



San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild

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Number 171 – September 2011

Next Meeting:

September 6, 2011, 12:30 pm.
San Dieguito United Methodist Church
170 Calle Magdalena
Encinitas, CA 92024

**Program- In-House Program by AKG
Subgroup**



President's Letter

We had an exciting meeting last month; Susan Lazear's slide show of the Pitti Filati fashions was awesome and inspiring... which has helped us come up with a "challenge" for one of our 2012 programs!

This month is our annual "Stash Sale", an event that many wait all year for! Cash and checks will be accepted as payment (no charge cards). You may wish to write your check out in advance to SDNCKG, which will help to speed everyone through the cashier lines. Laura Brubaker and her crew have been sorting and pricing the donated stash in preparation for the sale. There will be NO preview when the meeting doors are opened, the sale will start promptly at 1:00 P.M.

We will have a short meeting and our "AKG" Sub-Group will be giving a program as well!

I hope we have a great turn out and sell lots of "stash". The proceeds are used for expenses incurred by our yearly programs.

See you on the 6th!

Mar Gee Farr
President

Programs remaining in 2011

September 6: In-House program by our AKG sub-group and Annual Stash Sale

October 4: Barry Klein, designer and owner of Trendsetter Yarns, followed by an Oct. 5th workshop

November 1: In-House program by Colleen Davis on Color Gradation, color mistakes and color magic

December 5: Annual Holiday Luncheon and Fashion Show at Morgan Run Resort, Rancho Santa Fe

September Program

ANNUAL STASH SALE!

Also, the members of the Friday morning AKG subgroup will show some recent projects and share their thoughts about knitting together. What does the Advanced Knitting Group do? **WE RIP!** Also, we knit, we invent, we critique, we find errors in patterns, we write, we work together, we share, and we are involved.

October Program

At the October 4th meeting, Barry Klein of Trendsetter Yarns will present a program titled: Yarns, Yarns, and More Yarns. He will explain what goes into selecting a yarn, how yarns are designed, colored, and made part of the Trendsetter line. Barry will describe the current Trendsetter collection and provide forecasts for the future of knitting. **We will be meeting in the church sanctuary for this event.**

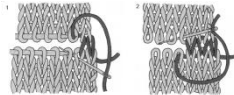
On Wednesday, October 5, from 9 a.m. until noon in one of the church classrooms, Barry will present a workshop titled: The Knitting Movement. Students will do extensive swatching to determine how selecting certain patterns for specific yarns makes the most of your knitting efforts.

The cost of the workshop is \$25. Registration and checks will be accepted at the September guild meeting. Checks may also be mailed to our Treasurer, Kathy Christensen, at 4625 Los Alamos Way #D, Oceanside, CA 92057.

Questions about the workshop may also be addressed to Kathy at: kathy46@rocketmail.com or 760-805-4805

REMINDER: September 13th!

Free Finishing Get-Togethers for Our Members



Bring your almost-finished items and/or any project giving you trouble. The Guild provides the room, tables and chairs, and resource knitters to answer your questions. We meet at the San Dieguito Methodist Church in one of the classrooms (ask in the office), on the second Tuesday of designated months from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. The dates remaining are [September 13th](#) and [November 8th](#).



Retreat Update

We have reservations at the Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center in Temecula from

Monday, January 16, 2012 through Thursday, January 19, 2012. The total cost, including eight meals, will be \$380.00 for single occupancy and \$290.00 each for double occupancy. To secure a spot please send your nonrefundable deposit of \$76.00 for a single, or \$58.00 each, for a double, to me:

Jo-Ellen Gould
2258 Del Mar Scenic Parkway
Del Mar, CA 92014

Please make your check payable to SDNCKG

The Vina de Lestonnac web site is www.vinalestonnac.com

If you are interested in sharing a room and are looking for a roommate please let me know.

Jo-Ellen Gould
Retreat Chair
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Member News and Notes

Colleen Davis will be doing a seminar at the Machine Knitters Guild of San Diego on October 8th and 9th.

