



Next General Meeting: June 7, 2016 • 12:30-3:00 pm

Morgan Run Club & Resort • 5690 Cancha de Golf, Rancho Santa Fe, CA

Upcoming Guild Programs

By: Tina Rounsavell,
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JUNE 7: Mar Gee Farr, “Embellishing and Accessorizing Your Knitting”

Do your knitting projects need some extra pizzazz? Join us at the May meeting when member Mar Gee Farr will present different ways to embellish your knitting using a variety of yarns, beads, ribbons, embroidery and appliqué. She'll show us all kinds of materials that can be used to add a fabulous look to knitting projects of all kinds. Once you've been inspired by Mar Gee's gorgeous embellishments, you can try them for yourself at her workshop Wednesday, June 8.



Mar Gee has a background in art. In addition to knitting, she likes to entertain, garden, stitch, and do other creative projects. She loves to embellish her home with ordinary found items. She has worked with Mary Engelbreit, and her work has been published in several of Engelbreit's books. Mar Gee was featured in Home Companion Magazine and Mary Emmerling's Country Home Program on HGTV.

Mar Gee owned a garden shop for 15 years before moving to California with her husband in 2002. She joined the SDNCKG in 2007 and has been involved in various Board and committee positions ever since. She served as Guild president in 2011 and 2012.

Mar Gee will offer a workshop, “Embellishing and Accessorizing Your Knitting” on Wednesday, June 8, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. The cost is \$30. We'll take sign-ups at the May and June meetings. You can also contact her by [email](#) and she will save you a spot.

Note that the workshop will take place at the church in room 9/10, NOT at Morgan's Run.

July 5: Karen des Jardins, “Crowdsourcing Your Craft: How to Become a Better Knitter”

We knit for many reasons--but adding frustration to our lives should not be one of them. The world around us is full of ideas and tools that can help us become better and more effective knitters. Join us July 5 at Morgan Run when Karen des Jardins will gather the best of those tips and tools in “Crowdsourcing Your Craft: How to Become a Better Knitter.”



Crowdsourcing is the process of obtaining services, ideas or content by soliciting contributions from a large group of people, especially an online community. Karen will apply that process to knitting and bring us some new approaches to some old problems. She'll show us notions, shortcuts, tips and tricks that will make your knitting easier and more fun.

Karen des Jardins is a knitting teacher and designer and the vice president of our Guild. Teaching knitting was one of her first paid jobs while she was still in high school. She has a degree in mechanical engineering and worked a number of years as a manufacturing engineer, figuring out better ways for assemblers to put computers together. This background paired with a love for all things yarn has given her a unique understanding of how to adapt knitting processes to best fit her students' needs.

Do you have a special knitting secret that you'd like to share? Is there a knitting notion in your bag you can't live without? Or a knitting tip that has saved you grief? If so, please contact Karen. Let's crowdsource our craft and share all the collective knitting knowledge we've gathered.

2016 Programs

- June 7** **Mar Gee Farr**
Embellishing and Accessorizing
Your Knitting
- July 5** **Karen des Jardins**
Crowdsourcing Your Craft:
How to Become a Better Knitter
- August 2** **Annual Summer Potluck Luncheon**
- September 6** **Annual Guild Stash Sale**
- October 4** **Linda Hart**
How Knitting Changes Lives
- November 1** **Carson Demers**
Bringing Comfort Back to Knitting:
My Ergonomic Journey
- December 5** **Holiday Luncheon and
Fashion Show**

Dates subject to change.



San Diego County Fair

By: Carol Myers ~ CountyFair@SanDiegoKnitters.com

What a fine tradition that each year our Guild donates awards and participates in the demonstrations at the County Fair. We all look forward to seeing all the beautiful entries by Guild members.

Thanks to all the members who have volunteered to work at our demo table! We're hoping to inspire people to knit as well as to promote the craft and our SDNCKG. If you happen to be at the Fair on our demo days, please stop by and say hello. Those days will be: Thursday, June 16, Sunday, June 19, and Thursday, June 23. Have a wonderful time at the County Fair this year!

