



# Knerdy Knitters of the SFV

## Minutes of the Feb. 27, 2017, Guild Business and Membership Meetings

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

Approved March 27, 2017.

I. **Meeting Call to Order:** President Tammy Takahashi called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m., Monday, Feb. 27, 2017.

### II. Roll Call

#### Members present:

Tammy Takahashi, President  
Sarah Smith, Treasurer  
Jeannette Hartman, Secretary  
Melissa Biederman-Zubi  
Nicole Briggs

Rachel Decker  
Anastasia McGee  
Deb Mobley-Burns  
Andrea Smith  
Rita Smith

#### Guests:

Ivette Silberman

Annmarie Thomas

### III. Membership Meeting:

A. Introductions were made because we had a new member, Melissa, and two guests, Ivette and Annmarie.

### IV. Events and Projects

A. Charity Projects: Rachel Decker has agreed to serve as Charity Projects chair. This calendar year, we're working with Knitted Knockers to create knitted or crocheted breast prostheses for women who have undergone mastectomies or other breast procedures. Rachel has prepared an improved list of recommended yarns for this project and where they can be found locally. The list will be posted on the website. Patterns for both knitting and crocheting are available at [knittedknockers.org](http://knittedknockers.org). Rachel asked that all participants knit a pair in each size they wish to work on; put the completed pair in a plastic bag with labels as to the cup size and yarn name and maker. She will collect our contributions and send them to [KnittedKnockers.org](http://KnittedKnockers.org). She's still researching whether they should be stuffed or sent empty.

B. Knit- and Crochet-Along: January and February patterns for the KAL and CAL are on the website. The CAL update for March and April will be posted Feb. 28; the KAL will hopefully go up soon as well. Virginia Van Osdel is the KAL chair. This year's KAL is a stitch sampler scarf/shawl/blanket project designed by Virginia. You can customize it however you wish using any multiple of 12 plus 10 additional stitches for the side borders.

Anastasia is the CAL chair. 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. Design Circle: The next meeting will be held Friday, Feb. 17, at Virginia's home. This members-only group is for people who are or want to become knit or crochet designers. The seven-member group is working on a pattern book that will be sold as a fundraiser for the Knerdy Knitters.
- D. Yarn Crawl 2017: This annual event, hosted by more than 20 local yarn stores, will be held April 6 through 9. Participating fiber lovers get an event "passport" to be stamped and then turned in for a chance at raffle valued at more than \$500 from more than 40 sponsors. They also get free patterns; discounts on the yarns featured in the patterns; a chance to see new products; special events at each store including trunk shows and demonstrations and a chance to enter social media contests. Learn more at [layarncrawl.com](http://layarncrawl.com).
- E. Annual guild retreat April 21-23: If you plan to stay overnight on the guild's annual two-night retreat, please get your check for \$50, payable to the Knerdy Knitters of SFV (or via PayPal) in ASAP. We'll be staying at the Julian Country Inn. Two rooms have been reserved: one sleeps six and the second sleeps 3 or 4. It may be necessary for some people to share a bed, unless you bring a blow-up mattress. The cost of lodging for the event is estimated at \$85 for two nights, but may vary depending on the number of people who participate. Retreat activities usually include a first night reception, winery/brewery explorations and knitting. This year on Sunday, participants will be asked to bring a skill to demonstrate or share for an exchange on Sunday. Julian and nearby Ramona have yarn stores, wineries, cider mills, craft breweries and many, many other entertainments. The area is known for its apple orchards so prepare to eat pie. If you put up a deposit and then can't make it, refunds will be given until April 13. Refunds will be minus any PayPal processing charges made to the guild.
- F. LA County Fair dates and deadlines: Deadline information still hasn't been updated from 2016. The page to watch is <http://lacf.com/competitions>. Generally, the fair is held during the month of September. Entry forms are due in mid-May; items must be delivered to the fair in early June. They will be returned when the fair ends at the end of September.

#### V. **Business Meeting:**

- a. Approval of Minutes: Jeannette moved and Tammy seconded the minutes of the business meeting of Jan. 23, 2017, which carried unanimously. Anastasia moved and Rita seconded the minutes of the membership meeting of Jan.23,2017, which carried unanimously.
- b. Finance Report: There was no formal financial report; aside from two members joining there have been no expenditures or additions to the budget.
- c. Newsletter: The March issue will feature a profile of The Altered Stitch. Some planned stories haven't come through as planned. The March issue may feature a story on the Danish judging system in preparation for the LA County Fair.

## VI. New Business

- a. **Volunteers sought:** Tammy asked for volunteers to do the following tasks. If you have an interested in either (or both), contact Tammy.
  - i. **Manage the membership database:** This would involve keeping lists of members and lapsed members up-to-date; sending out notices of renewals; and keeping the officers and newsletter editor informed.
  - ii. **Manage the evite list:** This would involve copying, pasting and updating meeting and event notices that go out to members, lapsed members and anyone who has requested information about the guild. The system is set up on Evite and isn't particularly time-consuming, although it is often time-sensitive.
- b. **Roster for members:** An email will be going out shortly telling members about the planned roster, which will include members' names, phone number, email address and Ravelry ID. The email will ask them to inform us if there is any part of that information they do not wish to have included.
- c. **Reminder to make conversation at guild events inclusive of varied beliefs and philosophies:** Tammy reminded us that everyone who comes to guild events should feel welcome. This means being sensitive when the subject of politics come up that strong statements can make people feel like they don't belong or aren't respected.

## VII. Show and Tell:

- a. Jeannette: a silk top-down drape front sweater; her top-down pull-over from the class that Virginia is teaching and two pairs of knitted knockers.
- b. Nicole: a red Malabrigo top-down sweater from Virginia's class and a block from the 2016 KAL that she would like to turn into a pillow with a ruffled crocheted edge.
- c. Rachel: a winged Captain America preemie hat and matching blanket that she is doing as part of the Whedon fans charity knitting events.
- d. Annmarie: a top down cardigan sweater she's recently started.
- e. Deb: a crocheted scarf using a design she invented herself and a ball of Noro yarn that she got at either the Stash Exchange or the holiday party.
- f. Rita: a gray and slate baby blanket that will have a ribbon laced into the knitting along the edge. This was done for a co-worker who changed her color scheme in mid-pregnancy.
- g. Andrea: a shawl that she has picked up and put down several times.
- h. Anastasia: showed a hooded baby sweater she's finished knitting and blocking and the start of another baby sweater with a pattern for a matching adult sweater.
- i. Melissa: a Spiderman blanket she's knitting for her step son.
- j. Ivette: a lace knit scarf and purple fingerless gloves.
- k. Tammy: just back from Stitches West, is working on a second cat hat so she can get her first, pink one back from her daughter. She showed a green and brown sock block that will allow her to knit two identical, toe-up, two at a time socks for her husband, and a kit for a cowl in red, black and gray yarns.

## VIII. Meeting Adjournment. Tammy adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

**Next meetings:**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeannette Hartman, Secretary