



San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild

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Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 7, 2013; 12:30- 3:00 pm
San Dieguito United Methodist Church
170 Calle Magdalena
Encinitas, CA 92024

**Program- Ginger Lutters – An Overview of
Modular Knitting**



Presidents' Letter

Another month is behind and ahead of us. Spring is here, and I am doing some knitting in anticipation of warmer weather. Linen, cotton and light-weight fiber blends in colors as bright as the flowers of spring are really attracting me. Skirts and sleeveless shells, summer shawls and cotton sweaters, and tee shirts are projects I contemplate for this time of the year. What's on your needles?

We are looking forward to Ginger Lutters' coming to our Guild as guest speaker at our next meeting. She will teach us about her skills of modular knitting. I was thinking about the concept of modular knitting and how individual pieces together make a whole unique garment. However, if you think of our Guild as a whole garment, you can see that each of us is a small modular piece of the "whole." Each of us is important and can play a role in continuing to make our Guild an amazing organization.

Imagine a creative garment that is made up of almost 300 modular pieces. By the time the knitter has made all 300 pieces needed for the garment, each one will have a place in the whole. Each piece contributes something to the whole. Each of you has a place in YOUR Guild.

Don't be puzzled! There are many ways you can get involved, volunteer or take a class or workshop, submit an article to the newsletter or even jump in and go to a retreat. Read your Guild's newsletter and check the Guild website to get information on activities.

We have so many plans for this year, and we look forward to new ideas, the joy of spending time with our "sisters in stitches" and learning "purls" of wisdom from our guest speakers.

Happy knitting,
Stacy Smith
Sheila Kirschenbaum



Remaining 2013 Meeting Schedule

- May 7** Ginger Luters – An Overview of Modular Knitting.
May 8 and 9 workshops.
- June 4** Sandy Smith – Gadgets, Gizmos, Tips and Tricks.
- July 2** POT LUCK Social and Knit-In;
Guild Members' Bazaar
- *August 13** Marcy Kraft – (Yarn) Bombs Away!
Presentation on Public Art by
Guest Artist Crochet Grenade
- September 3** Annual Stash Sale
Stash Sale Challenge
- *October 8** Julie Weisenberger -Cocoknits
Trunk Show
- November 5** Sally Melville – Why We Do What
We Do.
November 6 and 7 workshops.
- December 2** Holiday Luncheon and Fashion
Show

***August & October meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month due to holiday and rental conflicts. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS ACCORDINGLY.**

May Program and Workshops

Ginger Luters literally wrote the book on Modular Knitting. *Module Magic*, published by XRX, is chock full of ideas about how to knit small areas at a time and end up with a gorgeous garment. Ginger will show us how she shapes and moves color in ways that can only be done by modular knitting. She will be sharing a range of her skills with us at workshops: Log Cabin Squares, Terrific Trims and an Introduction to Tunisian Crochet.



Check the SDNCKG website for workshop homework and supply lists. Please email Anna Walden at awalden@me.com, or call at 619-733-1691, to get on the list for these wonderful classes!



La Casa de Maria Retreat



It's not too late to sign up for this restful retreat!! We are booked for 4 days and 3 nights from May 13 through May 16, 2013. La Casa is located just outside Santa Barbara in Montecito. Besides knitting and visiting with friends, there is plenty of good food and opportunities for hiking, swimming and even a massage. The little town of Montecito is within walking distance, where there are lots of interesting shops. Additionally, all the rooms at La Casa have been updated and redecorated. You may drive or take the Amtrak. The La Casa web site is: www.lacasademaria.org The total cost is \$460.50 for a single room and \$376.50 for a double room. This includes 12 delicious meals served cafeteria style. To hold your spot, you may submit your nonrefundable deposit of \$300.00 for a single room or \$150.00 for a double to the retreat chair, June Bartczak, or to the treasurer, Diana Rathbun. You can send your check to Diana or to June by mail, or give it to them at the May 7 meeting. You'll sleep well, eat well and have good company!!

June Bartczak
157 Via Monte d'Oro
Redondo Beach, CA
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Diana Rathbun
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San Diego, CA
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Minutes from April Meeting

Members, new members, and guests were welcomed to the meeting by Sheila Kirschenbaum, co-President of the Guild. She thanked Kathy Christensen for her service to the Guild in the many positions that she has held, among them Membership Chair and the San Diego County Fair (Del Mar Fair) coordinator. She will be missed when she moves to Colorado.

FAIR ENTRIES

Kathy urged members to enter their projects in the Del Mar Fair by May 8, and encouraged them to volunteer at the SDNCKG demonstration table June 11th – 14th. Those who do will receive a free ticket to the fair. Parking is free at the Horsepark and a bus will take you to the fair grounds. Contact Mary Brown, the new Fair Coordinator, if you wish to volunteer.

