



San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild

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The Guild Meeting

Tuesday, October 6th, 2009 12:30pm

San Dieguito United Methodist Church
Assembly Room ~ 170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas

Meeting on Tuesday & Two Wednesday Workshops

Our October program will feature **Myra Wood** from Los Angeles, Ca. She is an internationally known fiber and bead artist and designer. She teaches a wide range of classes in knitting, crochet, beading and embroidery, specializing in all things freeform. She has appeared on numerous episodes of Knitty Gritty and Uncommon Threads for the DIY and HGTV Networks, along with publishing a number of jewelry and clothing patterns in a wide range of books and magazines. Her web site is: <http://www.myrawood.com/pages/freeform.html>.



Do It Your Way!
Freeform
SOME RULES ARE MEANT
TO BE BROKEN.



At the Guild meeting, Myra's lecture/trunk show will be **"Imaginative Knitting: What Else Can Be Done With These Needles?"** She will also teach two 3-hour workshops on Wednesday. See details below:

Myra Wood Workshops on Wednesday:

Creative Knitted Lace Workshop- Wednesday October 7 9:00-12:00noon \$35

Learn "Lace Logic" and discover a whole new creative approach to knitting lace. Random lace patterns are used to create a gorgeous and unique fabric. It's easier than you think!! No Homework.

To Bring: Students to bring Size 4 and 5 needles (24 or longer circs are best) 2 different balls of fingering weight yarn, any color or fiber, but no novelties or sock yarn with nylon, 8 stitch markers, and size G crochet hook.

Freeform Fiber Art Fun- Wednesday October 7 1:00-4:00pm \$35

Bring your stash and play outside the box. This exciting workshop explores how to create magical fabrics without patterns or instructions. Explore and combine different techniques to transform your needle art adventure. Many techniques and stitches will be covered. Great stash-buster!! No Homework.

To Bring: Students to bring 10-15 five yard balls of coordinating worsted weight yarns, various small balls of novelty yarns, size 7, 8 and 9 knitting needles, size G crochet hook, yarn needle, and a small scissors.

★ THINGS TO DO IN OCTOBER:

- Arrive at **12:30** for the monthly meeting and do not enter the room early unless you are setting up for the meeting.
- Please bring any books that you have borrowed and return them to the Library for check-in.
- Bring your latest knitting creations for sharing.
- Bring your checkbook or cash if you want to sign up for one of the Workshops.
- Bring your completed form and check for Holiday Party!
- Bring your charity items.
- Remember to turn off your cell phone please.





✦ UPCOMING GUILD MEETINGS & PROGRAMS:

November 3rd Tues. Mtg. & Wednesday Workshops

Program: Fayla Reiss will be giving a lecture/trunk show on Needle Felting garments. Then on Nov. 4th Wednesday she will be conducting a Workshop. Details to follow.

December 7 Monday- Holiday Party!

Holiday Luncheon- Mark your calendars! This will be in the same location as last year. See last pg. of Newsletter for form.

Planning for 2010.....Attention Fashion-istas !

Heads up for next year - In the spring we will have a fashion show showcasing knitted skirts. There are lots of new patterns out there now for all kinds of skirts. Maybe you could incorporate fabric with knitting or embellish a store-bought skirt. So, start looking for a pattern and the right yarn so the fashion show will be memorable. (Vogue Knitting Magazine for Spring or Summer had some cute patterns of skirts too.)

In January, there will be a new Challenge- "Tea Party." More details to follow...



✦ PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE-BARBARA LEVIN

Knitted garments always look better "in person" than in photographs. No matter how good the photographer, she can't overcome the limitations of a two-dimensional photograph. There's no movement in a photo, no sense of how a garment drapes on a moving body, how the cloth reflects and absorbs light as the model moves. There's no third dimension in a photograph.

Most of us come to the guild's monthly meetings to be inspired or entertained. There's nothing more inspiring to a knitter than seeing a hand-knit garment. Kristi Porter brought many of the samples from her latest book, "Knitting in the Sun," to one of our recent meetings and several of the items went directly onto my "to-knit" list. I had paged through the book several times before the meeting, and none of the projects caught my eye until I saw them in person.

