



# San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild

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## January Meeting

Tuesday, January 4, 2011

San Dieguito United Methodist Church  
170 Calle Magdalena • Encinitas, CA 92024  
12:30 pm

Speaker- [GORDANA GEHLHAUSEN](#) of  
Project Runway fame!!!



## President's Message

As the year and my term as President both draw to a close, I have been looking back and looking forward. Looking back generates thanks. Looking forward, amazement.

Thanks to all the officers and other volunteers who make this guild run. Special thanks to the past and current program chairs (Colleen Davis, Carolyn Balkwell and Annette Friedlein) who continue to come up with stimulating programs that are the heart of this guild. Thanks to “the sisters,” Deirdre Michalski and Siobhan Rosenberg, for making the newsletter so informative and such a joy to read.. Thanks to Ellen Hesterman, retiring as secretary, and Jean Moore, retiring as treasurer, for more than a decade of combined service in jobs that go too often thankless; to Liz Knapp, who is using a move to Italy as her excuse to resign as philanthropy chair, and to all the other officers and committee chairs who stepped up and did such stellar jobs.

Special thanks to Linda “Pancho” Erlich for serving as my vice-president, or as she likes

to refer to it, doing everything I don't want to do. Linda tackled a lot of unseen and time-consuming jobs, not the least of which was allowing me to vent.

Thanks to Mar Gee Farr and her holiday luncheon committee for holding up under a deluge of reservations and last-minute snafus to take the luncheon to the next level.

I am amazed at Mar Gee's organizational skills and attention to detail. (Not only did she create 18 unique centerpieces, she remembered to stash a shopping bag under each table for the winners to cart the Christmas trees home. Would you have thought of that?) Under her direction, the guild cannot help but to thrive and grow.

I am also amazed at the agenda planned for next year and at the caliber of the volunteers who have come forth to help Mar Gee run this organization. I wish you all well and can't wait to sit in the audience and watch.

Will somebody save me a seat at the next meeting?

Barbara Levin

P.S. After the Nov. 2 meeting of the Guild, someone pulling out of the parking space next to Rev. Martha Wingfield's car scraped it along her driver's side. When she went to get an estimate to have it fixed, the repairman said it had been a white car that scraped hers.

If you have a white car and a mysterious scrape or dent on your passenger's side bumper, you may have inadvertently sideswiped Rev. Wingfield's car. If so, please contact Joyce at the church's office at 760-753-6582.

## Fashion Show Report

We had a fabulous turn out for our Annual Luncheon & Fashion Show on December 6<sup>th</sup> at Morgan Run in Rancho Santa Fe.

We would like to thank Betty Gregory, Eileen Adler, Colleen Davis, Liz Knapp, Hanna Sudik, Linda Erlich, Sara Stolz, Nancy Muschek, Phyllis Bates, the AKG group, Sandy Smith, Common Threads, Karen Pearson, Evelyn Bareno, Barbara Funkenstein, Debra Hill, Yarning for You, Susan Ludwig, Masumi Aycock, the Black Sheep, Sandy Smith, Cia Bullemer (for Hiya Hiya), Needlecraft Cottage, Tootsie P, Laura Brubaker, Mar Gee Farr, Maria Hoham, Penny Master from La Difference, Marie Studer, Thea & Alex Lazarevic, Hot Doggity Do's, Virginia from Tootsie P, and the Spa at Morgan Run as well as our anonymous members who all so graciously donated items for our raffle.

Thank you to our Vendors... Clever Knits, Knitting in LaJolla, Marie Studer Designs – Carlsbad, Needlecraft Cottage, Rachael Levine Jewelry, The Button Lady, The Grove and Tootsie P.

Many Many thanks to Nancy Muschek for taking and coordinating the reservations & check-in with Sandy Frunzi & A.J. Jachym, her helpers, Barbara Funkenstein for booking Vendors & finding raffle items, Betty Gregory for raffle items (and stuffing Sandy's Sock Monkey), Myra Lehmann for finding our pig pattern & being the liaison with the Polinsky Center and especially being the best photographer we could wish for, Diana Rathbun, Maribeth Hull & Sara Stolz for coordinating the fashion show, Linda Erlich for narrating the fashion show and pulling the "lucky" numbers, Gwen Nelson, Janet White, Joyce Raymer, Kathy Christensen for selling raffle tickets, Marilyn Anderson, Stephanie Moseley & Barbara Levin for their help at Morgan Run.