President's Message



I'm devoting my space this month to showcase a magnificent yarn-bombed chair brought to us by Sue Zois. The chair is called "Rockin' to the Sunset at Fletcher Cove." It was created as part of the Children's Art Auction to benefit

Solana Beach public schools and help provide art, science, computer and PE classes. With the help of Sue's knitting friends, this class of 28 fourth-graders was taught to knit in two sessions. Each student knit a piece to be used for the sunset, ocean, or sand. All of the pieces were then assembled to yarn-bomb the chair, creating a Solana Beach scene on a useful piece of furniture.

The kids had a great time learning to knit with numerous volunteers from our Guild. The poem below was also used as an aid:

***"In through the front door,
Run around the back,
Peek through the window,
Off jumps Jack."***

Guild members who assisted were Linda Erlich, Betty Clarquist, Barbara Levin, Mar Gee Farr, Stephanie Moseley, Peggy Redler, and Barbara Bennetts. It was hard to tell who had more fun – the instructors or the kids! Sue and Mar Gee assembled the knitted pieces and created embellishments for the chair. Pieces of the Guild's Coral Reef Project were added as well. The chair was auctioned at the Solana Beach Bash.

I can think of no better way to promote our Guild's mission: to promote the craft of knitting, and to stimulate, motivate and inspire people to knit. Well done, ladies!



Minutes

from the Meeting on April 5, 2016

By: Liz Knapp, Acting Secretary

President Liz Knapp called the meeting to order and welcomed new members and guests. Morgan Run made the meeting room comfortable and several members had lunch in the club before the meeting. Vice President Karen des Jardins, standing in for Tina Rounsavell, described the June program with Mar Gee Farr, and then introduced Patty Lyons, the speaker for May. Patty's program was "Oops, I Accidentally Knit a Dress: Tales of Lies, Denial and Heartbreak." It was accompanied by a funny and informative slide show; there was a lot of laughter. We learned the importance of washing and blocking our swatches. For the best success, we should design to the gauge of the blocked swatch and knit to the gauge of the unblocked swatch. Many other tips were given. Patty signed people up for her newsletter and offered discounts to her online classes.

Liz Knapp called upon various committee heads for announcements and reports: Janet White reported on the donations to the various charities the guild supports. A basket with kits was passed around and many donations were collected at the back of the room. Members Teaching Members is offering a class "Learn to Spin Cotton Yarn" by Karen Bochinski. The Joris Stuffed Animal Class is postponed.

Final Retreat payments are due to Diana Rathbun, Treasurer, by the end of the meeting. We currently have 305 members and three more joined at the meeting, bringing our total to 308. Carol Myers talked about the County Fair and pointed out the signup sheets for our demonstration dates. Stash Sale collections have begun; Lynn Koch is accepting yarn at meetings and Yarning for you. The Librarians remind us to email them for book signouts and they will bring the books for us at the following meeting.

Linda Erlich conducted Show and Share and the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Library

By: Brigit Pitcarin and Scarrain Gomes ~
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Do you have a library book buried at the bottom of your knitting bag? There's never a fine for overdue books at the Guild! Please remember to return your books at the next meeting. While the library is being housed offsite, if you want to sign out a book, please e-mail the librarians at Librarian@sandiegoknitters.com and we will have your book for you at the following meeting.

Members Teaching Members

By: Sue Tavaglione ~ sjtava@sbcglobal.net

Cotton Spinning Class by Karen Bochinski

Learn to spin cotton, and discover why it is not difficult to spin! I will teach you how to spin from the seed, gin the cotton, card the cotton in to a puni, and finally spin the cotton. We will first begin our cotton journey as you get the feel of how cotton works into a single ply of yarn. From there, you can try the various tools to see if cotton spinning is what you enjoy. (I have 2 spinning wheels, 3 Talki's, 1 Turkish Spindle, a drop spindle and a Charka. Don't let the names intimidate you!)

Class date: Monday, June 13 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. I will provide beverages. You can bring your own lunch. My goal is to have you spin a single and you are welcomed to stay longer.

Supplies: I will provide all supplies all you need is practice, persistence and patience. And maybe a notebook and pencil to take notes. Cost \$20.00 per member.

Class will be taught in my home in San Marcos. For more information or to sign up, call 760-746-1476 or e-mail karenbochinski@gmail.com.



