

**Snohomish Knitters Guild
Board Meeting
September 27, 2011**

In attendance: Mo Galbreath, Jae Biritz, Lois Champion-Myers, Charisa Martin Cairn, Barb Simonds, Tandy Imhoff, and Aleen Yamasaki.

1. Events

- *Seattle to Portland Yarn Train* - Mo Galbreath]
 - update on registration – 43 have registered as of this afternoon
 - Charisa will keep the STP page current on the SKG Web site (has perms to change only that page)
 - bag discussion
- *Retreat* - 21-23 October - Charisa
 - 1 waitlist position being purchased by first on the wait list (seller: Danielle Miner)
 - 3 on wait list: Lyn, Linda, and friend of Shan's
 - brainstormed about events for the retreat

2. Programs - Aleen and Barb

- Feedback from the membership (survey results), Charisa
- October, Charisa, Photography
- Planning for rest of year
- Show and Tell – brainstormed ways to streamline it. Solution is to have people put their show & tell items on a table and supply cards for them to fill out their info. “Show & Touch” will happen during the break.

3. Treasurer's Report, September

- Summary of account balances (final for September will be jointly created by previous and new treasurer and verified by previous and new president)
- Current membership count (~ 20 online, how many joined offline?)

4. Board Transition, 1 October

Email addresses (passwords) will be updated by Tandy, our Web master.

5. Misc/Housekeeping

Barb ordered the projector on Monday.

Meetings – Icebreakers: ask members to share with their neighbors the answer to a question each month – what’s your favorite yarn, technique, etc? What technique scares you?

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Snohomish Knitters Guild Board Meeting
23 August 2011

In attendance: Tandy Imhoff, Charisa Martin Cairn, Sherry Toly, Jae Biritz, Barb Simonds, Aleen Yamasaki. We don't have a quorum.

The meeting was called to order by President Charisa Martin Cairn at 7:19 pm.

Treasurer's Report - Charisa (Marilyn is unable to attend)

Marilyn provided a summary of accounts as of 22 August. Final details will be available in the first week of September.

Programs - Charisa (Lois was absent)

September - Birthday Party! This kicks off our new Membership year 2011-2012. We'll celebrate by showing and telling our UFO's. Bring your oldest UFO! Note – gluten free cake!

October – Charisa Martin-Cairn “How to photograph your knits.”

November – No program locked yet -- idea: Knitted Royal Wedding project? (Aleen to see Barb)

December – Holiday party

January – Yarn bomb planning for Kla Ha Ya Days parade

February – Madrona speaker (to be confirmed) – date to shift

Mar –

Apr – DeStash sale

May

Board Positions - Great news! We've filled all the open positions with the exception of Member-at-Large.

Here's the line up for 2011-2012:

President - Barb Simonds

Vice President – Aleen Caplan Yamasaki

Secretary – Lois Champion Meyers

Treasurer – Jae Biritz

Member at Large - (Claudette has not confirmed if she will stay in role next year.)

At this time, everyone is running unopposed.

Appointed positions:

Knit News – Mel Wyll

Webmaster – Tandy Imhoff

Membership - Georgi Kaufman

Newsletter – Sherry Toly

For all positions, please see the definitions of each role here:

<http://www.snohomishknittersguild.org/officer-info.html>. For all outgoing positions, please book time with your replacement and bring them up to speed on their new duties and how to log in and use the Web site.

Mentors/Knit Lab/Tips and Tricks – We thought we'd like to tie these things together with rotating leaders. Talk to Georgie about having Mentors sign in, and point the new members to them to be taken under their wing for the evening.

Idea: make chair back cozies for visitors/new members and reserve a chair at each table for the newbies.

Events – Tandy Imhoff, Chris Underwood and Charisa Martin Cairn

- ◆ • Evergreen State Fair - Chris Underwood - tickets, Knit in?
- 21-23 October Retreat – There is a short waiting list (2 people)
- Yarn Train – 21 January 2012

August Newsletter - Sherry Toly

Sound system and projector – Buying used – hook it up and test it before buying. Charisa suggested visiting Musician's Friend in Seattle.

Name tags – we'll not do the shrinky dink nametags. The guild will provide them.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Snohomish Knitters Guild
Board Meeting Minutes
26 July 2011

In attendance: Emma Bartholomew, Charisa Martin Cairn, Marilyn Crawford, Tandy Imhoff, Barb Simonds, Lois Champion-Myers

The meeting was called to order by Charisa at 7:11pm.

Treasurer's Report - Marilyn Crawford

Marilyn provided a summary of accounts. We determined that the treasurer's report should not be generated until after the end of the month to assure accuracy. Please see the website for the current treasurer's report.

Discussion: Remainder of money left at the end of the year – what to do? (\$1000-1500)

Ideas:

- Purchase AV equipment: PA system, projector (we are currently borrowing it)
- Grants for non-profit knitting groups (schools, 4H, Campfire, etc)
- Support the Arts – yarn bombing

Lois, Marilyn and Tandy offered to investigate prices for the PA system and projector, they'll report back next month. If someone finds a great deal sooner, we'll have an email meeting to authorize the purchase.

Compassion Fund - Marilyn moved, Barb 2nded, to allocate 10 compassionate memberships annually, 5 in the first half of the year, 5 in the 2nd half of the year. Motion passed unanimously.

Programs - Lois Champion-Myers

August - View and Learn:

- Entrelac- Betts Lampers
- Double Knitting - Abbott Smith
- Brioché -Chris Underwood

September - Birthday Party! This kicks off our new Membership year 2011-2012. Lois Moved, Marilyn 2nded that we allocate \$300 for birthday party food and gifts. We'll celebrate by showing and telling our UFO's.

October – Charisa Martin-Cairn "How to photograph your knits."

November – Knitted Royal Wedding project?

December – Holiday party

January – Yarn bomb planning for Kila Ha Ya Days parade

February – Madrona speaker (to be confirmed) – date to shift

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Apr – DeStash sale

May

Board Elections – Looking for nominees, here is the slate so far:

President – Barb Simonds

Vice President – (e-mail sent to Aleen, she listed interest in VP)

Secretary – Lois Champion Meyers

Treasurer –

Member at Large -

Knit News – Mel Wyll

Webmaster – Tandy Imhoff

Events – Tandy Imhoff, Chris Underwood and Charisa Martin Cairn

- Stitch n Pitch wrap up – Tandy Imhoff

We sold all of our Stitch n Pitch bags. Everyone LOVED the handy reference guide, we gave out all 300. We'll save them for handing out at special events. Next year, take a wooden train whistle and advertise the Yarn Train.