Colleen will talk about knitting garments in various directions and designing with color, applicable to both hand and machine knitting. The seminars will be at the Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Ave, San Diego 92103; Sat., Oct 8, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sun., Oct 9, from 10 a.m. to 4p.m.

The fee is \$50 for non-members and \$40 for members of the Machine Knitters' Guild. Checks can be made out to MKGSD and sent to the Seminar Chairman, 1155 Merritt Drive, El Cajon, Ca 92020.



Eileen Adler has a published pattern in Creative Knitting Magazine, Fall 2011: Techniques Tips & Tricks: page 19: "Three Squares and Two Sleeves."



Eileen also hosted two Knit-for-the-Cure knit-togethers to make items for philanthropic fundraising for the Susan G. Komen breast cancer foundation. Finished items may be turned in by October 25th, 2011, to the following:

Needlecraft Cottage on Grand Avenue in Pacific Beach (closed Wednesdays)
Common Threads on the Coast Highway in Encinitas (closed Mondays)
San Diego Affiliate's offices at 4699 Murphy Canyon Road, Suite 102B, San Diego

VISTA FIBER ARTS FIESTA

The Museum Weavers of the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum (AGSEM) will host their first Vista Fiber Arts Fiesta on October 8-9, 2011. Local guilds and other vendors will sell raw wool, handspun and hand-dyed yarns, hand-woven articles, ethnic textiles, and tools for knitting, spinning and weaving.

Vendors include weavers, gourd artists, spinners and yarn merchants. There will be demonstrations of fiber arts, easy fiber projects for visitors to enjoy, and live music. Food can be purchased on site. If you would like to come and demonstrate your fiber arts skills, such as spinning or weaving, you are welcome to do so. However, no selling without having a booth and a sales permit. The Museum is located at 2040 North Santa Fe, Vista CA 92083. The festival will be open from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Admission and parking are free.

Contacts: Judy Maddox (760) 598-7240,
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www.VistaFiberArtsFiesta.com

Minutes from August Meeting

Mar Gee Farr, President opened the meeting welcoming guests and introducing new members. Our Liz is presently living in Italy and surprised that there are few yarn shops. She misses us all and for Liz's e-mail address contact Mar Gee. Mar Gee announced that the "Advanced Knitting Group", known as AKG will be our In-House program for September, sharing their talents with us.



Anna Walden reminded members of the August 13 and 14th Machine Knitters Guild Seminar. The seminar will focus on developing the necessary observation skills from ready to wear sewing patterns and designer knitwear.

Kaffe Fassett, the internationally known artist, author, fabric and quilt designer will be in Los Angeles, on Sept. 26 and he will be appearing in Fallbrook, Nov. 4th and 5th.

Eileen Adler is hosting two knit-ins for "Knit for the Cure" on August 24th 12:30 to 3:00 in the courtyard north of St. Tropez Bakery & Bistro at the

Lumberyard and Thursday, August 25th from 12:30 to 3:00 at Panera Bread Restaurant in Liberty Station.

Susan Ludwig is hosting a Sew Boat Retreat, September 15th to September 18th at the Loews Coronado Hotel & Marina. Cost: for three and a half days of instruction \$495. Register at www.judystinton.com.

Myra Lehman shared her "Here Comes Flopsy" project- knitted animals donated to the Polinsky Center for Children and displayed at the Holiday Fashion Show and Luncheon in December. The pattern by Michele Wilcox is on Ravelry.

Linda Erlich, Philanthropy Chairperson requested that hats and scarves for "Operation Gratitude" be turned in at the September meeting. Linda informed the Guild that Taylor, founder of Tete a Tete Hats, has distributed all the hats to Rady Children's Hospital.

Carolyn Balkwell introduced our speaker, Susan Lazear. Susan gave us a power point presentation from her exciting three day trip to Pitti Filati in Florence. The garments are representative of those coming in 2012. Gray is the "new black", and sweaters were featured that used combinations of different yarn weights and stitch patterns. Novelty yarns and 1960's styles with fringe and ruffles will be seen anew next year.

