



Knerdy Knitters of the SFV

Minutes of the April 24, 2017, Guild Business and Membership Meetings

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

Approved May 22, 2017

I. **Meeting Call to Order:** President Tammy Takahashi called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m., Monday, April 24, 2017.

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
Ivy Ramirez
Andrea Smith
Rita Smith
Virginia Van Osdel

Guests:

Polayre Leftwich
Ivette Silberman

Jim Waters

III. Approval of minutes:

- A. Approval of the March 2017, business meeting minutes: Jeannette made the motion, Tammy seconded the motion, and it carried.
- B. Approval of the March 2017, membership meeting minutes: Anastasia made the motion, Rachel seconded it, and it carried.

IV. Membership Meeting:

A. Events and Projects

1. Charity Projects: Rachel announced plans to have a knocker knitting get-together to help people get started and to answer questions and provide help where needed. Deb volunteered her complex's recreation room. This will be a members-only event. Perhaps in the future, something similar will be scheduled for a Saturday Stitches.
2. Knit- and Crochet-Along: Anastasia, the CAL chair, announced that May and June patterns for both the CAL and the KAL are now posted on the website. A lot of members are participating; some doing both the CAL and the KAL.
3. Fandom Challenge Committee – This year, the guild is having its first challenge project on the theme of “fandom.” Knerdy Knitters are challenged to knit, crochet, spin, felt or any

other fiber craft something that reflects what each is a fan of: a sports team, an animal, a book, a movie, a time in history – anything that you are passionate about. Projects will be displayed at the Dec. 2 holiday party where guests will vote on their favorite projects. Winning projects will receive a prize. Submissions must be made entirely in 2017.

In August or September, a committee will be organized to set up prizes categories. It may be necessary to know what projects are being submitted to create appropriate categories.

4. L.A. County Fair volunteers: The guild will be volunteering at the LA County Fair's DIY Studio on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9 and 10 and Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 16 and 17. The guild can have four volunteers per day. Volunteers get free entry and parking for a 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. day. Volunteers sit in the DIY Studio corral in the center of the needle arts exhibit area doing knitting or crocheting, answering questions and teaching people who want to learn.
5. Fair entry deadline: Completed forms for submitting an entry to the fair and the \$2 fee per entry must be received by May 16. Entries can be done and paid online. The "Make a Child Smile" category is free with all entries going to children in the hospital as toys. If you bring your completed entries to Saturday Stitches on June 3, Virginia and Anastasia will take the entries to the fairgrounds. Please put an index card with the description of your project in a ziplock bag with your entry or safety pinned to your entry.

The Danish system of judging is used, which means even a simple garter stitch wash cloth could get a blue ribbon. Past entrants said that judges tend to score items that have lighter colors and more visible stitches higher than darker colors.

6. Ravelry Workshop, May 29: A workshop on how to get the most out of Ravelry.com will be given at 7 p.m. Monday, May 29, at Tammy's house. This is a members-only event. Please bring an iPad, tablet or laptop.
7. Annual guild retreat April 21-23: The annual guild retreat, this year held at the Julian Country Inn, received rave reviews. In addition to the eating, drinking, knitting, crocheting and touring, there was an adventure when Deb almost backed up over a two-foot ledge, ended up with no traction and had to call AAA, which sent a 30-foot flatbed truck to the rescue.
8. Location change for next Saturday Stitches: Due to the "Burbank on Parade" program, Saturday Stitches can't be held at Starbucks. Instead, Knerds will meet across the street at George Izay Park, 1111 W. Olive Ave., Burbank. Be sure to bring a chair. You can park off of Clark or Magnolia near Disney Elementary School or on the side streets and then walk across the park to Olive Ave.

9. Show and Tell:

- a. Virginia: a baby blanket in Swaddle; a Fair Isle style hat; a sample of Fox Paws, a pattern knit with stacked increases and decreases that she described as "fiddly and fun"; a pink,