- 21-23 October Retreat – There is a short waiting list
- Yarn Train – We discussed the possibility of changing the date, and after some discussion, decided that it's best to leave it as the 3rd Saturday in January.

Library - Emma Bartholomew – Emma will present a short presentation on using the Unlibrary, as it's currently being underutilized.

August Newsletter - Sherry Toly needs a recap of the July meeting. Barb will write something up.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Snohomish Knitters Guild
Board Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2011

In attendance: Charisa Martin Cairn, Marilyn Crawford, Tandy Imhoff, Lois Champion-Meyers, Claudette Wagner, Sherry Toly, and Barb Simonds

The meeting was called to order by President Charisa Martin Cairn at 7:05pm.

Treasurer's Report - Marilyn Crawford

Please see the website for the current Treasurer's Report.

Programs – Charisa

- Follow up on the June meeting (yarn bombers) – low attendance due to time of year. Excellent program! WWKIP day – pouring rain, met indoors at Center House (Seattle Center). 35-40 knitters came from all over. About 5 were from SKG. The eldest attendee was in her mid 80's, the youngest were two 7 year olds. It was a blast! We handed out about 45 new knitter kits. We need to encourage folks to meet there again next year, drawing knitters from all over the region. It's a great way to network with other knitters and to show off our craft.

- July Program will be Barb Simonds talking about entering items in the fair.
- August – View and Learn program.
- September – Our birthday month. Tandy has bags and a door prize from Coats & Clark. Elections will be held.
- October – photography with Charisa

Events

Tandy suggested that the board create a new position, that of Events Coordinator. Upon group discussion, Charisa suggested that instead we create an Events Document into which people can place all the info from events they've worked on for future reference. The group consensus was to create the document.

Stitch & Pitch - 21 ticket sales, 22 bags sold, a few more to be sold. Tandy has all of the supplies to fill the bags. We drew names for two door prizes, see the website for the winners!

Charisa's to-do list: print up pamphlets and banner

October 21-23 Retreat - sold out (wait list = 3 people) We still need to collect the final payments from members by August 31. We want to have another wine tasting. Sherry will be bringing her espresso machine again.

July Newsletter - Sherry Toly

Deadline for this issue is Friday, July 2nd.

We need a recap of the yarn bombers' visit. Charisa volunteered.

Newsletter due to be sent on Tuesday, July 5th.

Book review - pull from Unlibrary?

Tips and tricks (Aleen Yamsaki)

Swatch (Charisa)

Events update

Member spotlight (Barb Simonds)

Unlibrary update?

Open floor - open issues/thoughts/ideas/concerns?

Thinking about next year, we need a projector and PA system, it would be ideal if we could have these loaned or donated. Please contact Secretary@snohomishknittersguild.org if you can help out.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Snohomish Knitters Guild
Board Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2011

In attendance: Charisa Martin Cairn, Marilyn Crawford, Tandy Imhoff, and Barb Simonds

Treasurer's Report - Marilyn Crawford

Please see the website for the current Treasurer's Report.

Programs - Charisa

Jun - Yarn Bombers: Suzanne Tidwell and Beth Newfeld

Jul - Evergreen Fair How To - Barb Simonds

Aug - Teaching Round Robin

Sep - Birthday Party/Renew/Something Fun

In process: Swirl! Author

Events

WWKIP - 18 June We'll meet at the Seattle Center International Fountain. In case of rain, we'll meet in the Center House. We'll print up witty conversation starter cards for the knitters.

Stitch n Pitch - 14 July. Barb moved, Marilyn 2nded that we purchase 100 bags for the S&P and sell the remainder throughout the year. Motion passed. The Board approved an allotment of \$5.00 per bag for notions. Charisa will investigate having a banner printed.

We need to increase the price of online Stitch & Pitch tickets to \$16.00 to cover the Paypal costs.

At our table, we'll have info for new members, the bags for sale, pamphlets and our business cards.

October 21-23 Retreat - sold out (wait list = 3 people)

June Newsletter - Shery Toly

Newsletter due to be sent on Tuesday, June 7th.

Book review - pull from Unlibrary?

Tips and tricks (Aleen Yamsaki)

Swatch (Charisa)

May Recap (Sarah Anderson - photos sent)

Events update

Member spotlight (Barb Simonds)

Unlibrary update?

Open floor - open issues/thoughts/ideas/concerns?

The meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Snohomish Knitters Guild Board Meeting

26 April 2011, 7pm, Cabbage Patch Restaurant, Snohomish

In attendance: Charisa Martin Cairn, Tandy Imhoff, Barb Simonds, Claudette Wagner, Lois Champion-Myers, Emma Bartholomew, Sherry Toly.

Treasurer's Report - Marilyn Crawford

No report, Marilyn was absent.

Programs - Lois

May - Sarah Anderson
Jun - Suzanne Tidwell and Beth Newfeld
Jul - Evergreen Fair Ribbon Folks Round Table
Aug - View and Learn
Entrelac - Betts Lampers
Brioche - Chris Underwood
Double Knitting - Abbott Smith
Sep - Birthday Party/Renew/*Something Fun*

Brainstorming for Membership Year 2011-2012:

Margaret from Earthhues.com on natural dyes
Feb 12 – Suzanne Peterson
Sivia Harding
Care of natural fibers – Gretchen or Superior fibers
Organizing your stash and tools
Get someone from the library to talk about available resources
Ergonomics of knitting

WebSite

Charisa has created a blog for the board. Email her with your ideas.
Charisa asked for board permission via email to pay for the website for two years. Cost is: \$47.88. Motion passed.

We will provide a referral link for a free month if someone creates a website using the guild as a referral – they and we get a free month.

UnLibrary – Emma

Invitations have been sent out to guild members, so this project has launched!

Events

WWKIP, 18 June – Charisa
Barb will scout out possible locations at the Seattle Center and Myrtle Edwards Park.

Stitch n Pitch, 14 July – Tandy

We are planning on having a table in the concourse at this event. There will be goodie bags and we will sell tickets at Country Yarns.

Newsletter - Sherry Toly

Newsletter will be sent on Tuesday 3 May

Sherry will be working on giving the newsletter a jazzy new look.

Next Membership Year

Board Positions- we need to begin encouraging people to run for office for next year. Knit New(s) Tandy will be finishing up her time as Knit New(s) editor and we need a replacement for her.

Newsletter

Open floor - open issues/thoughts/ideas/concerns?

Lois moved, Claudette 2nded, that we approve funds up to \$200.00 to have a SKG banner made. Motion passed.