MEMBERSHIP

Diana Rathbun is now interim Membership Chair. Please send information, updates and membership dues, including renewals, to her.

SDNCKG MEETING IN MAY

Anna Walden announced that Ginger Luters, author of *Module Magic*, a book of projects using modular knitting, will present an overview of modular knitting at the general meeting. On May 8 and 9 she will teach four workshops. These include Unique Modular Shapes, Log Cabin Quilt Blocks, Introduction to Tunisian Crochet, and Terrific Trims. Class information will be posted on the Guild website and reservations for workshops may be made at the Guild meeting in May or by calling or emailing Anna.

RETREATS (Sheila for June Bartczak)

The Santa Barbara retreat at Casa de Maria will be held May 13 – 16th. The non-refundable deposit is \$300 for a single room and \$150 for a double.

Reservations for this popular event can be made with Diana Rathbun or Jean Moore.

MEMBERS TEACHING MEMBERS (Stacy for Sue Tavaglione)

A workshop, “All About Plaids,” is being planned. Animals will be stuffed and then dressed in plaids. They will be displayed at the Holiday Luncheon. Workshop reservations can be made with Stacy or Sue.

Several members have shown an interest in learning about setting in sleeves and making socks. Members interested in teaching these classes are asked to contact Stacy or Sue.

LIBRARIAN

Connie Horst reported for Gwen Nelson and she asked members to return books after using them for one month. A booklist is on the Guild website.

PHILANTHROPY

Carolyn Balkwell encouraged members to contribute knitted hats and scarves to our charities. This year our focus is on two:

- 1) Tete-a Tete takes hats for those recovering from illness.
- 2) Operation Gratitude needs hats and scarves for military families. Carolyn will provide a free pattern for them with a promise from knitters that they will make one item for the charity. She has yarn available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sheila announced that the second annual Los Angeles yarn crawl, featuring 27 shops and boutiques, will be held on April 11th – 14th.

PROGRAM

Program Chair Anna Walden introduced Diana Rathbun who curated the fashion show and Betty Gregory who presented the knitters and their work. Two pre-school children modeled garments....a highlight of the show!



A delightful time was enjoyed by all as members shared their wonderful creations.

Stacy presented “Show and Share”. She encouraged beginning knitters and members who haven’t shown anything before to do so.

Sheila thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was adjourned at 2:30.

Respectfully submitted by
Barbara Pearson

May Sharing

Tina Rounsavell knitted a “Caissa” cardigan by Anne Hanson. The yarn is Venezia by Cascade.





Dana Lovelace made this sweater with no seams using Patons wool .



Ruby Townsend knitted a pea coat by Shirley Paden. The acrylic yarn is "Love," by Coats and Clark. Cables are worked on every row of the coat.

Patt Miller knitted this sweater from the Queensland Collection, # 1004, using Twisted Sisters yarn "Daktari", 100% cotton. She said the slubby yarn was very forgiving on bumpy bus rides while traveling.



Ruby also knitted this take on a Tibetan wrap.



Laura Small made the "Summer Flies Shawl" by Donna Griffin of Holly and Ella Knits.

Laura also knitted the "Poppy Beanie with Butterflies" by Louisa Harding, using Tut Tut cotton yarn.





Tony Wong made this tote bag, “African Folklore”, by Leora Raikin. The embroidery was inspired by a Guild workshop.

Scarrain Gomes knitted this stole designed by Marie, from Border Leather yarn shop in Chula Vista.



Not pictured:

Masumi Aycock’s original shell and cardigan in blue silk.

Rita Kahn’s Ruffled Wristlets in teal yarn.

Stash Sale Reminder

We will begin accepting donations for the **Annual September Stash Sale** at the June meeting. This means you have two months to tackle the sorting through your stash, as we’ll be ready for you in June!

Yarn donations are being handled a bit differently from past years. The Stash Sale committee (all 5 of us) do not have the at-home storage for all your generous donations. Because of this, the Guild is renting a public storage location for the 3

months prior to the sale. This is the reason we cannot accept donations any earlier. Donations will continue to be accepted through the August meeting, then the job shifts and we’ll start the sorting!

...But if you just *have to* pass your donation off to us earlier, we will still gratefully accept it.

We are also looking for other knitty items for donations, not just yarn. If you have a *project tote bag* or any knitty *tools or gadgets*, we’ll accept them too!

Thank you so much. We look forward to a great sale!

Claudia Carlson
Stash Sale Coordinator

Pot Luck Meeting in July



Save the date! **July 2 is our annual pot luck** lunch meeting; always a hit with delicious food and lots of knitting and chatting time. This year it will be accompanied by a members’ bazaar. Anyone who would like to help with the luncheon set-up, please contact me: joycearaymer@gmail.com or 760-533-3047. More in the next newsletter.

Joyce Raymer,
Pot Luck Coordinator

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 in the meeting schedule or location.

