



Knerdy Knitters of the SFV

Minutes of the Jan. 23, 2017, Guild Business and Membership Meetings

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

Approved Feb. 27, 2017.

- I. **Business Meeting Call to Order:** President Tammy Takahashi called the business meeting to order at 7:15 p.m., Monday, Jan. 23, 2017.

II. Roll Call

Members present:

Tammy Takahashi, President	Karen Frazer
Sarah Smith, Treasurer	Julie Kornblum
Jeannette Hartman, Secretary	Anastasia McGee
Nicole Briggs	Deb Mobley-Burns
Lydia Cowger	Jennifer Schierholt
Rachel Decker	Virginia Van Osdel, DDS

III. Business Meeting:

- a. Approval of Minutes: Jeannette moved and Tammy seconded the minutes of the business meetings of Sept. 26, 2016, and Nov. 28, 2016, which carried unanimously. Jeannette moved and Anastasia seconded the minutes of the membership meetings of Sept. 26, 2016, and Nov. 28, 2016, with the correction to the November minutes that Jan. 30, 2017, workshop is a blanket edging workshop. The motion carried.
- b. Finance Report: There was no report as Sarah expected to be late to the meeting.
- c. Newsletter: The February issue will feature a Q&A with Stacie and Tim Rasmussen – a “love story with yarn” approach. The education component will be the fiber care symbols and what they mean. The issue may be shorter than usual.

IV. New Business

- a. **Roster for members:** At the request of several members who would like to have an easy way to contact fellow members, it was decided to produce a membership roster showing name, email address and telephone number twice a year. Before the roster is created, members will be informed and asked to let the guild know if they wish to be left off the roster or if they only want to share some of the proposed information.

- V. **Business Meeting Adjournment:** Tammy adjourned the business meeting at 7:20 p.m.

- VI. **Membership Meeting Call to Order:** Tammy called the membership meeting to order at 7:22 p.m.

VII. Events and Projects

- A. Charity Knits: We're looking for volunteers who regularly attend guild meetings to serve as charity chair. Virginia proposed that our charity knitting project be Knitted Knockers, knitted or crocheted breast prostheses for women who have undergone mastectomies or other breast procedures, after hearing from Barbra of the Yarnover Truck that there were 18,000 women on the waiting list to receive a prosthesis. Patterns and yarn recommendations are available at knittedknockers.org.

Rachel announced that WhedonCon.com, a group created by fans of screenwriter and director Josh Whedon, is having five charity "Knit Nights" on Feb. 4 and 15; and March 11, 19 and 25 in Burbank, Downtown LA, Culver City and Van Nuys. The Feb. 4 event will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at Emerald Knights Comics and Games in Burbank; the Feb. 15 event will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at Geeky Teas in Burbank; the March 25 event will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at Galaxy of Comics in Van Nuys. The organization is looking for premie hats, lap blankets, clothing and bibs for the San Fernando Valley Chapter of Newborns in Need. Try checking on Facebook at WhedonKnitNights or NewbornsInNeedSoCalSanFernandoValley.

Julie announced that she has inherited leftover granny squares from the YarnBombing LA coverage of the Craft and Folk Art Museum. She's looking for volunteers willing to help join the squares into blankets, ponchos or scarves and organizations searching for blankets and other items for veterans and the homeless.

- B. Knit- and Crochet-Along: Virginia showed her stitch sampler scarf made from the KAL patterns through April. She said it was adaptable to a single or multiple colors (her sample included a section using four colors). The various sections of the project have variations on the same stitch to show you how to add textural variety to your knitting.

Anastasia showed her starting chain for a blanket using the CAL patterns. Anastasia said the CAL pattern uses multiples of 24 stitches and can be adapted to a variety of items. It uses single, double and half double crochet and has instructions for doing the project in multiple colors and teaches how to change colors as you work.