Snohomish Knitter Guild Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 22, 2011

6:26 PM

In attendance: Charisa Martin Cairn; Lois Champion-Myers; Chris Underwood; Sherry Toly; Marilyn Crawford; Amanda LeBlanc; Tandy Imhoff; Emma Bartholemew; April Wilson

Treasurer's Report - Marilyn Crawford

Marilyn reported income in Yarn Train bagsales(\$54), guest payments (\$20), and noted that final report will be included in the March newsletter.

February Guest speaker Betsy Hershberg sent us her \$100 speaker fee to gift it back to the guild's hardship fund. The board was delighted with her generous gift and Charisa will send a resounding thank you for her kindness!

Programs - Lois Champion-Myers

April - Destash Sale/Library

May - Sarah Anderson

June - Suzanne Tidwell Beth Newfeld, Yarn Bombing!

July - Evergreen Fair Participants Round Table, Barb Simonds

August - View and Learn, Entrelac/Betts Lampers; Double Knitting/Abbott Smith; Brioche/Chris Underwood

Sept - Birthday Party!

Events - Charisa Martin Cairn

WWKIP - Amanda

Amanda LeBlanc presented a proposal for worldwide knit in public day (18 June). The board approved the allocation of funds for the event (up to \$300). Motion made by Lois, seconded by Chris and approved by all.

Evergreen State Fair - August; Chris Underwood talked about a Knit in with the membership. The knit-in will share space with the Spin In.

21-23 October Retreat - 1 space left

Library - Emma Bartholomew shared information about the Unlibrary program (an online tool for members to share their knitting books with each other.) Emma will have a short segment at the April DeStash Sale to let members know that they have this wonderful new virtual library available.

April Newsletter - Sherry Toly - Send any input for the newsletter by end of week for the March newsletter.

The meeting adjourned just after 9pm.

Snohomish Knitters Guild
Board Meeting Minutes
Feb 22, 2011

In attendance: Charisa Martin Cairn, Marilyn Crawford, Tandy Imhoff.

Notes author: Charisa Martin Cairn

Barb Simonds was unable to attend due to a family emergency.

As the meeting did not have a quorum (3 voting board members), we held a short discussion and dismissed as no business could be completed in the event of a need for a vote.

Snohomish Knitters Guild
Board Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2011

In attendance: Charisa Martin-Cairn, Tandy Imhoff, Maureen Galbreath, Marilyn Crawford, Barb Simonds, Claudette Wagner, and Lois Champion-Myers.

Treasurer's Report - Marilyn Crawford

See website. (<http://www.snohomishknittersguild.org/Home/skg-documents-1>)

Hardship fund – no donations were made this month.

Donations from Yarn Train Patterns: Both Charisa and Morgan are donating the proceeds from any sales of their Yarn Train patterns to the Guild. Knit Purl and Dublin Bay are likely to carry both patterns, and the guild will receive \$1.50/wristers and \$2./neckwarmer from the sale of these. Other shops may also carry them as well.

Programs – Lois Champion-Myers

Feb - Betsy Hershberg, www.studiobknits.com . Reminder – the February meeting will be on the 16th, please note the date change for this month only.

Mar - Kathi Taylor/Fearless Fair Isle (new book)

Apr - Destash Sale – members only may sell

May - Sarah Anderson (cmc to confirm)

Jun - WWKIP focus with yarn bombing yarnistas

Jul - Teaching Round Robin - coordinator

Entrelac - Betts Lampers

Brioche – Christine Underwood?

Double Knitting - Abbott? Karin?

Aug -

Sep - Birthday Party/Renew/Something Fun

Events

Yarn Train Wrap Up – It was so much fun, thank you to Maureen for suggesting that people purchase their own tickets. It made life so much simpler for us. A big thanks to Maureen for putting together the yarn train bags. We had 212 people who registered, and know that there were a few more who didn't register but also came.

We are now being contacted by other yarn shops in Portland who want to participate next year.

Stitch n Pitch – work with Portland knitters to come up here for SnP. We'll have our own table next summer on the concourse. We can sell our patterns at the table. Tandy Imhoff to coordinate. Charisa to contact SandyPDX about possible Portland-to-Seattle event to coincide with SnP.

WWKIP – June

We need to hear from Amanda, we have suggestions for some committee members to help her. CMC to get in touch with Portland Knitter/Yarn bomber to speak in June.

Oct 2011 Retreat

Lottery details from the newsletter: "Add yourself to the retreat lottery by 25 February by submitting your name, e-mail address and \$50 to the guild. We'll draw the lottery winners on the last day of February 2011 and return the \$50 to those who do not win the lottery. A lottery will be held for spots that open up throughout the year due to folks who have to cancel." There have been 12 submissions to the lottery so far, with more expected later in the month. 57 days from first 3 Jan = 28 Feb (window to refund money with no cost to the guild.)

February Newsletter - Becky Zegstroo (absent)

Newsletter due to be sent on Tuesday 28 Jan

Book review (Laura Fernandez)

Tips and tricks (Aleen Yamsaki)

Swatch (Charisa)

Jan Simply Shetland/Karen Campbell Recap

Events update/Yarn Train Recap

Member spotlight - Barb Simonds will take over this column

Open floor - open issues/thoughts/ideas/concerns?

Purchase a self inking stamp with the SKG logo? Could be used for a variety of things.

Purchase a badge/button maker? – Barb will look into costs.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Barb Simonds, reviewed by the SKG board

Board Meeting 28 Dec., Collector's Choice Restaurant, 7pm

In attendance: Marilyn Crawford, Tandy Imhoff, Charisa Martin Cairn, Barb Simonds, Claudette Wagner.

1. Treasurer's Draft Report/November - Marilyn Crawford

See treasurer's report.

2. Programs – Lois was absent, this is the current lineup of events:

Jan - Karen Thompson, Jameson Rep

Feb - Betsy Hershberg, www.studiobknits.com

Mar - Kathi Taylor/Fearless Fair Isle (new book)

Coordinate teaching while here in Mar?

Apr - Destash Sale- we decided that in order for there to be enough room to move around, we will have table sign-ups ahead of time, and only current members may sell things.

May - *Teaching Round Robin* - coordinator?

Jun - *WWKIP focus?*

Jul -

Aug -

Sep -

3. Events

1. Yarn Train, 15 January 2010 - Charisa

Registered folks = 198/current ticket price/goodie bags = 130 (9 extra ordered)

Handout - maps, info about the crawl

Pattern – Neckwarmer

Charisa showed us the contents of the goodie bag, if you bought a bag, you're in for a real treat!

