



San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild

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The Guild Meeting Tuesday, March 2nd, 2010 12:30pm

San Dieguito United Methodist Church
Assembly Room ~ 170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas

For the March Meeting, we will be covering two topics:

Conference Updates and Trends:

We will have some informal reports from various members who attended: TNNA, Madrona Fiber Arts and Stitches West. They will share with us yarn trends, and update us on what they saw and learned in their workshops. You may not have attended these events but hopefully you will THINK you did!

Embellishments:

In addition, the RN (Rather Normal) Sub Group will give a short presentation on "Neck Embellishments: A Lot for a Little." This will be great to have one of our Sub Groups present at one of our Meetings.... and we will be there to cheer you all on....

"We are fortunate and very pleased that this Sub Group has come forward and agreed to contribute to a monthly guild program. They came up with the Neck Embellishment idea on their own. This will be a great incentive and encouragement for other Sub Groups to make a contribution at future meetings. Just let me know if you and your Sub Group have a short program to share with everyone!"

Colleen Davis-Program Chairperson

May Workshops.....

Get ready...our next workshops will be in May with Anna Walden of Twisted Sisters. They will be held on Wednesday, May 3 and Thursday, May 4 for 6 hours each. Topics will be announced at the March 2nd meeting. Sign-ups for these will be at the April meeting. Just as a reminder, that anytime we have workshops, sign-ups and reservations can be made at the Guild meeting or by mail. You can send your check made out to North Coast Knitters to our Treasurer, Jean Moore, 4050-50 Porte La Paz, San Diego, Ca 92122.



Regardless of whether you receive your Newsletter by snail mail or email...don't let this be your last newsletter!

Attention North Coast Knitting Guild Members!!!
If you are a member, but have not yet submitted your renewal for 2010, please fill out the renewal membership form on last page of this newsletter and either bring it to the March 2nd meeting, or mail it in now, as instructed on the form. The cut off is March 3rd so we can design and print the new 2010 Directory. If you want to be included in the Directory, and continue to receive the Newsletters, please do this promptly. For those of you who have already done so.... thank you very much!



◆ THINGS TO DO IN MARCH:

- Arrive at **12:30** for the monthly meeting and do not enter the room early unless you are setting up for the meeting.
- Please bring any books that you have borrowed and return them to the Library for check-in.
- Bring your latest knitting creations for sharing with us all.
- Bring your completed form and check for the Annual Membership. The last day is **March 3rd**, if you want to be included in the Directory.
- Bring your charity items.
- Remember to turn off your cell phones please.

◆ PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....



FROM BARBARA LEVIN

In the early 1980s when I first volunteered for a non-profit group, I broke down and bought what was then state-of-the-art technology: an answering machine. I was frustrated by having to repeatedly make calls to other volunteers who did not have answering machines, and I did not want to pass that aggravation along to people trying to reach me.

Communication continues to become faster and more complex. I'm old enough to remember when IBM Selectrics with correcting tapes were the hot new thing, when faxing replaced overnight delivery and when Xeroxing finally tolled the death knell for carbon paper (remember trying to correct three smudged copies?).

Now not only do I have email accounts, I reach my friends through Twitter and Facebook, IM and texting. I'm not wildly enthusiastic about some of these techniques, but I use them because they are the best way to communicate with certain people I want to reach.

I bring this all up because of the misunderstanding many members have over delivery of the Guild's newsletter. If we have your email address, we will send the newsletter to you electronically unless you send an email (no phone calls, please) to Sheri Fisher (sherirob1@aol.com) saying you need a paper copy.

There are many reasons for this. Emailed newsletters:

- Allow us to print longer newsletters because we are not restricted by the 8-pages limit for cheap postage.
- Allow you to get your newsletter sooner and more securely (and in color).
- Allow you to reach photos and free patterns on-line with one click.
- Allow you the choice of reading and saving your newsletter either in your computer or by printing it out.