We also want to thank our members who submitted garments to the fashion show, Sara Stolz, Anna Walden, Toni Wong, Eileen Adler, Laura Brubaker, Rosie Berkowitz,

Cia Bullemer, Betty Gregory, Sandy Yayanos, Phyllis Bates, Maria Hoham, Stacey East, Ellen Hesterman, Colleen Davis, Annette Freidlein, Virginia Gibbs, Helene Lidge, Willa Cather, Susan Ludwig, Mimi Sevin, Sandy Smith, Liz Knapp, Ellen Magee, Lois Watson, Linda Erlich, Lisa Limber, Mary Brown, Lupe Smith, Barbara Levin, Amy Nichols, Paulette Sexton and our fill-in models... Carolyn Simpson, Rachael Levine, Mary Beth Hull and Keith! The garments this year were outstanding!

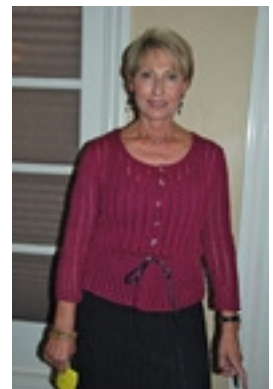
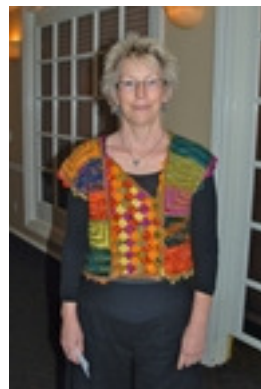
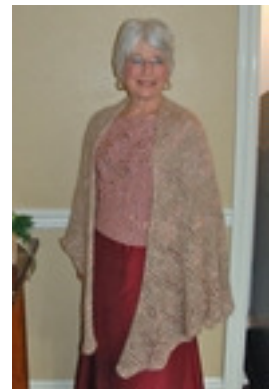
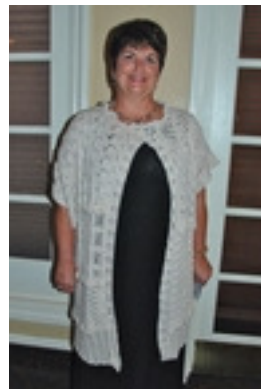
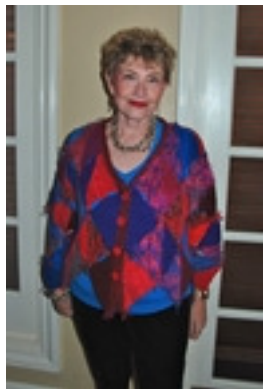
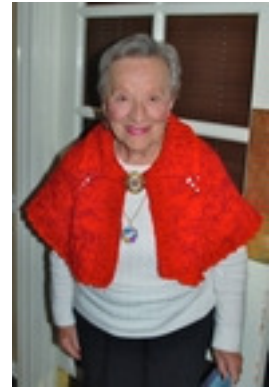
A Special Thank You to everyone who has donated their ideas, time and creative talents to make the luncheon a wonderful afternoon and especially those members who have knitted and donated animals for the children at the Polinsky Center. Our "Barn Yard" (made by Jim Farr) has been emptied and all of the animals have been delivered to the children. I hope I haven't forgotten anyone; we all can hardly wait to do it again next year.

Respectfully submitted, Mar Gee Farr and committee.