Goody Bag Income

121 bags purchased @ \$18 each (\$17.18 net per purchase)	2078.78
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Goody Bag Outgo: Purchases

Bags	\$617.02
Insert	\$65.88
Insert	\$566.55
Insert	\$35.85
Insert	\$290.00
total:	\$1,575.30

Remaining: \$503.48

Remaining expenses:

Photocopies - maps	133.1
Photocopies - color pattern, 2 pages	292.5
Domain name renewal	50
Subtotal remaining expenses	475.6

2. Burke Museum – February knitting/spinning event – Claudette Wagner will send more info about this. Watch the website for more info.

3.WWKIP - June

4. Oct 2011 Retreat – We revisited this due to December meeting reaction.

We again discussed using a lottery for choosing spots for the retreat, taking into consideration the objections raised about it by two members at the December Guild meeting. No motions were made to modify the previous decision made by the board. To clarify, in the interest of fairness, the board wishes to keep the guild activities open to ALL, and to be non-exclusive.

5. Stitch 'n Pitch – We will have our own table among the vendors this summer. Tandi Imhoff is checking into this.

4. Newsletter - Becky Zegstroo (absent due to illness)

Newsletter is due to be sent out on Tuesday 4 Jan.

- Book review (Laura Fernandez)
- Tips and tricks (Aleen Yamsaki)
- Swatch (Charisa)
- Holiday recap
- Events update/Yarn Train
- Member spotlight (?)

5. Open floor - open issues/thoughts/ideas/concerns?

We brainstormed for ideas for meeting places for if/when we outgrow the Waltz Building. Tandy is going to look into the possibility of meeting at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds.

Snohomish Knitters Guild Board Meeting

Nov 30, 2010

In attendance:

Charisa Martin Cairn, Lois Champion-Myers, Maureen Galbreath, Becky Zegstroo, Barb Simonds, Emma Bartholomew

Notes taken by SKG Secretary Barb Simonds.

Meeting location: Collectors Choice Restaurant, Snohomish, WA.

1. Treasurer's Draft Report/November – Marilyn - Absent

2. Programs - Lois

Dec - 1 skein luxury exchange with finger foods

Lois moved, Barb 2nded, to pay Jon Pardue for musical entertainment \$75 for the Dec. Party. Motion passed.

Jan - Jameson Rep

Feb - ? Madrona Teacher?

Mar - Kathi Taylor/Fearless Fair Isle (new book) Snohomish native. Lois will work on finding a local shop for her to teach a class.

Coordinate teaching while here in Mar?

Apr - Destash Sale

May -? Sarah Anderson? Yarn types

Jun - *WWKIP focus?* Get people from the fair to talk about entering, Shelly Maier and Corky Savoie

Jul –Aug - *Teaching Round Robin* - coordinator

Sep -

3. Events

A. Yarn Train, 15 January 2010 - Charisa/ Mo

189 registered as of this morning. 130 tote bags ordered, 121 have been prepurchased, 9 bags left to sell.

Stuffing party Monday, Jan 3rd, 12:00 at Mo's house in Edmonds. 425-743-5683

Registered folks/current ticket price/goodie bags

B. WWKIP - June

C. Oct 2011 Retreat Oct 21-23

How to handle 32 available slots?

Mo moved that we set up a lottery system for the 32 openings for the October retreat. Emma seconded. Motion passed unanimously. This included opening it up to non members, and even the organizer must enter the lottery. You must pay \$50.00 to enter the lottery. This is the only way to be really fair.

4. Online Lending Library - Emma Bartholomew

Emma has located a program that lets us set up a virtual "unlibrary", in which members can catalog their own knitting books, and members can choose to participate by lending and borrowing books. This would

be between individual members, the guild would NOT be responsible for any part of lost or damaged books.

Emma has volunteered to be the monitor for the first year.

5. Newsletter - Becky Zegstroo

- Book review
- Tips and tricks
- Swatch
- Oct KnitWits Recap
- Events update/Yarn Train
- Member spotlight - Emma

6. Misc: Calendar order update

7. Open floor - open issues/thoughts/ideas/concerns?

Giving free membership to speakers – Lois moved that we NOT provide a free guild membership to members who are guest speakers. Barb 2nded. Motion passed unanimously.

Philanthropy - We discussed a request for philanthropy of sponsorship of a membership. We discussed that we don't turn anyone away, non-members simply don't have access to our private members only area, but are welcome to attend the meetings. We tabled the discussion to provide hardship memberships.

Domain name - The domain name, seattletopoortlandyarntrain, is up for renewal. The cost is about \$40.00. This is for the Yarn Train website. Barb moved, Lois 2nded that we renew the domain name. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.

SKG September Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

6:20 PM

In attendance: Charisa Martin Cairn, Linda Knight, Tandy Imhoff, Barb Simonds, Marilyn Crawford

Notes by Secretary Lois Champion-Myers

This is the last board meeting of the first fiscal year for the Snohomish Knitters Guild. The 2010-2011 New board members (whose term starts as of 1 Oct) are invited to this meeting. The meeting will serve as the transition to the new board.

I. Treasurer's report - Linda Knight

[SKG has enough for all baseline expenses for 2010-2011]

Linda reported that Marilyn has full access and is ready to take over the budget duties for the 2010-2011 term.

Becky Zegstroo will be taking over writing the newsletter. Charisa said it would be very helpful for Becky if she could use a updated version of Word, which Becky doesn't have.

Motion made and passed: Lois made a motion to purchase a new Word program for Becky to use; it was seconded by Marilyn and approved by unanimous vote

II. Programs update - Lois Champion-Myers

October - LYS Panel

November - KnitWits

December- Potluck/1 Skein exchange

January - Karen Campbell, Simply Shetland Distributor

February - Awaiting feedback from Madrona (Andrea Wong cancelled due to health reasons)

March - Teaching Round Robin/this year's suggestion is 1.Intarsia, 2. Double knitting 3. Two Color.

I will ask for members that have any of the above skills if they'd be willing to do a short teach/presentation for the RR.

April - DeStash Sale

May - TBD

June - Program about getting ready for the Fair as a topic-TBD

July - TBD

August - TBD

September - TBD

In the works - Tanya Parieaux, Knit for Life (Charity)

Tandy recommended that for the October LYS panel, each panelist get a free membership to the guild for their participation. All in attendance agreed.