- C. Blanket edging workshop: This will be Jan. 30, 2017. The cost is \$10 for nonmembers and free for members. 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. Julie will bring granny squares from her collection for people who don't have squares of their own to work with.
- D. Design Circle: The next meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at Virginia's home. This members-only group is for people who want to be knit or crochet designers. The group is working on a pattern book that will be sold as a fundraiser for the Knerdy Knitters.
- E. Top-down Sweater Workshop: Five people are paid and registered and an additional six are on a list to attend Virginia's two-part workshop on knitting a custom-fitted tee from the top

down. The class will cost \$25 for members; \$49 for nonmembers, which will include a year's membership in the guild. People who haven't paid their fees within the next several days will lose their place on the waiting list.

- F. 2017 Project Challenge: Tammy and Anastasia discussed the guild's new challenge project in which participants will launch a project started in 2017 that celebrates what they are a fan of – a sports team, an animal, a type of knitting or crocheting, a yarn, a color, a technique. It can be from a project sponsored by the guild this year – the top-down sweater workshop, the CAL, the KAL or what you plan to submit to the L.A. County Fair. The items will be showcased at the annual Holiday Party, where attendees will vote for their favorites. The winner will receive a prize of some sort.
- G. Annual guild retreat April 21-23: Deb presented her research on the communities of Julian and Ramona, northeast of San Diego. Both have wineries and a yarn shop. Julian is known for its apples and has beer and cider breweries. There are cabins, cottages and houses available for rent. Tammy requested that Deb make an executive decision about accommodations so we can get a reservation in quickly. Anyone who is interested in going on the retreat should let Tammy or Deb know quickly so we can make appropriate reservations. Retreat activities usually include a first night reception, winery/brewery explorations and knitting.

VIII. Show and Tell:

- a. Lydia: her completed red and gray baseball cap; a blue hat; a purple faggot-stitch scarf and a black hat for a man.
- b. Jennifer: two hats using the Ravelry.com pattern "Copy Cat Colorado Chick Beanie," a test sample of Tammy's "Bermuda" scarf pattern; spa cloths; and a pair of socks.
- c. Karen: a green, Elizabeth Zimmerman "Almost No Seams" baby sweater that she was knitting to help a friend out, although the friend doesn't appear to have started the project.
- d. Virginia: a "Find Your Fade" shawl and samples of the KAL pattern.
- e. Rachel: a sample of the CAL pattern and a square from another organization's CAL that she started a while ago and never finished in pinks, purples and black.
- f. Julie: an eight-gore skirt with godets in black and gray; a wavy pattern baby blanket swatch that she's working on in the Design Group and is experimenting with increases and decreases both for looks and to be able to write about in the instructions to the pattern.
- g. Jeannette: a tweedy red swatch for the sweater class.
- h. Tammy: finished a "cat hat" in pinks and purples that she had planned to wear to the Women's March before deciding it was an event too many for her Saturday. She also showed a cowl of her own design in a hand dyed Alexander yarn in purples and greens using a roving rib. She also showed crocheted mitts that she designed for Needlepoints West to give out at the 2017 Yarn Crawl.
- i. Nicole: showed a photo of the Pussy Hat she made and pieces of a black, lacework, sleeved sweater she's working on. She also showed a black and red bulky scarf and a bulky burgundy cowl.
- j. Anastasia: showed a photo of a wine bottle cosy she had made as a gift and the beginning of a green cowl with a 390-stitch foundation that will be worked in waffle stitch (her first experience with it). She thanked Virginia for advising her to work it flat until she was sure she wasn't going to be twisting it before joining the ends.

- k. Deb: a blanket that she's crocheting as a gift for a friend who is building his own custom house.

IX. **Membership Meeting Adjournment.** Tammy adjourned the business meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Next meetings:

- Saturday Stitchers, 10 a.m. to noon, Feb. 4 at Starbucks, 1520 W. Olive Ave., Burbank.
- Top-Down Sweater Workshop, 7 to 9 p.m., Monday, Feb. 6, private home, \$25, members only.
- TGI Fiber, 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, TGIFriday's, 19855 Rinaldi St., Porter Ranch.
- Yarn Club, 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, Panera, 132 E. Palm Ave., Burbank.
- Guild meeting, 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, Burbank Police-Fire Headquarters, 200 N. Third St., Burbank.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette Hartman, Secretary