- Allow us to use funds for programs instead of printing and mailing costs. Last month's newsletter cost \$176.
- Free up volunteers from time-consuming tasks of folding and addressing hundreds of copies.

As long as I am president (10 more months and counting) and the board agrees, the Guild will continue to mail newsletters to those who request them. But before you make that request, remember the fate of carbon paper and typewriter ribbons and consider switching to a newer technology. There may come a day in the not-too-distant future when the newsletter is only available on-line. This is neither a threat nor a promise –merely an observation on how quickly the world changes. If you have any comments, please contact me by email: Barbara.Levin@me.com.

We love our pets and we'd probably love meeting yours. But please do not bring them to Guild events.

◆ FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST MEETING
San Diego North Coast Knitters
General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, February 2, 2010 - 12:30 p.m.
Barbara Levin presiding
153 members and guests present**



President Barbara Levin opened the meeting by welcoming a record-breaking number of members and guests. The room was packed! Sara Stolz reminded members about our April in-house program; the Knitted Skirt Fashion Show. Colleen Davis reminded members about The Tea Party Challenge scheduled for the July meeting. Susan Ludwig will be collecting your creations at the June meeting. Liz Knapp announced that philanthropy kits for helmet liners and scarves were available. Jo-Ellen Gould announced plans for the Knitting Retreat at Casa de Maria, May 24 - 27th.

Barbara introduced our guest speaker, Amy Singer, editor of Knitty.com and author of "No Sheep for You".



Amy came all the way from Toronto, Canada to offer a presentation/lecture/trunk show on alternatives to wool yarn. She has become an expert on the subject because she is allergic to wool, loves to knit, and was strongly motivated to research wool substitutes. She explained that there were five Fiber families; Bast (linen,hemp), Seed (cotton,kabok), Protein (silk), Synthetic (acrylic,nylon) and Manufactured Natural Fibers (rayon,bamboo corn, soy). She emphasized the importance of gauge, texture and weight when substituting for wool. She strongly recommended making a swatch in stockinette at least 8 inches square and to measure gauge after binding off, and to always read yarn labels very carefully. Amy was an animated and informative speaker. A question and answer session followed her presentation.

Linda Erlich conducted a diverse and inspiring Show and Share.

♦ **Fashion Show in April—We Need Your Help!**



Attention Fashion-istas! In April, we will have a fashion show featuring knitted and/or crocheted skirts. There are lots of new patterns for all kinds of skirts. It does not have to be new, it can have been shown before.

Sara will find a model if it no longer fits you, or you are shy to model it yourself.

We want “lots of skirts” so that it will be a fun fashion show to watch. Please participate!

Please contact Sara either by phone (858-748-4124) or email (miyakefan92064@aol.com) if you plan to participate. Thank you! Sara

♦ **SHARING AT FEBRUARY’S MEETING**

We print abbreviated summaries of shared items which provide enough information to allow you to follow up on items you might like to knit. If you share an item during the monthly sharing, it cannot be worn in the Holiday Luncheon fashion show. Shared items **MUST BE FINISHED** --- unless it’s near Christmas when the rules are relaxed so that you can share an item before it’s shipped off to its recipient.



Linda leads the “sharing” with her beautiful shawl.

Marianne Nolan – Pullover knit in Wool Rayon yarn in coral colorway. Pattern: Stock ‘: Knit. Crochet detail on the sleeves and bottom.



Josephine Needleman – Coat knit in an original, patchwork pattern using 100% organic cotton multicolor yarn. The coat is all handknit patchwork with lace. This garment won a Blue Ribbon at the 2009 Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona! Congratulations, Josephine



Linda Erlich – Shawl knit using the Diagonal Shawl pattern from Vivian Hoxbro’s Shadow Knitting Book. Yarn used was Harrisville Shetland Wool in four colorways.

Vivian Forseth – Celtic Poncho using the Celtic Poncho pattern by Nicki Epstein in Rowan yarn. The pattern uses triangles sewn into squares.