We talked about a couple of "last minute speaker cancellation" topics that Charisa could present if need be, i.e. how to take photos of your work

III. Retreat - Charisa Martin Cairn

Sold out (32)

Brainstorming for the event:

Pattern booklet

OK to provide small treat bags/booklet?

**possible mini workshops, Charisa could maybe do one on top down sleeves, maybe put together a booklet with ideas, knit news. Tandy then volunteered to to compile a Knit news digest!

IV. SKG Membership Survey Results

The results of the membership survey were reviewed and discussed. Highlights:

- o 97.6% said they learned some, a little or a lot about knitting
- o 87.8% made connections, 12.2% did not
- o 50% are in a small knit group
- o 75% of those that are not would like to be
- o Top shop was Country Yarns, next was Main Street in Mill Creek, then Great Yarns in Everett. SpinaYarn and PinchKnitter were ranked lower (probably due to distance). Verbatims show that we shop knitting wherever we go!
- o Top 3 programs: Evelyn Clark, Betts Lampers/Chrissy Gardiner, Mary Scott Huff. Verbatims on the programs: kudos: you guys have put together just the best programs...great job, and always learn something. Very positive response about programs!
- o Events: #1, Yarn Train, #2, WWKIP. Verbatims: LYS in Spring, Fiber Farm tour, Getting involved as a guild in the fair
- o Additional comments: more workshops on knitting techniques; community connections (suggestion to display in library as well as meeting notices.); foster interaction; book exchange
- o What's the best part of the guild: 1-Programs 2- Newsletter 3-KnitNew(s)/Show & Tell; Verbatims - input about need for print option for the newsletter.
- o Top 3 favorites/Newsletter: Knitting Events, Member spotlight, Knit Book Reviews; Verbatims - add related events; yarn and gadget reviews; tips and hints column or knitting advice.

Additional discussion:

It was suggested by Linda that we look at having a "short" version of the member renewal form for existing members. We mainly want to know what the interests are for upcoming programs.

It was suggested we have a scavenger hunt as a get-to-know you exercise.

It was also suggested that we have disposable sticky backed name tags on hand for those who haven't made one. One of the concerns of the members was not knowing who people were.

Also, the board is concerned that people don't know about any local small knit groups. We talked about ways to get the word out about that, via internet, and hand-out sheets, or a list on a white board... not everyone is "online" so having various mediums of communication is important.

It was mentioned that November would be a good month to give a shout out (and introduce) the local small knit groups as a nice dovetail on the Knit-Wits program, so people can seek them out, or start one.

It was also agreed that having a short "speed dating" exercise would be a good way for members to mix and get to know each other. We all agreed that sitting at round tables in the new location will be a great way for people to connect.

A desire to get more publicity about knit in public day was talked about. Maybe flash mob style? Linda suggested we get the Everett Herald to do a piece about it in the paper

Guild field trips to local yarn shops and fiber farms was talked about enthusiastically and how we can get even more involved with the Monroe fair and Stitch n Pitch.

Misc Business

Headphone Microphone costs - <http://www.soundprofessionals.com>

Overhead projector – board decided to pass on the opportunity to purchase a used overhead projector.

Talked about whether to purchase a “hands free headset” style mic system was brought up again. While we are all in favor of something along that line, we’ve decided to wait and see what the acoustics are like at the new location before committing, as the prices vary widely. It was also mentioned that maybe someone had one to donate/borrow.

Yarn Train - Mo is still working out the details of what bag to order. It was decided that members buy tickets individually this year, and that efforts would be made for everyone to be together on the train but no guarantees. Tickets are looking to be around \$74. Currently 35 people are signed up. It was also decided that the gift goodie would be a separate additional purchase.

New Location: Waltz building
KnitLab

KnitAlong - Sweater Sampler

Charisa to provide a link to that we can print out posters to advertise the guild for the upcoming year.

It was suggested that we make a magnetic sign for various members to put on their car as a way of advertising the guild.

Idea: Book Exchange

A book exchange was mentioned. “What are the 5 essential books to have in your library?”

Create a database of books to share, for those who just want to use one pattern
Have an “oral book review” as part of the meetings

Have a “progressive” stash visit

Tandy to do a “best of” related to knitting as a program

Another idea was to talk about the internet and security so that members feel more comfortable with it.

A Tips and Hints column written by Aleen as part of the newsletter was mentioned.

It was also suggested that we have a “suggestion box” and 3x5 index cards so that during the year, we can get feedback.

V. Board and Chairperson Transition

For those transitioning out of your role, please follow up with the new person and do an information exchange about what you did in your role at the SKG, approximate time investment, and explain about the use of Web site and official e-mail. Thank you!

New Officer Hand Off: Old/New folks in roles:

President: No change (Charisa Martin Cairn)

Vice President: Katie Kent/Lois Champion-Myers

Treasurer: Linda Knight/Marilyn Crawford

Member at Large: Barb Simonds/Claudette Wagner

Secretary: Lois Champion-Myers/Barb Simonds

SKG Knit New(s): No change (Tandy Imhoff)

Newsletter: Alyson Davis/Becky Zegstroo (transition to happen in Oct/Nov timeframe)

Membership: Marilyn Crawford/Michelle Aalbu

Meeting adjourned, 8:45pm

SKG August Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 24, 2010

7:00 PM

In attendance: Linda Knight, Mo Galbreath, Marilyn Crawford, Lois Champion-Myers, Charisa Martin Cairn, Barb Simonds

Treasurer's Draft Report for August:

Linda shared a balance sheet with the attendees.

Balance left is approximately \$700-1,000. We'll have the final report from Linda by the newsletter.

New Location Update

On 24 August, Treasurer and President signed the new contract with the Waltz building supervisor based on the August meeting unanimous vote of the membership to move to the Waltz building. Our first meeting at the new location will be 12 October. Details and address will be added to the September newsletter. In addition to a great new location, Teresa Wilson of Country Yarns will keep her shop open an additional hour before guild meetings. (The new location is directly across the street from Country Yarns.)

New Membership Year: October 1 - September 30

September meeting: we'll vote in new officers and taking membership dues at the September meeting.

Charisa suggested that the remainder of the Stitch n Pitch bags be handed out for each person that joins or re-ups their membership. (Supplies are limited.)

New Officer Hand Off:

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SKG Knit New(s): Tandy Imhoff/Tandy Imhoff

Newsletter: Alyson Davis/Becky Zegstroo

Membership: Marilyn Crawford/Ask at the meeting who volunteered

Work Hand off:

Please put together a brief one pager that describes:

- How many hours you worked in this role per month
- What the typical steps you took in the job
- Any outstanding process/plans that need follow up

Email transitions to new person:

Most roles have an email account to use when representing SKG. Email transitions to the new officer.