## Models in the Fashion Show:

EileenAdler	Rachel Levine
PhyllisBates	Helene Lidge
Rosie Berkowitz	Lisa Limber
Mary Brown	Susan Ludwig
Laura Brubaker	Ellen Magee
Cia Bullemer	Mary Nichols
Willa Cather	Mimi Sevimli
Colleen Davis	Paulette Sexton
Stacey East	Amy Sheridan
Linda Erlich	Carolyn Simpson
Annette Friedlein	Lupe Smith
Virginia Gibbs	Sara Stolz
Betty Gregory	Anna Walden
Ellen Hesterman	Lois Watson
Maria Hoham	Jan White
Mary Beth Hull	Toni Wong
Keith (waiter)	Sandy Yayanos
Liz Knapp	
Barbara Levin	

Here are a few of the fashions from the 2010 Holiday Luncheon. For more examples, see our website:  
[www.ncknit.com/gallery.html](http://www.ncknit.com/gallery.html)



## 2011 Program Agenda

**January 4th** - Gordana Gehlhausen -- Knitwear designer and Project Runway contestant - **Gordana Gehlhausen**, our first program speaker for 2011 is originally from former Yugoslavia, and grew up in a small Serbian Village in Bosnia. She has always been very creative and had a unique style of dress, crocheting her first sweater when she was only seven years old. Gordana attended college in Germany, earning a Linguistics degree before she moved to Atlanta, GA. There, she fine-tuned her design skills by creating a children's line and later moved to Charleston, SC, where she opened her first women's boutique, GOGA. While still maintaining her store in South Carolina, Gordana recently relocated to San Diego and opened her second women's wear boutique, GOGA by Gordana, featuring her own designs.

**February 1st** - Arline Fisch –Knitted wire jewelry designer.

**March 1st** – Maureen Mason-Jamieson – Trunk Show and Workshops. Workshops (March 2 and 3) will include: Collar Obedience Training; 3 hours of Japanese Knitting techniques; Top Ten Knit Tips; and Picture Perfect Intarsia

**April 5th** – Hat Fashion Show- Our own Sara Stolz will coordinate.

**May 3rd** – Cia Bullemer - interviewed by Sandy Smith about becoming a designer.

**June 7th** – Exchange program with the Riverside Guild- Their 2-ball Challenge and results.

**July 5th** – Potluck

**August 2nd** – Susan Lazear –Fashion Update from Pitti Filati in Florence Italy

**September 6th**- In-House program by AKG group (our Friday AM San Marcos Group). topic TBD.

**October 4th** – In-house program—Colleen Davis -- Color Gradation, Color Mistakes and Color Magic.

**November 1st** –Barry Klein- Designer and owner of Trendsetter yarns

**December 5th** – Holiday Luncheon & Fashion Show

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## Retreats

**January 17-20, 2011**- Retreat Reminder

There is still time to make a reservation for the January Temecula Vina de Lestonnac retreat. It will be held from Monday, January 17, 2011 through Thursday, January 20, 2011 . The total cost, including eight meals, will be \$375.00 for single occupancy and \$285.00 each for double occupancy. To secure a spot please send your nonrefundable deposit of \$75.00 for a single and \$57.00 each for a double to:

Jean Moore  
4050-50 Porte La Paz  
San Diego, CA 92122

The final payment of \$300.00 for a single or \$228.00 each for a double is due on or before our January 4<sup>th</sup> guild meeting. Please make your checks out to SDNCKG. The Vina de Lestonnac web site is [www.vinalestonnac.com](http://www.vinalestonnac.com)

**Save the Date:** Mark your calendar for our La Casa de Maria spring retreat: The dates are May 23-May 26, 2011. Details to follow in the next newsletter.

Jo-Ellen Gould, Retreat Coordinator

## Highlights of November Meeting

San Diego North Coast Knitters  
General Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, November 2, 2010 - 12:30 p.m.  
143 members and guests present

Barbara Levin opened the meeting by greeting guests and members and announced that new members joining the last three months of the year will not be charged a fee for 2010. The library will be closed for inventory and will re-open at the January meeting. The new Guild officers are MarGee Farr, President; Willa Cather, Vice-President; Maureen Rukstalis, Secretary; and Kathy Christenson, Treasurer. Nancy Muschek reminded members that November 26 was the deadline for making reservations for the holiday luncheon. Liz Knapp collected the stuffed "piggies" that will be used as centerpieces at the luncheon and modeled examples of scarves and hats that will be kitted for next year's charity projects. Willa Cather talked about her beaded pouch MTM class and Liz Knapp encouraged members to sign up for her MTM class on Ravelry. There will be no newsletter in December.