That's why I think that show-and-share is the "dessert" phase of our meetings – we save the best until last. I am asking all of you to participate. What you knit IS of interest to all of us. We want to see the yarn you chose, the colors you picked and how the finished garment turned out. We want to ooh and ah (and in all the years I've stood in front of the guild during show-and-share, I can't remember anything that didn't draw ooh and ahs).

I know that many of you are too shy to stand up in front of 80 or 100 people and talk about your project. If that's true, just ask me or Linda Erlich or any other guild member to show the garment for you (this will only work if you are not a close friend of ours; close friends will be harassed into the spotlight).

I'll see you and your finished projects at the next meeting!

Barbara

✦ SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

**Barbara Levin presiding
97 members and guests present**

President Barbara Levin opened the meeting. Susan Ludwig announced that Ruby Townsend's MTM class on graphing sweaters was a big success and would be offered again in October. Thea Lazarevic made a request that donations of teddy bear centerpieces for the holiday luncheon be brought to the November meeting. Barbara announced the official opening of the **Yarn Sale** and explained that prices were color coded from \$1.00 to \$20.00. It was a sell out. The little yarn remaining was sold for half price.

Garments exhibited at the San Diego Fair by Eileen Adler, Colleen Davis, Linda Erlich, Barbara Levin, Sara Stolz, Hanna Sudik, and Shirley Weitzman were displayed. Mary Brown displayed her award winning jewelry. Colleen Davis conducted a "yarn tasting" presentation. Members discussed the virtues of their favorite yarns as well as the shortcomings of their least favorite yarns.

Linda Erlich conducted the Show and Share.

Ellen Hesterman, Secretary

From The Fair....You're All Winners In Our Eyes....



✦ SHARING AT SEPT. MEETING

We print abbreviated summaries of shared items which provide enough information to allow you to follow up on items you might like to knit. If you share an item during the monthly sharing, it cannot be worn in the Holiday Luncheon fashion show. Shared items **MUST BE FINISHED** --- unless it's near Christmas when the rules are relaxed so that you can share an item before it's shipped off to its recipient.

Barbara Levin: Two items: *Shawl* using Jane Thornley's Organic Feather and Fan Wrap. Yarn from her yarn stash. *Shell* using pattern from Vogue Summer 2008. Pattern called Slanted Cable Top. Yarn – GGH Scarlet in Turquoise colorway. For this shell pattern Barbara modified it so the body was knit to the large size from the bottom to the armhole and from the armhole up its knit to the extra small size.



Dawn Talbot: *Summer Top*. Pattern – Iris Schreier. Yarn – Art Yarns Silk

Karen Pearson: *Baby Dress* using Plymouth's Baby Bunny pattern. Yarn used was Cascade Cotton in green/pink colorway.

Betty and Maria: *The Thank You Betty Sweater*. Pattern *Sine-Cosine* from Knitters Spring/Summer 2009. Yarn – Berroco Glace Ribbon (Rayon blend) in Blue colorway. US #6 needles used. Betty made the back of the sweater and thought it was too big. Lucky for Maria, it fit her just fine. Maria finished the front and VIOLA! The Thank You Betty Sweater!

Masumi Aycock: *Two Children's Cardigans with matching headbands*. The pattern was her own creation. Yarn – recycled sweater yarn that was an angora and lamb's wool mix.

Joan Kaye: *Summer Top*. Pattern was from her head and used yarn from her stash.

Eileen Adler: *V-Neck T-Top* using Bias Pattern. Yarn – Class by Asian Trends (rayon/cotton) in brown colorway.

Beth Ward: *Child's Pullover*. Fair Isle portion of sweater based on a Dale of Norway pattern. Body of sweater from Knitter's Magazine Winter 2003 pattern called Activity Sweater. The body of the sweater was knit with yarn bought in New Zealand.

Shirley Weitzman: *Jacket* knit in Marble Chunky yarn in pink/purple colorway.



Monday, December 7th- Holiday Party! San Marcos Conference Center

Holiday Toys For Luncheon and Donation-

None of us are ready to think Holidays yet, but we do need to plan just a little bit ahead of time. This year like many in the past we are collecting teddy-bears, toys and anything our creative hands are willing to do, for our Holiday Luncheon table display, and of course, our donation for the Polincky Center. We would like to encourage you to have your cute and clever toys ready to hand off at our November meeting.