- Please clean out the account, removing anything that will not be needed in the future.
- Archive your correspondence with Year (2009-2010) in the folder name

After the September meeting/vote, we'll make the e-mail transition live.

Newsletter:

Alyson Davis/Becky Zegstroo

Transition to occur in November

- Guild to purchase MS Office for use in the creation of the newsletter

Action: Get your articles to Alyson by 3 September for the upcoming newsletter. Newsletter will include a link to a questionnaire for feedback on year 1 as well as a link to purchase the 2010/2011 membership (\$30).

Events:

Oct 2-24 Retreat - there are a few more spaces available. We'll advertise at the Sept. meeting.

Jan 15 2011 Yarn Train - we had a lively discussion around options to reduce administrative overhead and increase flexibility for participants. Mo to consider the board feedback and come back with a plan for the ticket purchases and goodie bag.

Programs for the 2010/2011 year

September - Birthday and first year Recap.

October program - [LYS owner panel](#)

November - [KnitWits!](#)

December - [Holiday Potluck & One-Skein Exchange](#)

January- [Karen Campbell - Simply Shetland Rep](#)

February - [Tentative: Andrea Wong/Peruvian Purling](#) - move to another day the following week (OK w/ Waltz)

March - [Teaching Round Robin](#)

April - [Swap Sale](#)

Additional programs for the remainder of the year are in the works.

SKG Board Meeting

27 July 2010 SKG Board Meeting Agenda - 7-9pm

Snohomish; Cabbage Patch Restaurant

In attendance: Tandy Imhoff; Charisa Martin Cairn; Barb Simonds; Mo Galbreath; Mailyn Crawford; Linda Knight

Treasurer Report - Linda Knight

Budget Projection

Total available funds as of 7/27/10 \$1,635.36

Estimated expenses through Sept. 2010 \$436.16

Estimated balance \$1,199.26

Programs Update - Charisa in for Lois Champion-Myers

Upcoming SKG programs (up for discussion, blue indicates locked)

August - [Susan Dirks, The Big Wooly](#)

September - [Birthday/Officer presentation/Membership drive](#)

October - Possible: Ruth Sorensen (long shot!)

November -

December - [Holiday Potluck & One-Skein Exchange](#)

January -

February - Possible: Andrea Wong/Peruvian Purling - move to another day the following week

March - Teaching Round Robin

April - [Swap Sale](#)

May -

June -

July -

August -

Brainstorming for future programs:

- Karen Campbell - Shetland distributor, date unknown
- Local Yarn shops, panel
- Martingale Press - show variety of books
- Massage/PT Guy to do stretches
- Jess and Casey - Ravelry
- Cat Bordhi (she's local)
- Kathleen Taylor - author of multiple knitting books, Snohomish is her hometown
- Learning about spinning, how to learn more about the fiber
- Dyeing - panel of dyers (Sarah Anderson, Kristin Pounders, etc.)
- Kelly, KnitPicks, Vancouver, WA
- How to hook up - blog, search, photos, etc: Charisa
- Cascade Yarns in Tukwila
- Skacel is also local

Update - Partnering with Shop Owners to bring speakers in - Lois & Barb

No additional work done at this time.

October elections - All

From our bylaws:

ARTICLE VIII – Elections:

1. A Nominating Committee chaired by the Member-At-Large shall assume the responsibility of nominating officers of the SKG for the next annual term and shall be prepared to present its proposed slate of officers no later than the monthly Guild meeting one month before the Annual Meeting.
2. Members must be in good standing (dues paid for current year and any additional financial obligations resolved) in order to vote, chair a committee, or run for an elected office in the SKG.
3. An annual election of officers shall occur no later than the annual meeting of the Board of Directors in conjunction with the monthly meeting of the members of the SKG . Election is determined by a majority vote.
4. The newly elected officers of the SKG shall take office during the first membership meeting following the annual meeting.

Pasted from <<http://www.snohomishknittersguild.org/membership/bylaws>>

Note: we need to present the docket at the 10 August meeting as elections will be in September

*Folks needed for these positions (*indicates election is required.)*

*Vice President

Membership program -

Newsletter Editor - Jessie Lurch works for the Everett Herald - does she want to be the newsletter editor.

(Ask Alyson to follow up with her.)

Folks willing to serve (* indicates election is required)

*Member at large: Barb Simonds

*President: Charisa Martin Cairn

*Secretary: Lois Champion-Myers

*Treasurer: Marilyn Crawford

KnitNews: Tandy Imhoff

Webmaster - Charisa Martin Cairn

Knit Lab - Chris Underwood will keep it, but we should get a co-chair

Events

Stitch n Pitch - Tandy

36 tickets and two bags sold.

Next year - 36 tickets gives us a table that we could use to promote the guild.

Charisa to do: send Tandy a link for the extra bags - PayPal links

Charisa to bring: camera for future PR for the guild.

Retreat Update - Charisa

27 folks signed up

There is a central area to congregate during the day, plenty of chairs, 2 couches, 2 big chairs, + chairs for everyone

Plus 2- 8 foot tables

food:

vegetarian

gluten free

specific allergies : fill in the blank

order linens: \$13 extra

no smoking in the building (there are allocated smoking areas)

no pets

no gender restrictions

there are 4 bathrooms - up to us to adjust.

meal times are family style: 8am breakfast; 12:30 lunch; 6pm dinner

alcohol ok in the Paddock

rooming strategies - we have to figure out who is rooming with whom.

Coffee and Tea included in the Paddock, it's also available in the communal area.

Membership Chair report - Marilyn

Helping Hands foundation got a grant to go in and teach kids to knit. Marilyn to pursue possibility of working with this org to get materials and offer teaching to kids via the guild.

Newsletter - Alyson

- deadline for newsletter entries is this Friday

Brainstorming for the newsletter future:

- Add spotlight a board member in addition to the member spotlight.
- Store spotlight - differentiators, specialties, embed a secret word in the story for a discount.
- Book reviews? In print, take submissions, create a list of questions to provide continuity to the report rating scale: 5 knitting needles; publish multiple reviews on the same book. We need someone to pull all this together.

Please add to August Newsletter

1. August Fiber Fest - Country Yarns sponsored

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=103175246404412&ref=search>

The 1st Annual Snohomish Fiber Festival will be held August noon-20, 21, & 22-3pm, 2010. We are all very excited and hope you are too! Plan to join the fun...there will be sheep and shearing, spinning demos, classes, vendors, games, contests and much more. Advance tickets are \$10.00 for all three days! Kids under 12 are free.