Stash Sale

By: Lynn Koch ~
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Stash sale donations are being accepted at the June Guild meeting on June 7th, at Yarning For You in San Marcos, and at the homes of Guild members Lynn Koch and Marva Ross. Gently used knitting books, knitting bags, needles, notions, and of course yarn are gratefully accepted. Please bring your items in secured bags or boxes. If you have a very large donation or cannot make it to any of the drop off locations, please contact Lynn Koch to arrange a time for pickup or delivery.

Philanthropy

by Janet White, Philanthropy Chairman
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The Guild donated 50 beautiful, cheerful scarves to Becky's House for Mother's Day! Also, several bags of used items were delivered to Rachel's Women's Center in downtown San Diego. September will be our next delivery date. Warm scarves and hats for Becky's House, warm hats for homeless teens, and I will deliver the many gorgeous children's chemo hats that have been donated (and will be donated) to the Emilio Nares Foundation in September. I will continue to deliver used items to Rachel's and a large donation of scarves, hats, gloves, mitts, etc. for their December Holiday Party. So, there is always more time to knit for people who will very much appreciate your efforts. Thank you all for your donations, and Happy Knitting!

San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild General Information

Membership in the Guild is open to everyone, regardless of your craft. Membership expires for all members on January 31. Dues are \$25 annually. Here is a printable [membership form](#).

Send all submissions by the 15th of the month to: President@SanDiegoKnitters.com. Short articles relating to knitting in general, and the San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild in particular, are encouraged.

Notices and announcements of a commercial nature may be placed as paid advertisements. Send an email to the above email address for rates and more information.

Guild Sub Groups:

✿ **AKG Group:** It is called AKG, Advanced Knitters Group. Meets every Friday at 9:00 am at Old California Coffee Shop, Restaurant Row, San Marcos. Contact: Thea Lazarevic, 760-638-0897.

✿ **Knit@Nite Group:** Meets the first Wednesday at 6:00 pm at the Jewish Community Center in UTC. Contact Linda Erlich: 858-759-9509, and check the schedule on the Guild's [website](#).

✿ **I-15 Group:** Meets every second and fourth Wednesday at 9:00 am at Panera in Carmel Mountain Ranch. Contact: Mimi Sevimli, 858-722-8128.

✿ **PA Group:** PA Group knits "Practically Anything." Meets every Monday from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at Panera in Solana Beach. Contact: Jean Moore, 858-587-9054.

Website Tip of the Month

By: Sheila Kirschenbaum, Webmaster ~
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The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu with 'CALENDAR' highlighted. A callout box at the top asks 'Where is a Guild Meeting, Workshop, Subgroup, MTM, or SAK?'. Below the menu, the 'Guild General Meeting' event page is shown for Tuesday, June 7, from 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM. A callout box points to the event title, stating 'All Guild Events are on the Calendar!'. Another callout box points to the 'Venue' section, stating 'On each Event page find the Venue box.' A third callout box points to a '+Google Maps' link, stating 'Click on +Google Maps.' The venue information includes 'Morgan Run Club and Inn', '3830 Cassita de Golf', 'Rancho Santa Fe, 92091', and a '+Google Maps' link. A map of the area is also visible.

Show & Share May (check out more photos on [Ravelry](#))



Aunrey Bubis knit the **Nostalgia Shawl** by Elena Nodel in Colour Adventures Merino Light yarn. Aunrey's notes are on her [Ravelry page](#).

Barbara Friedman is a student in Eileen Adler's class. She showed her **crocheted bracelet**, using Ribbon Candy yarn and beads. An I-cord closure makes it adjustable and comfy to wear. Eileen, will you consider teaching this project in a n MTM class?



Jo-Ellen Gould modeled a lovely **Noro cardigan** that she was working on at the January retreat. The pattern is from a Noro Fall/Winter magazine and uses Silk Garden yarn. The solid-color center piece is knit in one piece from the back and split for the cardigan fronts. Sleeves are picked up and knit down, and finally the bottom piece is knit and sewn on. All pieces are done in garter stitch; the texture is as intriguing as the colors. It is finished with a zipper for a clean look.



Gwen Wolfson modeled her **Kelpen** top from Jennifer Dassau. The project features a deep-V back with twisted cord ties and is knit seamlessly from the provisionally cast-on shoulders. Dwen used a wool/linen blend yarn called Leinen Los.