Holiday Luncheon Raffle-

Betty Gregory and I are also collecting items for our annual Holiday "Raffle". We would appreciate your donation to the collection we are gathering. Look for us at the November meeting and you can give them to us there. All your donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Holiday Luncheon- Make Your Reservation Now-

At the end of the Newsletter you will find the Registration form. We will also have copies at the meeting. Please, please check your calendars and make your reservation early. We will not be accepting them past the due date. (Last year we had quite a large number of ladies respond way past the due date and it made it really hard on all of us—adding tables at the last minute, and for the facility with the food order.) Please be courteous and place your reservation early so we can plan a wonderful event for everyone! Thank you.

Thea Lazarevic and Betty Gregory



◆ A Free Finishing Class For Our Members

The Finishing Classes Are Getting Rave Reviews...

FINISHING DAYS... One More for The Year....

Dates: December 8

Time: 12:30 to 3:30 PM

Cost: Free to Guild Members

Where: San Dieguito United Methodist Church
Classroom Building

Do you love knitting and hate finishing? Do you have more than a few un-seamed sweaters lurking in your closet? Do you need to work in all those yarn ends on that wonderful Fair Isle sweater before the moths finish it for you in an unintended way? Finishing days are for you. The Guild is hosting these free "Finishing Days" for members. Bring your almost-finished items and work on them together. The Guild will provide the room, chairs and tables and resource knitters to answer finishing questions. It might be just the jumpstart you need to get you going. For more information, contact Sandy Smith sksmith@san.rr.com or 858-566-3397.

JANUARY RETREATS! SNOW OR WINE COUNTRY...

TEMECULA RETREAT (Our Guild)

January 18- January 21, 2010

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the three-night, four-day retreat at the Vina De Lestonnac Retreat Center in Temecula. We have a reservation for Monday, January 18th through Thursday January 21st.

The cost will be \$265 each for double occupancy and \$350 for single occupancy. The price includes the three-night stay, a workroom and eight meals.

To make a reservation you will need to send a \$53.00 nonrefundable deposit each for a double room and a \$70.00 nonrefundable deposit for a single room to our treasurer Jean Moore at: 4050-50 Porte La Paz, San Diego, CA 92122 The remainder: \$212.00 each for a double and \$280.00 for a single will be due January 5, 2010. Reservations are on a first come basis. Check out their web site: www.vinalestonnac.com.

Jo-Ellen Gould, Retreat Coordinator, 858 947-5167



Stitches In The Snow- Lake Arrowhead

Organized by: The High Tide Purler's- Laguna Beach Guild

Dates are: January 13-16, 2010. This is our third year, and we've added a day at popular request. The price is \$495 for three nights, four days, nine meals and our meeting room set up perfectly for us with all the refreshments and firewood we could ever want! We will carpool so don't worry if you don't like to drive up to the mountains.

Willa Cather needs a final count by October 7, and you do not have to be a guild member to attend. The deposit due is \$250 and balance is due in January.

We are going to show Knitting Daily DVD's and probably one of EZ's Knitting Workshop series. Let me know if you have any additional ideas or preferences. Some of us will be continuing our Master Hand Knitting program. Please email me, Willa Cather at: wcather@cox.net or call (949) 494-4466 if you have any questions or suggestions. This will be our third year up there and it is a wonderful time to knit all day and night and never fix a meal or make a bed. Imagine!

◆ Check This Out !

About Sox: It's at Two Sisters and Ewe until the end of September. Barbara just saw it on Ravelry (when she was supposed to be working....).
<http://news.twosistersandewe.com/>

Stitches West for 2010:

Next year's event will be held February 25-28th in Santa Clara, CA. Although the "famous" instructors sell out fast, there are a lot of other great classes you can take to learn all kinds of new techniques and knitting education. Not to mention the Marketplace where there are rows and rows of incredible yarns, books, and new gadgets.

DID YOU WANT THE 411 ON RAVELRY.COM??

Siobhan Rosenberg (co-editor of this Newsletter) took the plunge and here is her report....