We have tickets available at a discounted rate for a table. The board decided against staffing a table at this event due to the commitment of 3 days.

2. Evergreen State Fair (see <http://www.snohomishknittersguild.org/events/evergreen-state-fair-2010>)
3. 3rd Annual Snohomish Pumpkin Hurl; 10a-4pm; September 18, 2010;
<http://www.festivalofpumpkins.org>

Mo Galbreath - Discussion about Fashion Shows - Mo took our ideas and will consider an alternate to a "big blow out" event.

Location Discussion - Charisa

Waltz building vs Grange Hall - pros and cons

Grange Hall:

- + We are not at capacity, lots of room to grow
- + Light is adequate to knit
- + Sales are not a problem
- Wheelchair access is difficult (requires someone to stand at the lift)
- Price is likely to double in October
- Parking is street parking when lot fills (which is fast).

Waltz Building:

- + One level, easy wheelchair access
- + Comfortable room
- + Across the street from Country Yarns (they will stay open 1 extra hour on guild meeting days for shopping 6-7pm.)
- + We can use the Country Yarns lot for parking + street parking is clearly marked
- + Central to the downtown area
- + Cost is capped at \$75 for standard 4 hour meetings (cost is more for any fund raising events).
- + No problem with Swap sales or speaker book/pattern sales
- Capacity is ~93 people (Guild is currently running at 40-50 people in attendance; will need to rent larger facility when more than 90 attendees are anticipated)

Motion was made, seconded and passed to bring a recommendation to the membership to move to the Waltz building as of October 2010. A vote will be brought to the membership at the August meeting.

No further business was required. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

Snohomish Knitters Guild – <http://www.snohomishknittersguild.org>

SKG BOARD MEETING NOTES- May 25, 2010

Minutes presented by Lois Champion-Myers, Snohomish Knitters Guild Secretary

In attendance: Lois Champion-Myers, Charisa Martin Cairn, Barb Simonds, Linda Knight, Tandy Imhoff, Marilyn Crawford

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Budget update: Linda Knight, treasurer, shared about the budget. We now have 102 members!

Membership committee update: Marilyn Crawford is introduced as New Member Coordinator (Membership Chair)

Programs Update:

Abbott Smith presents in July, Susan Dirk in August, September will be our birthday celebration. Subsequent programs in planning. Fashion Show is still in early stages of planning and has been moved out to an unknown date in the future.

Program brainstorming: have several local yarn shop owners panel come to our Sept meeting to talk about what they are seeing in terms of the economy and their business and what they have going on. Some of the suggested business owners are:

Sara- Wild Fibers of Mt. Vernon Victoria- Village Yarn & Tea

Fontell - Great Yarns in Everett Teresa - Country Yarns

Main Street Yarn – New Owners of Mill Creek

October is open for programming.....Lois to work on that, Charisa is going to send Lois the list of teachers from the sock summit for potential guest speakers.

New Member Kits- Marilyn has 30 of them.....

Lois will ask Fontell (Great Yarns) if she could donate some yarn for new knitter kits.

Charisa can do a lecture on photography as a back up program in case someone is a no show for any future meetings.

Newsletter update: if you have an article, it needs to go to Alyson by next Friday for the June newsletter.

Discussion:

Discussion about Abbott offering his pattern on ravelry and collecting new members fee.

EVENTS:

12 June 2010; World Wide Knit in Public Day at Country Yarns 11-3pm, there will be give aways, drawings provided by Teresa of Country Yarns in Snohomish, WA.

It's important for board members to be there. Meet at the parking lot. Charisa will have a banner made so we can get our name out there.

August 2010 Stitch N Pitch....no new news.....good to go. Bags say Snohomish Knitters Guild.....Charisa is recommending ordering 100c, and then leftovers can be given as door prizes or sell them at our leisure thru-out the year at the Guild. Tandy will post on Ravelry about the bags.

There was a motion to order 100 bags, Marilyn seconded it and it was passed that we order the bags!

Retreat

22-24 October 2010: still 10-12 people short for critical mass.....it was suggested that we open up invites to Seattle Knitters Guild.

Mini classes could be taught, picot edge for example

Tandy suggested everyone at the retreat knit a square for the Linus program

BOARD CHANGES COMING for 2010-2011

September is when we introduce the docket for members to vote for openings in the SKG board of directors. Charisa reminded us to consider a succession plan if we don't intend to continue in our current capacity on the board.

Meeting adjourned.

Snohomish Knitters Guild Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 27, 2010
11:34 AM

SKG Board Meeting:

4/27/10

Attendees: Lois Meyers, Linda Knight, Alyson Knappe-Davis, Tandy Imhoff, Barb Simonds, Katie Kent, Charisa Martin Cairn

Location: Cabbage Patch Restaurant, Snohomish, WA

Reports:

Treasurer Report - Linda Knight

420.11 income; 101 members - 1 has not paid

Account balances: \$2459.74

Remaining funds after budgeted items for the fiscal year: \$1524.34

Discussion around balance in spend vs. holding funds. Recommendation is keep a healthy balance of expenditures vs. surplus funds.

Decision: Give free pass for each membership to cover an entrance fee. Hand out to all members when they renew or sign up in September. Motion made, seconded, and passed.

Programs - Katie/Lois

Discussion around future programs:

Massage for Knitters - Lois to follow up.

May Speaker: Mary Scott Huff: Lois to follow up with Mary Scott Huff

Brainstorming:

- Martingale Press Speaker
- Nordic Museum presentation
- Set up lunches with shop owners to check in - Barb Simonds and Lois Meyers to spearhead the connection project. **Action item:** Charisa to send list of local shop owners.

New Knitters Kits

Katie Kent

We'll share out kits for folks who self identify as a new knitter.

We currently have 30 kits available.

KnitLab - Chris

Not present

Secretary/Membership Chairs - Charisa

Lili Patel resigned her position as Secretary. Charisa appointed Lois Champion-Meyers as Secretary for the remainder of the position. Member-at-Large, Barb Simonds will write the welcome letter for new members.

Discussion: Small Knit Groups - Katie will start a thread on Ravelry to foster the creation of small knit groups.

Stitch n Pitch - Tandy

Tandy gave a great presentation on the timeline and prep for the ticket sales for the Stitch n Pitch event.

Board agreed to provide a ticket gratis to Tandy. Charisa (Webmaster) will work with Tandy to create the sign up form on the SKG Web site.