Lyn Wogsberg – Serape knit using the Directional Textured Serape pattern. Yarn used was wool 127 Print in purple colorway. The pattern utilizes squares and rectangles.



Robin McNeil – Gauntlets knit in Noro Taiyo yarn. The pattern is from this month's issue of Knitscene magazine, however, Robin completely changed the wrist and thumb.



Betty Gregory – Christmas Stockings using red, green, white, and blue Encore and leftover yarn.



Lois Friedlander – Sweater using Ideal Knits Summer 2008 pattern in red yarn. **Shawl** using Shawlette pattern in gray yarn. All yarn used was purchased at the stash sale.



Lisa Limber – Short Jacket using her own pattern design. Yarn used was Jade Sapphire 2-ply Mongolian Cashmere in green/gold colorway. **Kimono** using Chrysanthemum pattern from Tanya's new book. Yarn used was Punta Yarns Merisoft merino and kid mohair in brick colorway. **Shawl** using Aestlight Shawl pattern from Ravelry. Yarn used was Schaefer Nicole DK Superwash sock yarn (merino/nylon) in gold colorway. *Modeled by Linda, who did not want to return the items!*



Donna Royal – Pullover using Mitered Magic pattern from Creative Knitting September 2009 issue. Yarn used was Poems by Wisdom Yarns in Key West colorway.



Rosie Halvorson – Boho Beret using the Boho Beret pattern from the Yarn Lady. Yarn used was Trendsetter Yarns Tonalita.



Evelyn Bareno – Shawl using Curved Shawl with Diamond Edging pattern from the Victorian Lace Today book. Yarn used was Jaeger Matchmaker merino 4-ply in pink colorway and size 3.25 needle.



Sandy Yyanos – *Child's Socks* using the 2-at-a-time Socks book by Melissa Morgan-Oakes. Yarn used was Plymouth in multi colorway. ***Diamond Caplet*** using pattern from Vogue Holiday 2009 and trinity stitch. Yarn used was Zealana Rimu 60% Merino wool 40% possum fibre which is machine washable.



Ellen Hesterman – *Scarves* using leftover scraps of yarn. No knitting involved and takes 10 minutes to assemble.

Melody Wagner – *Doll* using Jean Greenhouse pattern and Red Heart yarn, Winchell Donut doll.



Amy Sheridan – *Cardigan* using Girl Friday pattern from Knitty.com. Yarn used was Merino from kitchensinkyeworks.com in teal colorway.



Barbara Funkenstein – *Sweater* using Mr. Greenjeans pattern from knitty.com. Yarn used was Noro Kuryeon.



Masumi Aycock – *Long Cardigan* using her own pattern. Yarn used was Rowan's Kid Silk and Kid Night in black with metallic. Size 9 needle. Used glass beads at the bottom for weight and crystal beads around neck for decoration.



Kathy Glendinning (in center and friends)– *Scarf* using Frivola polyester yarn in purple colorway.



Patt, Eileen and Laura Brubaker- *Scarf* These were made in one hour with Pagewood Farm Handspun Bouquet which is a felted yarn, with small felt flowers and leaves tied onto the felted yarn. Fun to work with. Laura used size 35 needles and Eileen and Patt used size 19 needles.





✦ So What Really Goes On At Knit@Nite?

Highlights courtesy of HeatherKnit @Nite had 33 people at the JCC -- we had to hunt for chairs and move furniture to make room for people. Who knows how many people would have stormed the doors if it had been common knowledge that Amy Singer of Knitty was coming to just get her group knitting fix?

Photos -- 1st is Jackie Kuhn's Domino Knitted blanket
 2nd is Lynne Davidson's crocheted throw from STASH yarns
 3rd is Jean Moore modeling fashionable head gear for night time knitters
 4th is Prez Barb and her delightful Mom



✦ 2010 PROGRAMS & CHALLENGES....

In January, Colleen Davis announced the new Challenge- "Everything Tea Party." Refer to flyer handed out at the meeting, or visit our web site...but think about knitting anything related to a "tea party".