- top-down T-shirt with a patterned yoke and shoulders that she started on Feb. 6 in the sweater class.
- b. Julie: a top-down sweater from the February class done in Prism tencel tape in corals, olives, blues; a find your fade shawl; an eight-gore skirt with godets made using short rows with a lace border (she designed it); six apple coasters.
 - c. Anastasia: crocheted and knitted an apple dish cloth during the Julian retreat; has finished half of the March-April pattern for the CAL; a blue and pink crocheted shawl; a top-down, one-button baby sweater. She also displayed her Yarn Crawl bag and its buttons.
 - d. Andrea: showed the prizes and her Yarn Crawl yarn purchases.
 - e. Deb showed her Yarn Crawl bag and pins; she did an apple coaster that she left for the Julian Country Inn's owner after the retreat; finished her Noro scarf; continues to work on the CAL; and is about to start her first knitting project, "Spiral Staircase."
 - f. Ivette: is working on a black sweater coat in a cotton jersey yarn; is working on the Elaine pattern; finished a sweater; and is working on a double-sided scarf.
 - g. Ivy: finished and delivered her wonderfully color-pooling crochet baby blanket; showed her Yarn Crawl bag and buttons; and announced that she won a gift basket from Needles, Hooks and Yarn. She did a pom pom wreath and started the CAL.
 - h. Jim: finished a crocheted baby blanket in Rainbow, which was his third finished project; started his first hat.
 - i. Polyre: Working on the CAL
 - j. Rachel: is working on her Captain America Shield blanket for Newborns in Need; she's also working on a winged hat, using a free pattern on Ravelry by the Geeky Hooker; her version of the CAL in black, purple, blue and pink/mauve; a Pussy Hat; and, of course, knitted knockers.
 - k. Nicole: is working on a seed stitch washcloth; and a silk scarf; the KAL. She went to 14 shops on the Yarn Crawl and showed her purchases.
 - l. Tammy: her CAL project; her KAL; a cowl using a yarn over, k2tog pattern and a red striped project with short rows. She showed her purchases from the Yarn Crawl, including a Malabrigo yarn from the Rios collection.
 - m. Rita: showed off her finished gray and slate baby blanket; showed off her yarn crawl purchases and has started a Delicate Key Scarf from the guild's first KAL in blue, green and grown
 - n. Michelle: a ribbed scarf in soft pinks, greens, aquas, blues and yellows; and a blue boy's cardigan with "Star Trek" detailing (an epaulet pattern on the shoulders and a chevron pattern on the sleeves)
 - o. Jeannette: a purple top-down pull-over from Virginia's class and her version of the KAL stitch sampler project, a poncho.

V. Business Meeting:

- A. Finance Report: Sarah reported that the guild has \$1,611.92 in its bank account.
- B. Newsletter: The March issue was distributed late. An April one is planned to go out on time. Jeannette will explore other options for maybe doing a strictly digital version of the newsletter that will link to the website rather than a PDF.

- C. WEFF: Is moving to a spring date because Stitches is coming to LA in November.
- D. Fiber Arts Day at the Huntington, May 20.
- E. West Valley Saturday Stitches “Purls & Pooches”: The TGIFiber group in Porter Ranch proposed having an outdoor casual knitting event in a dog-friendly environment. The pilot meeting will be May 21.
- F. Replacing Evite with Meet-Up: Tammy has been exploring replacing our Evite system with Meet-Up. Our Evite list has more than 400 entries, which we add to regularly. The program is awkward to use and labor intensive. By contrast, Meet-Up allows for easy scheduling of events, especially repeating events; is easier to manage and gives us some public exposure. There is a \$15 cost every other month but we get an unlimited list and managers. Members will have to sign up for Meet-Up and opt in to receive our invitations.

Anastasia moved and Ivy seconded a motion to move the guild’s invitation/communication system from Evite to Meet-Up for a cost not to exceed \$30 a month. The motion carried.

- G. Nominating Committee: Anastasia will hold up the Nominating Committee. Guild members will have until May 7 to volunteer to serve as an officer. The slate of officers will be present at the May guild meeting followed by elections for president, vice president, treasurer and secretary.

VI. **Meeting Adjournment.** Tammy adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Next meetings:

- Saturday Stitches, 10 a.m. to noon, April 29 at Izay Park because of the “Burbank on Parade” event. Members should plan on bringing chairs. We can knit or crochet while watching the parade.
- TGIFiber, 7 p.m. Monday, May 8, TGIFriday’s, 19855 Rinaldi St., Porter Ranch.
- Yarn Club, 7 p.m. Monday, May 15, Panera, 132 E. Palm Ave., Burbank.
- Pilot “Purls and Pooches” meeting is 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at the Village on Topanga Canyon Boulevard just north of Erwin Street.
- Guild meeting, 7 p.m. Monday, May 22, Burbank Police-Fire Headquarters, 200 N. Third St., Burbank.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette Hartman, Secretary