- **AKG Group**- It is 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 , every 2nd and 4th Wed, Panera Bread café in Carmel Mountain Ranch. Contact: Mimi Sevimli, 858-722-8128.
- **PA Group**- 1:00pm to 3:00 pm, every Monday at Panera in Solana Beach. Contact: Jean Moore 858-587-9054.
- **RN Group**- RN stands for “Rather Normal”, and the group 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.

San Diego Knitting Guild General Information:

Our Co-Presidents are Sheila Kirschenbaum, sheilabaum@yahoo.com, and Stacy Smith, artmama007@gmail.com. The Website 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. A printable membership form is available on the website, and should be mailed with a check to:

SD North Coast Knitters Guild
c/o Diana Rathbun, Interim Membership Chair
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San Diego, CA 92111

Newsletter

Barbara McCroskey

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Please send information to me by the 15th of the month for the article to appear the following month.

Website Contacts

Linda Erlich – lerlich555@aol.com

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Barbara Levin – Barbara.Levin@me.com

Local yarn shop owners are encouraged to check their listings and provide updates to our Web Masters. We would like to hear about any trunk shows and guest teachers from out-of-town at your shops – we’ll put the dates on the website and in the newsletter.

Check page 9 for the Twisted Sisters’ annual yarn sale advertisement!

Knitting on the Net

By Sandy Smith

Flat Rat Bookmark

Knit in fingering weight yarn on unspecified needles, this garter stitch rat should bring a smile to the face of a grandchild.
<http://fleeglesblog.blogspot.com/2013/04/flat-rat-pack.html>



Grace Lace (and no lace) Beret

Over 1200 folks knit this DK hat from the free pattern on Ravelry and it's found here:

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/grace-lace-beret>

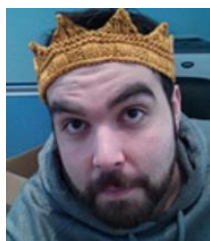


Now there's a simpler lace version as well as a no-lace version here:

http://www.loopknits.com/2013/03/26/grace-lace-beret-revisited/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+LoopKnits+%28Loop+Knits%29&utm_content=Google+Reader

A Very Regal Crown

Knitted in worsted weight child to adult sizes from worsted weight yarn.



in

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/a-very-regal-crown>

Under Door Two Cat Toy

This worsted weight cat toy is meant to be slipped under a closed door. The designer used it to safely introduce a foster cat to the other family cats.

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/under-door-two-cat-toy>



Baby Blocks

This mitered square baby afghan is a free PDF from Kraemer Yarns and it's knitted in worsted weight. It is basically the same as the Dots Blanket which appeared in *Interweave Knits*, Holiday Gifts 2012.
<http://www.kraemeryarns.com/patterns/pdfs/154.pdf>



Sweatshirt Sweater

This classic sweater from the folks at Purl Soho is knitted in worsted weight yarn at a DK gauge in chest sizes from 33 to 48".

<http://www.purlbee.com/the-purl-bee/2013/3/17/lauras-loop-the-sweatshirt-sweater.html>



Knitting Tips and Tricks

by Sandy Smith

An occasional feature in the monthly newsletter which includes useful knitting information. The emphasis is on on truly new and/or unusual. If you have any tips, please email them to sksmith@san.rr.com.

Knitters' Stretches

Take a look at these simple techniques for preventing carpal tunnel and increasing blood flow to the hands. They're quick and they really work. (Thanks to Barbara Levin for the tip.)
<http://www.spinnery.com/index.php/2013/03/friend-of-the-spinnery-suzy-allen>

Salad Spinner

From Karen Des Jardins' knitting buddy comes this handy hint for untangling balls of yarn when knitting multicolored items. She keeps her yarn balls in the salad spinner basket (after removing the lid) and when the yarn tangles, she spins the inner basket for a quick untangle.



The Fiber Factor (Project Runway for Knitters)

Skacel has launched an ambitious competition for budding knitting designers. It's modeled on Project Runway and features 12 knitters who will compete for the Grand Prize: a 5 day, all-expense paid trip to Germany to tour yarn production facilities and the Addi needle factory. Go to <http://thefiberfactor.com/> to see the contestants and more. A video explaining the first design challenge is here:
http://thefiberfactor.com/?page_id=201

Gadgets, Gizmos, Tips & Tricks

The June 4 meeting will include a presentation on gadgets, gizmos, tips and tricks complete with an accompanying slide show so you can actually see gadgets up close and personal.

Have anything you'd love to share with your fellow Guild members? Contact me at sksmith@san.rr.com, so I can add your tip to the slide show.

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It is time for
Twisted Sisters'
Annual Sale!

When: June 1, 2013
Where: 740 Metcalf St #21
Time: Door opens at 9:30am
closes at 1:30 pm

Front Room Yarns - Huge discount
Regular retail stock 20% off