Items will be brought to the June meeting and presented at the July meeting.



Knit by Heather Broadhurst - (LEFT PHOTO) Inspired by the Tea Party Challenge, Heather created this amazing Tea Cup and Saucer using lace weight yarn and shaping the items over real ceramics. (RIGHT PHOTO) Inspired by the Tea Party Challenge, Heather created this adorable cup cake. Notice the intricate pattern for both the "frosting" and the cupcake "cup".

Here are some links to inspire you. Please share with the Editors what you find so we can add it to the next Newsletter. Also check the web site for more links:

Knitted wedding: <http://www.castoff.info/wedding.asp>

Food -- A sampling of free patterns:

<http://knitforyourlife.blogspot.com/2009/02/floofy-cupcakes-free-pattern.html>

<http://littlecherrytops.typepad.co.uk/cherryheart/2009/07/yummy-scrummy-cupcakes.html>

<http://beeknit.blogspot.com/2008/02/cake-glorious-cake.html>

<http://kimberlychapman.com/crafts/knit-patterns-fancycupcake.html>

Table Decorations & Such:

<http://www.thepatternbox.com/Teacups.pdf>

http://knittinghistory.typepad.com/historic_knitting_pattern/

<http://www.knitting-and.com/knitting/patterns-teacosies.htm>

<http://knitty.com/ISSUESpring06/PATTteacosy.html>

<http://www.knittingpatterncentral.com/directory/placemats.php>

Don't forget that a swatch can be a place mat

✦ New In The Guild's Library!

Check it out!!! The Guild has subscribed to **Cast On Magazine**, the official publication of The Knitting Guild of America (TKGA). The first issue will be available from our library at the March meeting. Our Guild sometimes gets mentioned and that is one of the reasons for this new subscription!

Also Nancy has purchased some new books for the Library so come check them out and enjoy!



Amy Singer was so taken with the guild, Amy Sheridan's Girl Friday and with Marsha's tour guide skills that they made the knitty blog at <http://knitty.com/blog/?p=74>

✦ THE 2010 Program Line Up

Once again, Colleen has done an amazing job with Programs, and we thank her so much for her efforts. Look at this incredible line-up! (As with any year long program effort, this is subject to change, so check the web site frequently as well.)

Please Note: On the bookmarks that Colleen handed out in the January Meeting—the correct date for the Holiday Party is Monday, December 6th not the 7th. Please make that edit on your copy. Thank you.

March 2- Discussion of Yarn Trends, reports from Stitches West and TNNA attendees, and a short program by the RN Sub Group on Embelishments!

April 6- Skirt (Knitted and Crocheted) Fashion Show.

May 4- Lecture/trunk show by Anna Walden (Twisted Sisters) followed by 2 days of workshops.

June 1- Willa Cather who is also a member of the High Tide Purlers, will do a lecture/trunk show on "All Things Lace, and sometimes Beads." Collecting for Stash Sale. Collecting all Tea Party Items to Colleen.

July 6- Potluck and Results of the Tea Party Challenge. Collecting for Stash Sale.

August 3- STASH SALE and The Wednesday night sub group will give a presentation on Ravelry.

September 7- Recycling and Upcycling - Let's see fascinating and creative projects!

October 5- Candace Eisner Strick, author, designer, teacher, from Connecticut will be doing a lecture/trunk show followed by 2 days of workshops.

November 2- Lisa Limber, will be doing a presentation on "Design For Your Own Style: Don't Be Afraid to Figure it Out."

December 6 (Monday)- Holiday Lunch/Fashion Show

Meetings are always subject to change.



✦ Calling All Volunteers...Please Help..

Mar Gee Farr is spearheading the Holiday Party and is looking for a few volunteers who can help her.



She will need some help on specific projects, but mostly for the day of the event. You can contact her for more details at margee15@cox.net or call her at 858-756-0304.