Linda Erlich conducted our "Wear and Share" program.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Rukstalis, Secretary

Holiday luncheon and Fashion Show

It's not too soon to be thinking about the Holiday Luncheon & Fashion Show on December 5th. Diana Rathbun will have a Fashion Show sign-up sheet at our September meeting. Remember, items modeled at the Luncheon should not have been shown at a prior meeting.

Sharing from August Meeting

Stacy Smith knitted a skirt, "Tink's Twirly Skirt", of silver-gray Valley yarn, a 3/2 cotton. There is crocheted detail on the hem.



Mary Brown's original kimono includes several stitch patterns: entrelac, feather and fan, and mosaic.

She used a multicolor Kureyon and two solid sock yarns. The sweater received the NCKG award for Best Original Design, 2011.



Stacy also made this abstract work of knitted fine art. The piece is made primarily from hand spun yarns. Some of the yarn was also hand dyed. The piece is a combination of knitting, crochet and embroidery, and is

mounted on a canvas box frame. Stacy will be teaching a "members teaching members" class in making this kind of knitted "painting".



Mary also made the two knitted necklaces of silver and copper, wire and glass.

Amy Sheridan knitted an Aran cardigan from Men in Knits, using Cascade 220 in a rust colorway. This sweater won a third place at the Del Mar Fair for Amy.



Zita Gardner knitted and felted a hobby horse from a pattern in Knitted Gifts. The item received a First Place in the felting category at the San Diego Fair. She used stash yarns in browns with buttons, metal rings and a stick inside a swimmers' "noodle".



Sandy Yayanos knitted the "Swallowtail Shawl" designed by Chris Rinder and Lauren Scarpo, featured in Knit 'n Style, June 2011. The yarn is a combination of mohair and novelty types in green and cream colors.



Lenora Stewart's "Swirl Skirt" is from Interweave Knits, Summer 2011. The yarns are Twisted Sisters "Oasis" and Plymouth "Vita". The skirt begins with a provisional cast-on, so there are over 150 stitches to graft at the end!



Mimi Sevimli made the “Elix” shawl by Kitman Figueroa. The pattern is available on Ravelry. Mimi used Louet Gems fingering yarn, 350 yds. gray and 150 yds. brown. The cast-on is with size #6 needles, later changing to #5.



Diana Rathbun knitted a baby blanket in Classic Elite Liberty wool.

Mimi made another test knit shawl for Kitman Figueroa, the “Melosa” in Knit Picks Palette yarn, “Lipstick” red, on size 6 needles.



Pat Vigen’s toy tiger in acrylic is for her grandson’s room, which has a jungle theme.



Mimi knitted another shawl, “Sugared Violets”, by Rose Beck, using Knit Picks Essential yarn, about 500 yds. on size #7 needles.



Eileen Adler’s original design is a scarf of Mochi Plus, 2 skeins, on size US 8 needles. Her fingerless gloves are knitted with one skein of Saulsalito sock yarn held double on size US 5 needles.

Agnes Gale knitted this baby raglan cardigan and romper by Dalegarn, using Ritz yarn, 50% wool, 50% acrylic.



Sara Stolz fashioned this scarf, “Kusha Kusha”, from black and taupe stainless steel and merino wool, felted.



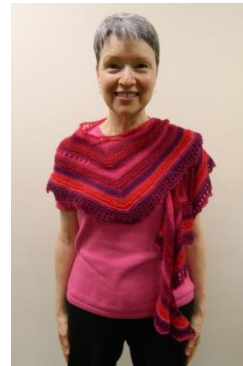


Ruby Townsend knitted this stole in a purple and variegated Trendsetter yarns, Zoe and Flamingo.

Lynne Davidson crocheted the Flower Motif Shawl by Mayuko Hashimoto with 2 skeins of Noro sock yarn. Her tea cozy is an original design made up in Knit Picks (discontinued) Telemark yarn.



