**Atlanta Knitting Guild**

**General Meeting**

**December 1, 2016**

Susan Duralde opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. She noted the good turnout and reviewed the evening’s events including our annual Pot Luck Dinner, Show and Tell, several announcements, a Raffle (cost of $5; proceeds split between winner and AKG); and showing the trailer of Yarn – The Movie.

Susan reviewed our many accomplishments since June including additional information for new members, an improved library, an improved system to maintain AKG intellectual property, an expanded newsletter and website, newly established Honorarium Fund (over $600 donated), Sunshine Committee, Purl Power Program, Superstar marketing and pricing strategy, a Superstar program and 3 mini-workshops. Susan asked that everyone fill out the 3 x 5 cards on each table listing volunteer work or items they have donated to AKG; and on the card back to please list any future programs they are interested in seeing. Susan also told the members to take as much of the FREE yarn on the tables in the back of the room; and, if possible to please knit clothes for bears, preemie caps and blankets too.

**Yarn – The Movie**

Susan announced the need for volunteers to help with large and small jobs for Yarn-The Movie.

We need Sponsors to provide donations to put in the 250 “goodie bags” donated to us by Lion Brand Yarn. Ginger Gidden-Weinzieri has donated over $3,000 of high end yarn which will be part of the raffle at the Event. We have a contract with LaFont Theatre in Sandy Springs for the February 25 showing. Please let either Jolie Elder or Susan Duralde know if you can volunteer and help the Guild.

**Superstar**

Dallas announced 2 Superstar programs for 2017. Charles Gandy will be teaching classes on May 6, and 7, at the Atlanta SEFAA Center. Class cost will be $30(member) $40(non-member) 12/1 to 1/31;

$40(member) $50(non-member) 2/1 to 3/31; and $50 (member) $60 (non-member) 4/1 to 5/1.

The Fall 2017 class will be taught by Marly Bird on October 6, 7 and 8, class subject to be determined.

**Wandering Fox Farm road trip**

Barb Moore announced a January 14, 2017 trip to Wandering Fox Alpaca Farm; owned by Lynne Davidson. The farm is about 45 minutes north of Atlanta; we may organize a car pool from Dunwoody Square around 10:00 a.m., or drive separately. We may go to lunch in the area or perhaps bring our lunch and eat at The Farm.

**Mini -Workshops**

Susan Nease discussed the successful Barbara Benson Mini-workshop on Variegated Yarn; which had 16 people attend. The next workshop on January 21, will be taught by Lee Greenberg on “How to add beads to your Knitting”. There will be a materials fee.

The February class will be taught by Barbara Benson, but will be a different subject; either, Japanese Knitting, Entrelac, or Knitting a Mobius. The March 12 class will be taught by Kristina Tucker of Find Your Knitche, on “Reading your Knitting”. Susan N. does still need some additional help from members with the Mini-Workshops. This would involve mostly making some phone calls and helping with the workshop.

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Ashley is looking for ideas for the monthly meeting programs. Please let Ashley know ideas for programs of interest to you. Susan thanked Ashley and Pam for the great 2017 monthly programs, “Knitting around the Globe”.

**Newsletter**

Diana Baber has expanded the newsletter and asks members to let her know of any recent trips you have completed to local or faraway yarn shops or yarn classes or programs.

Sunshine Committee – Jackie Hicks has agreed to serve on the Sunshine Committee. She will send cards and notices to members with personal or family illness or deaths.

**Social Media**

We need help with social media. Our goal is to get our name into the community and increase membership.

**Membership Directory/Membership Annual Survey**

 The AKG Directory is now complete, and will be posted to the Newsletter. The AKG annual member survey will be sent out in January. We want to know from you what we can do to improve our member experience.

**Calendar of Events**

January 5, 2017 – AKG General Meeting. January workshop.

January 14, 2017 – Trip to Wandering Fox Farm, an Alpaca Farm.

January 21, 2017 – Workshop with Lee Greenberg.

February 9, 2017 – AKG General Meeting

February 11, 2017 – Workshop with Barbara Benson.

February 25, 2017 - Yarn – The Movie, Raffle at LaFont Theatre, Sandy Springs 10:30 a.m.

March 12 – Workshop with Kristina Tucker.

April 6 , 2017 AKG General Meeting, a”special “ guest will join us.

April 22 and 23 – Lemonade Days, Dunwoody and Spring Fling

May 4, 2017 – AKG General Meeting

May 6, and May 7 – Workshop with Charles Gandy

**Show and Tell**

Jill – a shawl made of 2 rectangles, one is twisted; an easy pattern.

Jolie – zero shaping sleeveless top, used brioche stitch for flexible fit.

Kendra – Bell Sisters Hat of Cascade yarn; a shrug, mittins of Green Mountain yarn.

Freida – Calisi shawl; $29 kit from SAFF visit; green Christmas bag with white mink edging.

Lynne – Alpaca and beads knitted Christmas balls.

Elizabeth – cream sweater, blue shrug and pink wristers.

JoAnn – cowl, Cherokee pattern.

Lois – Hedgehog skinny singles from Eat, Sleep and Knit. Annis shawl.

Ada – Cream pullover of Linen silk hazer; had taken Brooke Nico class.

Claudia of Yarn Rhapsody – Dotted rain shawl from Trendsetter. Malabrigo cowl.

Shanell –sweater for her mother, coastal walk cotton; 2 socks with Magic Loop.

Barb – yarn from Naughty Knitters (south of Nashville); mini cowl of baby Alpaca.

Dallas – Cowl with diagonal stitch in rose color; a Hunk doll for her boyfriend.

**“Flash Mob with Knitted Sweaters”**

Susan D. then showed a film about a Scandinavian woman who knitted 550 sweaters; she donated them to her small town. They in turn gave her a parade and a flash mob of young dancers surprising her while ALL wearing her knitted creations. This is on You Tube: “Flash mob with Knitted Sweaters”.

No further business to come before the members, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Crowley, Secretary

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