✦ Out of Town Guild Retreats

Casa de Maria Retreat- North Coast Knitters Guild Save the Date May 24-27th, 2010

It is that time again. We have reserved Monday, May 24 through Thursday, May 27 for our annual Santa Barbara retreat. The total retreat cost is \$428.25 for a single room and is \$349.50 each for a double room (this includes nine meals.) To reserve a spot send your non-refundable deposit of \$300 for a single room or \$150 each for a double room to our treasurer. Jean Moore 4050-50 Porte La Paz, San Diego, 92122 Make checks payable to North Coast Knitters Guild.

The La Casa web site is <http://www.lacasademaria.org>

Temecula Retreat This Past January

In January fifteen Guild members attended our retreat at the Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center in Temecula and in spite of the fact that our stay coincided with the rainiest week in the past year it--- was a great get away. Besides knitting and all that goes along with knitting, we were able to fit in a few field trips. Among them were visits to Old Town Temecula, The Daily Fiber Yarn Company in Murrieta and some even braved the weather and went hiking around the five mile Vina de Lestonnac "block". The retreat was such a success that we have reserved a spot for January 2011.

It is nice to get away and not have to worry about anything except knitting. If you would like to find out what you've been missing by not attending a retreat, join us this spring in Santa Barbara!

Jo-Ellen Gould
Retreat Coordinator

Photos From Our Temecula Trip in January



✦ Retreat in Spring 2010
Sponsored by Valley Needlers Guild

Retreat with Valley Needlers Guild
Un-Lac the Mystery- April 30-May, 2, 2010

We are having a retreat the end of April and would like to invite members of the NCKG to join us! Un-Lac the Mystery-Valley Needlers are having a retreat at the Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center April 30 through May 2nd, 2010. The subject of the retreat this year is Entrelac. A small project will be started during the retreat and some more advanced techniques will also be taught. The cost is \$275 for a double room and \$360 for a single room. This includes 3 meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. If you would like to have dinner at the retreat on Friday night, the center charges an additional \$10 for the meal. The deposit is \$125 with final payment due in February. If you have any questions, call Melody at 951-302-0382 or Michelle McCall at 951-288-7834. Please make your checks payable to Valley Needlers and send to our Program person:

Melody Wagner
32002 Corte Montoya
Temecula CA 92592



✦ Retreat in Fall 2010



REPOSITIONING CRUISE September 26-September 30, 2010

Mark your calendar for a three-night, four-day repositioning cruise on Holland America Cruise Lines. The cruise is open to members and non-members alike. It is not a knitting cruise but if enough members sign up it could become a knitting retreat on the high seas.

The cruise departs from Vancouver on the 26th with a stop in Victoria and two days at sea before returning to San Diego on the 30th.

Price per person including: air, cabin, transfer, insurance and tax is:

<u>Double Occupancy</u>	<u>Single Occupancy</u>
Inside cabin: \$831.69	\$1031.69
Ocean view cabin: \$881.69	\$1094.50

(Notes: Subtract \$360.20 for airfare and tax if you choose to make your own flight arrangements. Passports are required and must be valid 6 months after your return--- that means valid thru the end of March, 2011.)

If interested, please call Lois to submit your refundable deposit (Until July 13, 2010). It is \$100 per person deposit by credit card to NCK Member Lois Watson.

Lois will be requesting payments in the form of a credit card. Lois reports that the cruise will fill up quickly, so you might want to insure your space and arrange your deposit ASAP since it is refundable. To make your deposit, or if you have any questions, please call Lois at 949 380-7938. She will be glad to assist you.

✦ Philanthropy

In 2010 the Guild will support FOUR charities. We will continue to support three existing charities:

- [Hat Box Foundation](#) - handknit and crocheted hats for patients of all ages undergoing chemotherapy. Hats may be any color or style as long as they're washable and SOFT. This charity is in Carlsbad, CA.
- [HeartScarves Project](#) - handknit and crocheted red scarves distributed in hospitals and rehabilitation centers to women undergoing or

recovering from cardiac procedures. In memory of her sister, one of our members has already made more than twenty scarves for this wonderful charity!