Betsy Frank made two "Sweetie Striped Newborn" sweaters using Red Heart yarn. The pattern is one of Debbie Ware's.



Evelyn Bareno knitted a "Spring Shawl" using Crazy Zauberball, a merino sock weight yarn, on size 6 needles.

Linda Erlich knitted the "Mara" shawl by Madelinetosh, in Noro yarn.



Lupe Smith knitted a pattern called "Tea Leaves Cardigan", by Melissa LaBarre. She used Madelinetosh worsted weight yarn in "Forest" colorway.



Suzanne Pineau knitted a shawl pattern called "CopyKat Shawls", available on Ravelry. The pattern "copies" the shawl worn by Princess Katherine. Suzanne used DK weight Madelinetosh "Pashmina", which is a blend of wool, cashmere, and silk. The title of the pattern is plural because the designer offers a choice of

three pattern stitches for the main triangle.



Rachel LeVine crocheted the "Where You Lead" pattern from the Tahki Yarn book, Tapestry Collection. She used the colorway "Taos".

Sheila Kirschenbaum's pillow is her own design based on a mosaic pattern called "Maze", in Barbara Walker's [A Second Treasury of Knitting Patterns](#).



The yarn is five colorways of Louet Riverstone, a light worsted weight wool. The fabric created by mosaic patterns is dense; there are many slipped stitches in every row, making it ideal for pillow covers.

Apologies to the knitters for whom there are no pictures of their work. We experienced some technical difficulties that we hope have been resolved.

Knitting Sub-Groups Meeting Schedule:



If you would like to attend a sub- group meeting, call the contact listed below first, as sometimes there is a change to the meeting schedule or place.

- **AKG Group**, It's called the AKG Group, Advanced Knitters Group, 9am every Fri, Old California Coffee Shop, Restaurant Row, San Marcos. Contact: Phyllis Bates 760-828-8286.

- **Knit@Nite Group**, 6pm, 1st Wed Jewish Community Center. Contact: 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 Bread in Carmel Mountain Ranch. Contact: Mimi Sevimli 858-722-8128.

- **PA Group**, 1:00pm to 3:00pm- every Monday at Panera in Liberty Station. Contact: Jean Moore 858-587-9054. 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: Gwen Nelson 760-720-5420.

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SAN DIEGO NORTH COAST KNITTING GUILD

General Information:

Our President is Mar Gee Farr; her e-mail is margee15@cox.net. For a list of Board Members please refer to the Directory. The Web Site address is: 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. The printable forms are on the website, and are to be mailed with the check to: Kathy Christensen, Treasurer SD-NCKG, 4625 Los Alamos Way, #D, Oceanside, CA 92057.

Contact Information:

Newsletter Contact

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Items should be of a non-profit nature and ideally be sponsored by a southern California fiber or knitting guild. Please send information to me by the 15th.

Website Contacts

Linda Erlich – lerlich555@aol.com
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Local yarn shops are encouraged to check their listings and provide updates to our Web Masters. We would 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.

Knitting on the Net

● Ruby Slippers

Ah, baby slippers! Knit with sport weight yarn in a Lion Brand pattern. Check out the Ravelry link:

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/ruby-slippers-6>



● Whit's Knits: Little Baby Sweater

A baby/toddler sweater inspired by Elizabeth Zimmerman's Tomten Jacket from the folks at Purl Soho.

<http://www.purlbee.com/the-purl-bee/2011/8/7/whits-knits-little-baby-sweater.html>



● Knitting Flash Mob:

Watch 600 or so Sock Summit attendees dancing in front of the Portland Convention Center. What they lack in dancing skills, they make up for with enthusiasm.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOUL_S6tVr8

● Julia Roberts Knitting Prank

Yes, she's a knitter and her coworkers exploited that for a well-planned prank.. This video speaks for itself.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QU2juUJfwp4>