



San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild

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Next Meeting:

Tuesday, August 13, 2013; 12:30- 3:00 pm

San Dieguito United Methodist Church

170 Calle Magdalena

Encinitas, CA 92024

Program- Surprise Program!



Presidents' Letter

I began thinking about this letter while sitting in a hospital waiting room, awaiting the moment when the surgeon came to say the knee replacement was done and I could see my elderly cousin in the recovery room. And, of course, I was knitting. In public.

Most of us knit in public. We knit in waiting rooms of all sorts, on airplanes, at ball games (even when it's not Stitch 'N' Pitch), at soccer practice, in coffee shops, restaurants and even bars, in parks and playgrounds. We knit wherever there's a place to sit or perch and we have a bit of time. It fills the waiting time with pleasure; our knitting projects get closer to being finished, modeled or gifted, and we do something we enjoy.

Knitting in public does more than satisfy us, the knitters. It demonstrates that sweaters and socks, scarves and blankets come not only from shops, but from people. It sparks curiosity. Have you ever been knitting in public and looked up from your needles to find an interested child concentrating on the movement of your hands and your growing fabric? For observer and knitter, it is a fascinating and nourishing experience.

When people see us knitting, it promotes their own creativity and inventiveness. They think to themselves (or even out loud), look at what *she's* making... *I* can make something too. And whether they take up knitting or crocheting, beading or quilting, or even wood-working, seeing a knitter craft something beautiful or interesting or useful promotes the desire to participate in hand-crafting something themselves.

Public displays of knitting go beyond the individual knitters when yarn bombers get to work. Yarn bombing is when knitters (and crocheters) wrap trees, stop sign posts, street sign posts, fences, bike racks and gates with brightly colored yarn fabrics. Hand-knitted pieces are wrapped around something that has never before worn a garment of any kind. Inanimate objects are transformed into something whimsical and delightful. How can you not smile when you see a parking meter swathed in knitting?

Here in San Diego, there are a number of people active in yarn bombing. The Guild was looking forward to hearing and seeing local yarn bomber Marcy Kraft, aka Crochet Grenade, at our August meeting. Marcy is unable to join us this month and we hope to reschedule. You can see some fine examples of local yarn bombers' work (including Marcy's) in various San Diego neighborhoods. You can find examples in Clairemont and North Park, and take a look at the yarn bombing at the Kensington-Normal Heights branch library <http://www.flickr.com/photos/ponine/sets/72157634076549315/>

Keep knitting, in private or in public. Inspire someone with your project and nourish them and yourself with knitting.

Sheila Kirschenbaum
Stacy Smith

P.S. Sheila's 87-years old cousin's knee replacement went great!

Remaining 2013 Meeting Schedule

- *August 13** Surprise Program
- September 3** Annual Stash Sale
Stash Sale Challenge
- *October 8** Julie Weisenberger - Cocoknits
Trunk Show
October 9 workshop
- 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.**

July Potluck Report

The July Potluck was a big success. We had over 70 members arrive with a dish to share and their knitting. I would like to give a huge "thank you" and a hug to Laura Brubaker. Her bright, festive tablecloths set the mood for a lovely afternoon, along with the water containers with fruit slices and ice. I would also like to thank my friends from the RN Group (4th Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am at the Encinitas Senior Center) Gwen Nelson, Ellen Magee, Lillia Brown, Lisa Frieda and Connie Horst for their invaluable help with set-up and wrap-up. Without all of these people pitching in and helping, we just couldn't have pulled it off. Hope I haven't forgotten anyone. If so, I'm sorry. The addition this year of the member vendors was also a big hit. Thanks everyone. See you next July.

Joyce Raymer, Potluck Coordinator

San Diego County Fair

SDNCKG awarded prizes, including Guild memberships) at the Fair to:

Kim Lovett, Excellence in Workmanship
Michelle Harner, Best Original Design

Will all of you who submitted pieces to the Fair please bring them to the next meeting for Show and Share?



Mary Brown,
SDNCKG Fair Knitting Coordinator



Member Help Sessions

The next Member Help Sessions will be on September 10 and November 12, from 12-3pm in the classroom at the church. Please come to knit even if you do not have a problem to be solved!

Stash Sale- September Meeting!

We are "open" for donation business. Your Stash Sale Committee is busy working in the background to prepare for the September yarn melee! We have some great ideas planned, but it does all hinge on *your* donations.



No amount of yarn is really too small to donate. OK, maybe your thumbs are too little; but even a few yards will be welcomed to make up our "Collage Packs" for knitting up beautiful free-form color and texture. Start hauling it all in, we're ready!

Claudia Carlson,
Stash Sale Coordinator

Save These Dates for Next Year!

Temecula Retreat: January 20-23, 2014

Casa de Maria Retreat: April 28-May 1, 2014

Minutes from the July Meeting

The informal meeting of a Pot-Luck and Knit-In began with lunch. Member vendors had displays of their products.