- [Operation Sam Helmet Liners](#) - handknit of 100% superwash wool from a standard pattern, these garments fit under the helmets worn by our military troops on the front lines. Cia Bullemer's son is deployed to Afghanistan, where winter temperatures are near freezing.
- [Kits](#)-The Guild will provide yarn in the form of pre-packaged kits with yarn and pattern provided. You can sign out a kit and bring the finished item back the next month. Deadlines apply! Use your own pattern if you prefer. There are links to many free patterns on the Hat Box web page:
<http://www.hatboxfoundation.org/Sheets/Links.html>
- The fourth charity is [Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society](#). The NMCRS office at Naval Base San Diego needs handknit, crocheted or quilted baby blankets. The blankets are given to expectant military parents who attend a "Budget for Baby" class in which they learn sound financial practices. I have been a volunteer knitter at NMCRS since 2004 and have a strong personal connection to the organization. They supply acrylic yarn (worsted or fingering weight) if you prefer not to use your own stash. I have many baby blanket patterns in my personal library, or find a new favorite in a book from our Guild library.

Thank you for the kindness you give to others in each and every stitch.

Liz Knapp

✦ Quarterly Finishing Classes

Dates: March 9th, June 8th and Sept. 14th, 2010

Time: 12:30 to 3:30 PM

Cost: Free to Members

**Where: San Dieguito United Methodist Church
Classroom Building**

Do you love knitting and hate finishing? Do you have more than a few un-seamed sweaters lurking in your closet? Do you need to work in all those yarn ends on that wonderful Fair Isle sweater before the moths finish it for you in an unintended way? Finishing days are for you. Every three months, the Guild will host a free "Finishing Day" for members. Bring your almost-finished items and work on them together. The Guild will provide the room, chairs and tables and resource knitters to answer finishing questions. It might be just the jumpstart you need to get you going.



RIDESHARING ANYONE....

-Eileen Adler is offering to drive someone up to the meeting from the Pacific Beach area. She can be reached at: (858) 731-1921; eileenadler@san.rr.com

- Libby Burford would appreciate a ride to the meeting from the UCSD area..”I live very close to UCSD and Rt 5. Poole St. is a short street off of La Shores Drive at the top of the hill.”
Libby (Elizabeth) Burford Burford46@aol.com

If you are interested in PROVIDING a ride for someone in your area, or RECEIVING a ride, please email The Sisters- Editors of the Newsletter (see Page 11 for our emails) and we will match you up and post it in upcoming Newsletters if desired. Thank you!

◆ [Entering Fiber and Book Art Exhibition](#)

Fiber & Book Art (West Coast) September 1 — October 1, 2010 The Escondido Arts Partnership will present their first juried Fiber & Book Art exhibition. Fiber & Book Artists working in California, Oregon and Washington are encouraged to submit work to the show. Fiber work can include paper, felt, fabric, yarn, cloth, plant or other organic materials. 75% of the piece should be fiber. The Escondido Municipal Gallery is located in the beautiful downtown Escondido historic district.

- ELIGIBILITY: You may enter Fiber & Book Art if you are submitting your original handmade fiber work.
- ENTRY FEE: The entry fee is \$25.00 (\$20.00 for EAP members) for one or two pieces and is non-refundable. Up to two (2) pieces may be accepted into the exhibition. *Please mail a CD with jpg images of the 1 or 2 pieces you would like to submit for the show to the gallery to be received by July 17th, 2010.
- RECEIVING DATE FOR ENTRIES ON CD: Saturday July 17th, 2010 -RECEIVING DATES FOR ACCEPTED WORK: Saturday August 21-11am - 2pm
- EXHIBITION DATES AND HOURS: September 1 — October 1, 2010, Reception: September 11, 5:30-8:00 pm Awards presentation 6:30pm at the reception Gallery hours are Tuesday 11-5pm, Wed. thru Saturday, 11 am - 4 pm
- LOCATION: Escondido Municipal Gallery, 262 E. Grand Avenue, Escondido, CA 92025.
- Web Site for more information: www.escondidoarts.org

Please contact me if I can answer any questions. Gayla G Edwards, EAP Volunteer glouge7@yahoo.com I am a volunteer with the Escondido Arts Partnership- Escondido Municipal Gallery, 262 E. Grand Ave., Escondido, CA 92025. www.escondidoarts.org tel: 760-480-4101 Tues-Sat 11 am - 4 pm.