Ravelry is a wonderful user-driven knitting website for knitters, crocheters, spinners, and designers. The site www.ravelry.com was started by an avid knitter and blogger who was frustrated with the lack of a concise, centralized location for patterns, yarn, and stash information. So the decision was made to develop such a website - and Ravelry was born. The website is free and everyone is welcome to sign up. In order to become a member of Ravelry you must go to the website and sign up. Then you will be e-mailed your invitation to join the site from their invitation waiting list. This could take several days to a week. This invitation method is necessary due to their limited ability to input data and their desire to keep the site from crashing with a sudden influx of new members.

For those of you who are not yet members of the Ravelry website let me tease you with some of the awesome features the site has to offer:

- **Stash:** Keep track of the yarn you have already purchased. You can compare your stash to the pattern you would like to make and see if you have what you need. Can add photos and details of your yarn and can sell or trade stash yarn with other site members.
- **Patterns:** Search a huge database of knitting patterns. Download free patterns, purchase patterns, or find where a pattern was originally published. View completed items of a project you are interested in doing. See which yarns others used on the project and what comments, hints, or advice they have to share.
- **Library Section:** Add your personal books, magazines, and booklets from your collection into your own virtual library. If the patterns have been entered into the Ravelry database you can click on any book and Ravelry will open a page showing the patterns from the book
- **Needles/Hooks:** Keep track of what needles and hooks you have. You can even printout the list and keep it with you and update.
- **Forums and Groups:** Share information with other knitters who have similar interests. Thousands to choose from like Bags, Lace, Socks, Pattern Techniques, Zimmermannics, Cable Lovers, or start your own!
- **Favorites:** Your own personal section of favorite things you have found on the site and want to be able to quickly reference back to. Can place patterns, designers, yarns, forum posts, etc. in your Favorites section.
- **Queue:** Keeps the listing of the projects you would like to make.
- **Project Page:** Your personal notebook where you can keep track all of the projects you've completed and those that are currently on your needles.

The features listed above are just a sampling of what this website has to offer. Since I have begun using this website, I haven't started a knitting project without first looking it up on Ravelry and seeing what knitters who have completed the pattern have to say. I can see pictures of the finished pieces in a variety of yarns and colorways and read helpful tips and comments on the patterns.

I encourage everyone who has not joined Ravelry to take a few minutes and submit an invitation request. When you receive your invitation and sign up take some time to roam around the site and explore its many features.

By: Siobhan Rosenberg

◆ MEMBERS TEACHING MEMBERS

Ruby Townsend's August & Sept. workshops on "**Learn to Graph Your Sweater**" were complete sell-outs. By popular demand, master knitter Ruby Townsend is repeating her MTM workshop Graphing a Sweater Wed. Oct. 28 and Friday Oct. 30th from 9:00 to Noon, at a home in Cardiff Cost is: \$60. You will never again be disappointed with fit. She has only 3 slots available (class of 10). Don't miss out---call her at 619-582-8091 to register.



RIDESHARING ANYONE....

-Eileen Adler is offering to drive someone up to the meeting from the Pacific Beach area. She can be reached at: (858) 731-1921; eileenadler@san.rr.com

- Libby Burford would appreciate a ride to the meeting from the UCSD area..."I have been recuperating from a fall and cut way back on my driving. If it would not be too inconvenient I would sure love a ride. This is why I haven't been to any meetings lately. I live very close to UCSD and Rt 5. Poole St. is a short street off of La Shores Drive at the top of the hill." Libby (Elizabeth) Burford Burford46@aol.com

If you are interested in PROVIDING a ride for someone in your area, or RECEIVING a ride, please email The Sisters- Editors of the Newsletter (see [pg. 6 for our email](#)) and we will match you up and post it in upcoming Newsletters if desired. Thank you!

◆ KNITTING ON THE NET

• Rose Corsage

Knit with scraps of DK yarn and # 2 or 3 needles, this is a quick gift or package decoration. Illustrations provide help in assembly.

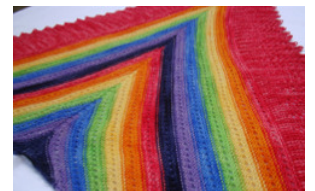
<http://crazydaisy60.blogspot.com/2009/09/copyright-alison-hogg-2009.html>



• Over the Rainbow Shawl

Use some of the new self striping sock yarn with long repeats -- (Mini Mochi, Zauberbäll, Noro Silk Garden or Kureyon Sock are good choices -- to knit this easy shawl.