President Sheila Kirschenbaum thanked members for bringing the variety of dishes prepared for the pot-luck. The Guild provided the desserts and beverage. The following were brought to the attention of members:

1. Knit@Nite will be on July 10 at 6PM at the Jewish Community Center. In August it will return to the 1st Wednesday of the month.
2. The August General Meeting of the Guild will be one week later on August 13. Please share this information with members and potential guests. The meeting will feature Marcy Kraft (Yarn) Bombs Away! A Presentation on Public Art by Guest Artist Crochet Grenade. This knitted and crocheted art can be seen in several San Diego locations.
3. The annual stash sale will be September 3. Donations of yarn, notions, needles, tools and books will be accepted at the August meeting.
4. Members Teaching Members will be held on July 18 at 10AM at Annette Friedlein's home. Mary Ann Archbold will present a workshop on felting. A pattern to knit for a felted purse is available but members must sign up for the workshop. Contact Sue Tavaglione. Ideas for future MTM classes should be sent to Sue.
5. Former member Florence Griffins who is blind is teaching others to knit at the Braille Institute near UTC. She would like help on Mondays 10-12AM as she cannot see well enough to correct her students' mistakes. Contact Dottie Pusch if you are able to help: dpus1918@gmail.com

6. Sheila encouraged members to enjoy more food and visit the numerous member vendors showing their talents.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Yayanos

Member News

Rosie Berkowitz has a new number:
949-215-4320

Annette Friedlein has been contacted by someone whose friend has neuropathy in her feet and wears crocheted slippers. The lady who made them is in her 90's and cannot make them anymore. If anyone knows someone who might love to get paid to crochet some slippers, please contact Annette at 760-635-7565 or at byteus3@yahoo.com.

Knitting Sub-Group 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, at Panera 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:

Zita Gardner is taking over the duties of **Membership**. Her contact information:

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Newsletter

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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.



Yarn Crawl- First for San Diego



Attention all knitting enthusiasts! Save the dates for the first San Diego Yarn Crawl, Thursday through Sunday, September 26 to 29, 2013. This free, self-paced, self-guided tour of eight San Diego county yarn stores, two alpaca farms and one mobile shop, will take crawlers from San Marcos to Chula Vista, Ramona to Encinitas! Prepare for a unique experience: get back to the “country” environment and experience two actual alpaca ranches and then shop for a variety of yarns, needles and accessories.

Each site will have its own special events, designers and surprises. Crawlers will print out their own yarn crawl passports from the SDYC website (<http://sandiegoyarncrawl.com>), and have them stamped at every store or farm they visit! Passports will be collected at each location and entered to win gift baskets filled with all kinds of yarn and fiber goodies. Crawlers who visit all locations will be entered to win the grand prize, a \$500 gift certificate redeemable at any participating location.





Credit for the “Buddy” the cat sketches goes to our Co-President, Stacy Smith.

Knitting on the Net

It's almost too hot to knit – so this month's projects are all little. You'll be able to work on them all without getting a lapful of yarn.

Color Play Socks

This Drops pattern includes three sizes and is knit on US 1.5 needles.

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/149-22-colour-play---socks-with-displacement-in-4-colors-in-fabel>



Henry's Sweater

Trouble finding baby boy sweaters? Try Henry's Sweater, knit with worsted in 3/6 and 6/12 month sizes.

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/henrys-sweater-2>



Bluebird of Happiness

Knit with 20-30 yards of worsted, on #5 needles. It's knit in one piece from beak to tail. Think Christmas tree decoration, gift for those glass bluebird collectors, Easter baskets.

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/bluebird-of-happiness-2>



Bolero

Available in sizes 3 months to 4 years, this vest pattern includes optional sleeves for creating a cardigan. It's knit sideways with worsted yarn.

<http://www.yarn-madness.com/baby-bolero>



Knubbelchen

Knit with sock yarn, this soft doll is worked in the round and is seamless.

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/knubbelchen>



Hedgehogs

The folks at Purl Soho have another winner. These hedgehogs are knit on double points and in the round. There is none of that awful sewing little pieces together at the end.

http://www.purlbee.com/the-purl-bee/2013/2/9/whits-knits-knit-hedgehogs.html?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_term=PS%20Recipients&utm_campaign=2013-06-26%203A%20A%20Trio%20of%20Charming%20Knit%20Hedgehogs%21



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 unuusal. If you have any tips, please email them to sksmith@san.rr.com.

Top Down Sleeves

Frustration with sweater sleeves seems to be an ongoing topic at my knit group. Last month I gave you links to use in calculating set in sleeves. This month, I invite you to take a peek at a less daunting approach. The KnitPicks blog has a post called “Fearless Sweater Modification” in which the author walks through the steps she followed to knit a top-down, in-the-round sleeve. It’s at

<http://community.knitpicks.com/profiles/blogs/1984936:BlogPost:2095>



Of course you know what this symbol means.....right?

It’s one of the symbols you find on a yarn label. This one is pretty important, because it means “do not machine dry.”

Because I can’t remember what the symbols mean, I carry a cheat sheet in my “Knit Brain” booklet. There’s a good guide to the symbols here:

<http://www.simple-knitting.com/yarn-labels.html>