The program was conducted by our own Lisa Limber who gave an informative presentation on "Designing for Your own Style". Lisa has been a dedicated knitter for 36 years and is a yarn representative, designer and instructor. She was assisted by a panel of Guild members composed of Nancy Muschek, Stacy Smith, Donna Royal and Sandy Yayanos. We were urged to wear clothing that suits our own personal style and not to be influenced by current fads. Emphasis was placed on the need to choose colors that work for us and not those used in yarn store samples or magazines. We were also reminded that since we live in southern California, bulky yarns and cold weather styles are not appropriate. Proper

gauge is very important; and working a pre-garment swatch, a necessity. Among the tips offered by the panel was the option of vertical knitting. This sideways technique allows for adjustments to be made during the knitting process that results in a custom fitted garment. To conclude her presentation, Lisa urged members to patronize local yarn shops as so many of them are losing out to the internet. Linda Erlich conducted the show and share.

Ellen Hesterman, Secretary



## Proposed Board for 2011

President- Mar Gee Farr  
Vice President- Willa Cather  
Treasurer- Kathy Christensen  
Secretary- Maureen Ruckstalis  
Programs- Carolyn Balkwell &  
Annette Friedlein  
Membership- Stacy Smith  
Retreat Co-Ord.- Jo Ellen Gould  
Holiday Chair- Margee Farr  
Historian- Ellen Magee  
Librarian- Nancy Muschek  
Membership Directory- Sheri Fisher  
Photographer- Barbara Levin &  
Myra Lehman  
Del Mar Fair- Kathy Christensen  
MTM- Eileen Adler & Susan Ludwig  
Webmistress- Heather Broadhurst  
Philanthropy- Linda Erlich  
Newsletter- Barbara McCroskey

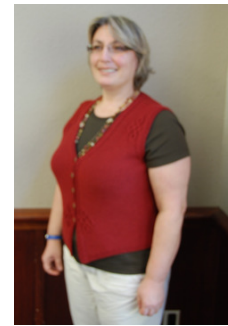
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## Sharing from November's meeting

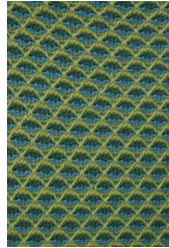


Cia Bullemer- Tunic- Cocoknits pattern, "Leisl", designed by Julie Weisenberger; knit in Louet Euroflax, cranberry colorway; this garment was made without the pockets.

Mimi Sevimli- Vest- "Cul de Sac" pattern; knit in Eucool, designer's choice by Elsebeth Lavold; 75% wool and 25% eucalyptus fiber, in burgundy colorway on #4 needles.



Baby Crib Blanket- Cia's own pattern; knit Louet Gems Chunky yarn.



Sandy Yayanos- Knitted toys- Creative Knitting and Lion Brand patterns, made from stash yarns for donations.

Shiela Kirschenbaum- Jacket- Lisa Limber's pattern, "Santorini" from her book, Knitting in the Sun; knit with Louet Euroflax in Neptune colorway.



Virginia Dewey- Tee- short-sleeved, knit with sock yarn in blues and greens. Patterns and needle sizes changed often throughout.



Elizabeth Primrose-Smith

Wrist warmers, "Sand and Sky" Creations pattern, knit in Chanteleine superwash wool, green colorway.

Child's cardigan hoodie- Pattern from Creative Knitting Sept. 2010, knit in Berroco Comfort, nylon/acrylic yarn, in green and gray colorways.

## November Sharing, Continued

Rosie Halvorson- Thrummed Bed Socks- Sirdar pattern in Debbie Bliss Cashmerino, with alpaca/merino thrums.

Mary Brown- Huicholes wool yarn painting, with the multicolored yarn embedded in beeswax; created by the Huichol Indians in the Nayarit state of Mexico, the paintings contain symbols meaningful to the people about their religion and culture.

## Library News

The library inventory is complete; we have 168 books and 14 videos. I have categorized the books as follows:

Adult Garments  
Baby and Children books  
Caps, Socks, Ponchos and misc.  
Pets and Toys  
Needlecrafts  
Educational  
Crochet and Videos

If you take a book to look at during the meeting, it would be really helpful if you tried to return it to the correct section.