WW Knit in public day - Barb

12 June 2010

Barb has coordinated with Teresa Wilson to have a WWKIP day at Country Yarns. Sponsored by SKG and Country Yarns.

Today is Worldwide Knit In Public Day - Snohomish Knitters Guild

Place announcement in the May newsletter. Barb to provide the announcement to Alyson. Contact the local papers: Monroe, Everett Herald, Snohomish Tribune, Lake Stevens Journal, Marysville. Ask the membership to post on their blogs. Members wear nametags. Bring new knitters kits. Encourage Mentor badges.

SWAG: Zazzle Tshirts - WWKIP DAY. Join the Crowd, knit in public. Text plus the yarn ball.

Action item: Business Cards: Charisa to re order in prep for WWKIP.

Call for newsletter articles - Alyson

Decision: We'll no longer offer classifieds. Proposal to come for Web presence for teachers.

New roster will go out with May newsletter.

DeStash - we'll require sign in as a member prior to setting up a table. Anyone with current membership can sell at the destash sale (this was advertised prior to the 2010 Destash sale.)

Child policy - nursing or knitting children only.

Future Plans

Elections/Birthday - discussion around Sept elections/bday in October.

Coordination with Shops (speakers/teachers) -mentioned above.

Succession plans - Charisa asked each board member to consider their successor if they are not interested in taking the role for the next fiscal year:

Annual retreat (summer/winter)

Camp Huston - Charisa spoke to Chelsea after the board meeting and penciled in Oct 22,23, 2010 dates for a retreat for ~26-30 people. If there is enough interest, we'll book an annual retreat (2 nights) at Camp Huston in the summers. Cost is approximately \$150 per person for two nights and includes 6 meals. Additional food/snacks can be brought in. No restriction on outside food and beverages. For an additional \$13, folks can rent linens. An entry in the May newsletter will call for interested folks. If we get the minimum (26), we'll book the date.

Not discussed:

Cheryl Brunette - possible workshops

SKG Bylaw Ratification Meeting

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

6:41 PM

22 July, 7-9pm

Notes taken by Chris Underwood and edited by Charisa Martin Cairn

1. Ratified Snohomish Knitters Guild Bylaws

- a. Sign in sheet - name, email, phone. 11 members were present. 4 paid in advance and voted by proxy.
- b. Collected \$1 – to enable all attendees to be a "member in good standing"
- c. Read the bylaws
 - Was pointed out that Sandi is past president of the Seattle Knitters Guild so has experience.
 - Discussion of VP automatically become Pres the following year. Added the line to Article IV, #3. "The Vice President shall automatically hold the office of the President in the subsequent membership year to provide continuity in leadership."
 - Decision: Voice vote to delete the red sentence, redundant about Presidential duties. (motion made, seconded and passed)
- d. **Decision:** Bylaw ratification – vote taken by hand
11 ATTENDING - all voted yes to form the guild - 4 members in good standing not attending voted yes also

2. Update: Finances

- a. Wells Fargo Checking/Savings Account - has been opened, awaiting Treasurer (Charisa's address will be used until Treasurer is elected.)
- b. PayPal account - Set up and associated to Wells Fargo account
Dues will be \$31.17 - the \$1.17 will cover the paypal fees. Handling fee is <\$2, and enables complete account anonymity in payment (only cash does the same.)
Decision: Voted to allow Charisa to put dues money into the Wells Fargo account (motion made, seconded and passed.)
- c. After tonight, a hyperlink will be e-mailed to all who have signed up (~21 people) as well as to gather booster support and '09-'10 dues.
- d. **Decision:** Discussed and approved via motion, seconded and passed: authorization to use dues to make payment for the September facility rental, and liability insurance set up (Approximately \$100).
- e. FYI: Steering committee that has been working to pull the guild together consists of: Mary Nilsen, Charisa Martin Cairn, Katie Kent, Barbara Simonds, Shelly Field, Tuulia Salmela, Betts Lampers, Kristin Pounders, Linda Knight, and Chris Underwood.
Steering committee is to serve as board proxy until board is elected - passed.

3. Board Elections

Asked for a Volunteers to vet folks/create a docket of board positions/people to run for board.

Action item: Chris Underwood & Shelly Field volunteered. We will discuss and decide on potential officers through email rather than having another meeting.

Questions to ask:

- a. Have they held a similar position, for another guild or in a job?
- b. Do they have a passion around this role?
- c. If not this year, would they be willing to work in this or similar role next year?
- d. Need a short bio on each person the committee selects for a position
- e. Need recommendation from Chris and Shelly to the Steering committee on board positions.
- f. Candidates with bios will be presented at the September meeting and voted in. They will take office October.

4. Brainstormed on program ideas for the upcoming Guild year

- a. September: membership meet and greet - Scavenger Hunt; Elect officers
- b. October: Introduce new officers; Round robin instructions - lace, cables, increase/decrease methods, turning a heel; etc. (need folks to teach each of these, create a 1 page hand out.)
- c. November: Betts Lampers - invite our local member to share her design work
- d. December: Holiday party
- e. January: (will have wireless and project access)
- n. Possible side projects:

- Yarn Train: January
- Knitters Retreats/Excursions

Other ideas for meetings:

- Ravelry how to get on, etc.
- How to photograph your work
- How to blog
- Tap the talent in the guild before hiring other people to speak
- Knitting history
- Finishing
- Guild birthday w/slide show of things that happened in the year

5. Brainstormed on Monthly Agenda

- a. Welcome/Announcements/Introductions/Invitation to Join
- b. Minutes available on the Web site/Web site features
- c. Review Segment: program director takes this segment or directs it
 - i. Favorite patterns, youtube videos, how to on sites, magazine articles
- d. Program - 30-45 minutes
- e. Show and Tell - 30 minutes
- f. Have a knitters corner for new knitters or if someone has a problem - staffed by more advanced knitters
- g. Close, reminder of upcoming events

6. Brainstormed on New Knitters Committee

New Knitters Chair: contact knit stores about donating needles and yarn (sample remainders?).

The new knitter focus with knit kits is a differentiator for the guild, and the Chair will be key in helping to grow the craft in our area.

7. Unclassified Discussion

- SKG Newsletter: We have a Google Group set up for the guild as a place to put the newsletter as well as send the newsletter from. This enables a subscribers only list.
- Have knitters at the fair and hand out flyers
- Have moo cards made
- Fashion shows
- Consider knitting education for Reformatory Knit group

After business concluded, we took a short break and had Knitter's Show and Tell.

There was a lot of enthusiasm about the possibilities for the guild!

Meeting concluded at 9:05pm.