Karen Bochinski not only knit her **Chasing Rondeur** top, she spun the cotton yarn too! The Mercedes Tarasovich pattern is from Spring 2011Knitty. For all the details, see her [Ravelry page](#). Karen is teaching How to Spin Cotton in a Members Teaching Members class; for more information, see the website.



Show & Share May (check out more photos on [Ravelry](#))



Marie Skillman's crochet **Convergence Top** pattern is from Linda Skuja in *Interweave Crochet*, Spring 2014. Marie used Noro Taiyo Sock yarn, a blend of cotton, wool, nylon and silk. The short rows and



color changes in this design make it a real show-stopper.

Vivian Forseth took the skills she learned from last year's guest speaker Jean Degenfelder and created a **Nuno Felted Scarf**. She used hand dyed merino wool roving and a Carolyn Greenwood pattern called Felted Cobweb Scarf. See Vivian's notes [here](#).



Nathine Nelson showed a **crocheted pullover top**, a long cardigan and a Doodler shawl.



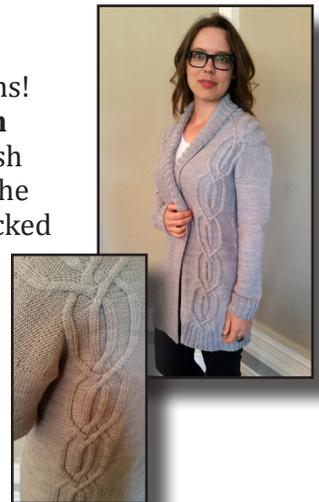
Stacy Mann dyed the fabric and added a knit bodice to make this **Spanish Dress**. The fabric is wooly silk jersey, dyed with logwood and eco-printed with freesia, sumac, eucalyptus and plum. The design is from Debbie Bliss. Antique glass buttons are on the back.



Laura Brubaker wasted no time since her March workshop. She got busy knitting Stephen West's **Enchanted Mesa** top and shortened the sleeves for our San Diego climate. She used yarns from her stash, including Classic Elite Provence, Blue Heron rayon, and Habu cotton.



Irina Anikeeva designed a seamless cardigan in collaboration with Baah Yarns! The cabled **Aegina Cardigan** uses Baah's Shasta Superwash Merino yarn. It is knit from the top down and sleeves are picked up and knit after the body is finished. Irina claims this pattern is suitable for an adventurous beginner!





❶ The [Bisbee Shawl](#) from Berroco has unique construction. A diamond-shaped piece is knit first, with small eyelet motifs and a bobble-edged flower. Then stitches are picked up along the two top edges of the diamond to form the “wings,” resulting in a V-shaped shawl that sits nicely on the shoulders

❷ The [Simply Stripes Baby Blanket](#) couldn't be easier. Free pattern available [here](#).

❸ [Distinct Dunes](#) is a two-colored flared skirt worked sideways in narrow wedges with short rows. Both child and adult sizes are worked from the same



instructions, achieving the desired size with different needle sizes, yarn weights and a different number of wedges. Free pattern on Ravelry.

❹ Is it too soon to knit for the fall? This adorable [Cable Sweater Dress](#) from Red Heart would be perfect for back-to-school!

✓ - Neat article about [13 Skills That Define the Intermediate Knitter](#).

✓ - How to [avoid holes](#) when picking up stitches for your sock heel.

✓ - Four ways to work [Short Rows](#) with Knitting Daily TV's Eunny Jang.



Guild Directory New Members

By: Zita Gardner, Membership Chair membership@sandiegoknitters.com



June 2016

Welcome to our NEW members:

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Fun facts about our membership:

- ★ 310 members as of May 15, 2016
 - ★ 13 ladies named Barbara, 9 named Sue or Susan, and 8 named Nancy or Nansi— have you met them all?
 - ★ 29 members from Carlsbad - zip 92011, 28 from Encinitas - zip 92024, 45 from San Diego - zips 92101 to 92131
 - ★ San Diego County cities from Chula Vista and Bonita in the south to Fallbrook and Oceanside in the north, from all along the coast to Descanso and Julian in the east
 - ★ 4 other California counties - Orange, Riverside, and Los Angeles
 - ★ 5 states - Florida, Illinois, New Mexico, Nevada, and California
- And what stitches us all together — *yarn, of course!!*