We are still missing a few things from the last inventory, so if you discover you have two Kaffe Fassett books, Meg Swansen's "A Gathering of Lace" and the third video in the series by Elizabeth Zimmerman, we would love to have them returned.

There are 13 new arrivals, so be sure to take a look in January.. Happy New Year!  
Nancy Muschek- Librarian

## Get Well note

The day before the Fashion Show, Ellen Magee fell while walking her dog, and broke her wrist.

## Miscellaneous notes

Janet White is looking for a "Golden Girls" living situation with a like-minded person (or persons).

She is hoping to find either an established home or women interested in looking for a large house to rent with a goal of reducing expenses and increasing fun! Please email her at [janetbwhite@hotmail.com](mailto:janetbwhite@hotmail.com) or call her at 619-929-2548 to talk about the possibilities.

**Membership Directories will be printed in March and distributed at the April meeting, so please get your dues and form in ASAP.**



## Ridesharing

If anyone in the Hillcrest area could offer a ride to a member there, please contact Eileen Adler, 858-731-1921.



## 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  
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 it 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.

### **New Members**

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## **SAN DIEGO NORTH COAST KNITTERS GUILD**

### **General Information:**

Our President is Mar Gee Farr; her email is [margee15@cox.net](mailto:margee15@cox.net) .

For a list of Board Members please refer to the Directory. The Web Site address is: [www.ncknit.com](http://www.ncknit.com) .

The group is open to all knitters, regardless of skill level.

Dues are \$20 annually and expire for all members on January 31. Those forms and checks will then go to: Kathy Christensen, Treasurer SD-NCKG, 4625 Los Alamos Way #D, Oceanside, CA 92057.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

#### **Newsletter Editor**

Barbara McCroskey  
Email: [bmccroskey@prodigy.net](mailto:bmccroskey@prodigy.net)  
Please send info. to me by the 15<sup>th</sup>!

#### **Web Master For Our Web Site**

Heather Broadhurst is the website person, and her email is [hjnb@boddame.net](mailto: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.



For changes, please forward them to: Sheri Fisher at [SheriRob1@aol.com](mailto:SheriRob1@aol.com). Copies of the 2010 Directory for all Current Members are available at the Guild meeting until they run out.

### **Past Issues of Newsletter**

It is not possible for the editorial staff to provide past issues of the Newsletter. If you want to be able to refer to previous issues, please create a folder and save them on your computer each month.

### **Via Phone, Email, Mail and Friends**

As secretary of the Guild, Maureen Rukstalis mails get-well / condolence cards to members. Please let her know, via e-mail, of anyone in need of this special service. Contact Maureen at [maudan716@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maudan716@sbcglobal.net)



### **Knitting on the Net**

Click on the link and learn something new!

Nancy Bush demo of Estonian lace:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DRGVsd3Hy4M>

Mitred square knitting:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=orSzHcTWT3E&feature=related>

Adding color to knitting:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kscakqPUpvc&feature=related>

Shell lace shawl pattern:

<http://www.knittingonthenet.com/patterns/shawlshelllace.htm>

Doggie polo sweater-shirt:

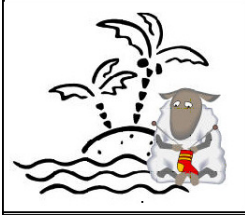
<http://berroco.com/exclusives/buster/buster.html>

Vest with cables and lace:

<http://www.berroco.com/exclusives/iris/iris.html>

Long vest, nubby yarn:

<http://www.berroco.com/exclusives/really/really.html>



## San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild Annual Membership Form For 2011/2012

I am a:                     New Member                     Renewing Member

**Renewing Members: Please fill in your name, and then note only 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:

Ravelry ID: (If you have one)

Mail completed form & check payable to SDNCKG for \$20 to:  
SD North Coast Knitters Guild c/o K Christensen-  
4625 Los Alamos Way #D,  
Oceanside, CA 92057

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No e-mails will be sold or re-used for any other purpose than this Guild.

Our Membership year runs from February 1, 2011 to January 31, 2012.