a. Year-Long Challenge Project: After seeing the results of a challenge project at WeFF, Tammy and Anastasia proposed setting a 2017 themed challenge project for Knerdy Knitters to be displayed at the annual holiday party.

The requirements are that it must 1) involve yarn (this includes entries such as skeins of handspun or hand-dyed yarn); 2) be completed between Dec. 1, 2016, and Nov. 30, 2017; and 3) related in some fashion to the challenge theme of "Fandom celebration."

VIII. **Show and Tell:**

- a. Sarah: a blue "Ribbed for His Pleasure" hat.
- b. Virginia: a striped shawl of her own design and blue lace work.
- c. Deb: a crocheted blanket and dragon stitch work.
- d. Anastasia: completed her square for the December "Pick Your Own Adventure" crochet-along. Hers is the Catalina square (\$3.99 on Ravelry); and a purple and gray baby hoodie.
- e. Nicole: a purple placemat from *One More Skein* and a scarf and a cowl made on #35 needles.
- f. Jeannette: a periwinkle blue, top-down, drape front cardigan.
- g. Julie: a teal, lace patterned work.
- h. Rachel: a cowl in purple boucle; a sample of blue striped cotton yarn that she dyed herself to a green and yellow stripe and a completed wool scarf from yarn she spun herself.
- i. Tammy: a self-striping, triangular shawllet/scarf of her own design. If you're interested in test knitting, contact her. It takes about 400 yards or more of fingering to DK-weight yarn.

- IX. **Membership Meeting Adjournment.** Tammy adjourned the business meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Next meetings:

- NO Saturday Stitches on Dec. 3, or guild meeting on Dec. 26.
- Holiday Party, 6 to 9 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3, Holiday Inn, 150 E. Angeleno Ave., in Burbank.
- TGIFiber, 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, TGIFriday's, 19855 Rinaldi St., Porter Ranch.
- Yarn Club, 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, Panera, 132 E. Palm Ave., Burbank.
- Saturday Stitches, 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 31, Starbucks, 1520 W. Olive Ave., Burbank.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette Hartman, Secretary