**Atlanta Knitting Guild**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**April 6, 2017**

Susan Duralde called the meeting to order. Susan welcomed everyone and introduced 2 guests;

Michelle from Atlanta who is a new knitter; and Kim, also a new knitter, who was happy to finally make it to our monthly meeting. Susan also introduced a new member, Sarah English Perry. Sarah

met several AKG members at a knit in at InTown Quilters located near Dekalb Mall.

Susan then announced that our evening speaker had been delayed arriving in Atlanta due to the severe storm this week. Pam Cornutt agreed to present our program this evening.

**Nominating Committee**

The AKG fiscal year will end May31, 2017. Jill Vogin, who will be our new President, gave an outline of the opening jobs that need to be filled and what each job entails. The Board meets once each month on the prior Tuesday before the monthly AKG meeting (first Thursday of each month). The meeting usually lasts 1 to 2 hours and is currently held at Lucky China on Chamblee Dunwoody Road. Jill may move this meeting to another restaurant that might be more convenient for the Board members once that is established. At each meeting, The Board reviews and discusses upcoming events and potential programs. The meeting will include brain storming on ideas and problem solving where needed. The positions still open include: 1st Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership, Junior-Programs,

Mini- Workshop, Communications and Newsletter. Most positions have a Senior and Junior position. We will be losing our website vendor this fall and need someone who is skilled and experienced to help out with that project. Jill asked anyone who is interested in serving on the Board to please speak to her during the break this evening.

**Lemonade Days**

 Lemonade Days is an annual fundraising festival held at in Dunwoody, GA . This year we have a booth for 2 days April 22 and 23. Our goal is to introduce ourselves to the Atlanta community. We need 2 or 3 more volunteers to work a 2 hour shift from 12:00-2:00 on Saturday April 22nd; and from 12:00 – 2:00 and from 120 to 4:00 on Sunday April 23. We will have knitted lemon “stress” balls and trauma bears dressed in hand knitted outfits on display in our booth. Contact Barb Moore to volunteer.

**Stash Buster Rescheduled**

The April 23 Stash Buster event will be rescheduled for sometime this September.

**Charles Gandy classes**

Charles Gandy will teach several beginning and intermediate classes at SEFAA on May 6 and 7. Charles is a wonderful teacher, a creative and talented knitter and great storyteller. Susan commented that she always leaves his classes learning a great deal from Charles.

T**rip to Normandy and Paris October 26 – November 4**

Doreen Lewis, an AKG member and travel agent has a trip planned this fall to Paris and Normandy.

Sandy Crowley gave a brief description of the trip which will be from October 26th to November 4th.

The trip will include 3 days in Bayeux visiting Normandy; and 5 days in Paris including walking tour, chocolate and wine tour and a river cruise. The trip will include coach transportation and a guide. Sandy told group to see her for Doreen’s handout which includes all the information.

**Show and Tell**

Jolie showed reversible lace shawl in cherry bulky cashmere. Jolie invented the reversible lace stitch.

Linda Fetter knitted a gray beaded lace shawl knitted side to side.

Sarah Perry wore a Blue Sky pale pink cardigan with a shawl collar.

Chris Curschmann knitted variegated socks for her daughter and for her twin grandkids using Madeline Tosh yarn.

Lois Mitchell knitted a gray shawl and a coral scarf.

Allison Byrd showed a green and red tapestry swing shawl and a green lace shawl.

**Barbara Benson Book**

Barbara Benson, an AKG member and our in-house knitting author just had a book published” Mosaic and Lace Knits.” The book is available on Amazon.

**Raffle**

The raffle was held; a skein of yarn was won by Madeline Schaffer.

**Program**-Pam Cornutt Master Knitting Program

Pam started the class in 2003 and completed it in 2005. Pam wanted to do this program for the education and to learn more about knitting and improve her skills. The program was offered through The Knitting Guild Association. They offer both a hand knitting and machine knitting program. The program consists of 3 levels. Swatches are submitted and analyzed on tension,

Gauge, seaming, Entrelac, Mosaic, Brioche, intarsia, Fairisle, Duplicate Stitch, short rows, cable work, color work, buttonholes (both vertical and horizontal), and pockets. Pam also had to submit book reports and write and explain the patterns she used. She also submitted and completed a vest, a hat, Argyle socks and an incredible Aran knit pullover, as well as creating and designing her own patterns. She showed her organized notebooks (one from each level) with the swatches, and the patterns all in plastic protector sheets. She did have swatches resubmitted several times but felt she learned a great deal as they gave feedback on her submissions. She felt she learned ad great deal about the history of knitting, perfecting her skills, different stitches, and she did not let it interfere with her family and home life.

Pam demonstrated long tail cast on as well as various methods to increase and decrease stitches.

Susan thanked Pam; she also thanked everyone for coming and announced the next monthly meeting will be held May 4th.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra J. Crowley, Secretary

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