◆ Learning Videos

Knit Picks just announced that they have over 200 tutorials--- from Beginner instructions, to projects, kits, popular techniques, and videos galore. It is an amazing array of items and will be my new "go to" when I need to refresh my memory on how to do something. Here is the link below. *Deirdre*

http://www.knitpicks.com/Tutorials/Knitting_Tutorials.html?medid=Tutorial+Ecard

◆ How I Use Ravelry...

I use Ravelry all the time...to look for new patterns, to see what others have done with either the pattern, or yarn that I have or am thinking of getting. I have my projects page with most projects photographed. (I'm AmySheri on Ravelry). I'm also in a Mystery Sock KAL (Knit A Long) in a group called Fans of Through the Loops--the designer has a blog called Through the Loops, and as of now more than 500 Ravelers are doing the socks! It is really fun. You get a clue each Thursday (posted on the designer's website at 12:01 Eastern time, so in San Diego, we get it at 9:01pm and can get started). So far we have done the cuff, the heel, the leg and are now on the foot. The last clue will be the toe. I have inventoried my needles and printed out the card to carry, although I sometimes forget to check it, and I have a few needles that I have bought since that I need to put in. I haven't inventoried my stash, but am planning to as there are a few "oddballs" I'd like to sell or trade. All in all, I think Ravelry is a great website and a boon to knitters! I just love all the information sharing that helps us all be better knitters.

Amy Sheridan

MEMBERS PLEASE SUBMIT: We invite you to share your Ravelry experience -- what small part of the big picture are you using, what part do you want to explore and what part do you just not get/understand? *Please send it to the Newsletter Editors so we can include you!*

◆ [KNITTING ON THE NET](#)

March 2010

● Rabbit

This Spud and Chloe pattern is by Susan Anderson (author of *Itty Bitty Nursery*) and it's the perfect addition to an Easter basket. It's knit on #5 double pointed needles. The body is stuffed with a tennis ball or fiberfill.

<http://www.spudandchloe.com/blog/wp-content/uploads/2009/09/rabbit-11.pdf>



● Luggage Finders

These doodads are meant to personalize your luggage so that other folks don't grab it from the airport carousel. You can knit a tag, hat, sock or mitten from leftover sock yarn on #1 double point needles.

They'd also make great Christmas tree ornaments.
<http://www.skacelknitting.com/s.nl/sc.2/category.46180/f>



● Colorplay Hoodie

This baby/toddler hoodie pattern is written for sizes from six months to toddler size 4. It's knit on #9 needles at a gauge of 18 st/4" Knit entirely in garter stitch, the body is knit in one piece from the bottom up.

<http://cache.lionbrand.com/printable/Patterns/90307AD.pdf> [You'll need to register on the Lion Brand site before you can access the pattern.]



● Floofy Cup Cakes

<http://knitforyourlife.blogspot.com/2009/02/floofy-cupcakes-free-pattern.html>

✦ With Our Condolences....

♥ Farewell to a Dear Friend: Esther Malkoun

As we mentioned in the last Newsletter, Esther passed away. There was a very touching service held for her with many of her friends and family celebrating her life.

Esther Malkoun will live on through our memories forever. She was a generous, kind, loving and caring person. She is greatly missed by us all.

♥ We also heard from Bob Carroll that his wife and

Guild member Wanda Carroll from Valley Center, CA recently passed away. Our prayers are with Bob and his family.

✦ NCKG IN PRINT

Many of you design. Let the Newsletter Editors know where your latest masterpiece is published so we can share it with members!

✦ SAN DIEGO NORTH COAST KNITTERS GUILD

Our President is Barbara Levin. Her NEW email address is: Barbara.Levin@me.com. For a list of Board Members please refer to the Directory. The Web Site address is: www.ncknit.com. Open to all knitters, regardless of skill level. Dues are \$20 annually and expire for all members on January 31. In January we will issue a new form for everyone to fill out for the Annual Membership. Those forms and checks will then go to: Jean Moore, Treasurer NCKG, 4050-50 Porte La Paz, San Diego, CA 92122. You will be asked on the form to include your name, mailing address, telephone, and email and tell us if you want to receive your newsletter via regular mail or email. We prefer email. The minutes of Board meetings and the monthly Treasurer's report are available upon request.

✦ CONTACT INFORMATION

Newsletter Editors "The Sisters": Siobhan Rosenberg e-mail hockeymom@cox.net; and Deirdre Michalski e-mail dsmichalski@cox.net. (Please email both of us on all communications. Thank you.)

Web Master For Our Web Site:

Heather Broadhurst is the website person and her email is hjnb@boddame.net. Yarn shops are encouraged to check their listings and provide updates to our Web Master. We'd also like to hear about trunk shows and special guest teachers at your shops – we'll put them on the website and in the newsletter.

Member Rosters:

For changes please forward them to: Sheri Fisher at SheriRob1@aol.com. We will be printing the new 2010 Member Roster in March of 2010. Please get your Membership Forms and Checks in now so we can make all the edits, updates and print the Directory.

Past Issues of Newsletter:

If you want to refer back to previous issues, please start right now in 2010, and create a folder and save them there on your computer each month. It is not easy for us to archive, the way our system is set up. Sorry.

✦ VIA PHONE, EMAIL, MAIL AND FRIENDS

Ellen Hesterman, as secretary of the Guild, mails get well/condolence cards to members. Please let her know, via e-mail, of anyone in need of this special service Contact Ellen at ewhest@att.net.

✦ **SUB-GROUP MEETING SCHEDULE:**

If you'd like to attend a sub group meeting, call the contact listed below first –as sometimes there is a change to the meeting schedule.

- **AKG Group**, 9am every Fri, Old California Coffee Shop, Restaurant Row, San Marcos, Maggie Dederich, 760-942-4159.
- **Knit@Nite Group**, 6pm, 1st Wed Jewish Community Center. Linda Erlich, 858-759-9509 but check the schedule on the website to confirm dates.

- **I-15 Group**, 9am to 11am, 2nd and 4th Wed, Panera in Carmel Mountain Ranch, Mimi Sevimli @ 858-722-8128.
- **PA Group**, 1:00pm to 3:00pm- every Monday and Thursday at the Needlecraft Cottage, Call Jean Moore, 858-587-9054, for more information. It's called the PA group, which means we knit practically anything and is open to practically anybody.
- **RN Group, which stands for "Rather Normal"** meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month from 10:00am to noon, at the Encinitas Senior Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive- cross street is Balour). Contact is: Gwen Nelson, 760-720-5420.



North Coast Knitters Guild Annual Membership Form For 2010

Note: We will continue to print Newsletters, but prefer sending them via email. Also if you do receive by email, you can see it in color and click on the links to easily get to web sites we reference. So please consider email if you do not currently receive it in the electronic form. In addition, it is less expensive & easier for us to distribute. Thank you!!

I am a: A new member A renewing member

Renewing members fill in your name only and note any updates or changes. Please print clearly!

Name as you want it to appear in the directory and on your name tag:

Street Address:

City and State: Zip Code:

Telephone:

E-Mail (please print very clearly)

Ravelry ID: (If you have one)

Mail this completed Form above and a Check for \$20 to:
North Coast Knitters Guild
4050-50 Porte La Paz
San Diego, CA 92122

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**Please Completed Membership Form & Check and Mail It In.
Must Be Received by March 3rd, 2010
for Guild Members to be included in the new 2010 Directory.**

Return Address:

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