<http://crazydaisy60.blogspot.com/2009/09/copyright-alison-hogg-2009.html>



• T-Shirt Yarn Bag

Recycle all those old T-Shirts and use them for yarn. Here's a pattern for a tote made of T-Shirt yarn on #13 needles:

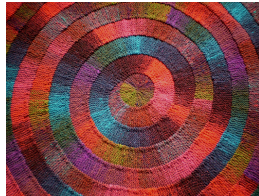
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• Ten Stitch Patterns

There's a wonderful group of patterns, available on Ravelry only, which also use self striping yarn. Frankie Brown has designed a scarf, shawl, round blanket, and square blanket which are knit from the center out using only 10 stitches at a time. The shawl and round blanket are pictured here....and yup, you need to have a Ravelry account to see these beauties.

<http://www.ravelry.com/designers/frankie-brown>



✦ Our Condolences...

*Hello Everyone,
I am sad to announce the loss of my dearest, closest friend Sandy Nash. Sandy passed late Thursday evening comforted by the love of her family and dearest friends. Let us all find peace knowing Sandy has left us this wonderful place to come together. Sandy started **Yarning for You** five years ago with dreams of a shop filled with fun, laughter, friendship, community and lots of beautiful yarn for knitting...dreams do come true! Her family held a celebration of her life at Yarning for You in San Marcos on September 20th.*

In lieu of flowers or gifts, please make a donation card to City of Hope in her honor. Please find donation information in the following link. City of Hope Card Donation. Thank you for all of your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Diva Debra

✦ NCKG IN PRINT

Many of you design. Let the Newsletter Editors know where your latest masterpiece is published so we can share it with members!

✦ VIA PHONE, EMAIL, MAIL AND FRIENDS

Ellen Hesterman, as secretary of the guild, mails get well/condolence cards to members. Please let her know, via e-mail, of anyone in need of this special service Contact Ellen at ewhest@att.net.

✦ SAN DIEGO NORTH COAST KNITTERS GUILD

Our President is Barbara Levin. Her NEW email address is: Barbara.Levin@me.com. For a list of Board Members please visit the Web Site at www.ncknit.com. Open to all knitters, regardless of skill level. Dues are \$20 annually and expire for all members on January 31. Make checks payable to North Coast Knitters and mail to: Jean Moore, Treasurer NCKG, 4050-50 Porte La Paz, San Diego, CA 92122. Please include your name, mailing address, telephone, and email and tell us if you want to receive your newsletter via regular mail or email. We prefer email. The minutes of Board meetings and the monthly Treasurer's report are available upon request.

✦ CONTACT INFORMATION

Newsletter Editors "The Sisters":

Siobhan Rosenberg e-mail hockeymom@cox.net; and Deirdre Michalski e-mail dsmichalski@cox.net. (Please email both of us on all communications. Thank you.)

Web Master For Our Web Site:

Heather Broadhurst is the website person and her email is 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.

Member Rosters:

Members may get a copy at general meetings or request a mailed copy from Sheri Fisher. For Changes please forward them to: Sheri Fisher at SheriRob1@aol.com.

✦ WELCOME NEW MEMBER!!!

The Guild would like to welcome a new member. These are ladies who have joined since our Annual Directory was printed in March, so consider printing these names and adding them to the back of your directory.

NEW MEMBER:

Lani Clause
1451 Caminito Septimo
Cardiff, CA 92007
760-550-1020
lanilc@hotmail.com

✦ SUB-GROUP MEETING SCHEDULE:

If you'd like to attend a sub group meeting, call the contact listed below first – holidays and availability of meeting places sometimes change the meeting schedules.

- **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 but 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 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.



**Annual Holiday Fashion Show Luncheon
Monday December 7th, 2009**

Arrival & Shopping: 10:30-11:30AM

Lunch Is Served: 11:45- (open seating with 8 guests per table)

Fashion Show: Immediately after Lunch

Location: San Marcos Conference Center
1025 La Bonita Drive, San Marcos, CA 92078

Directions: www.lakesanmarcosresort.com

Menu Choices:

- A) Chicken Caesar Salad-** Crisp Romaine lettuce w/Parmesan Cheese, croutons, charbroiled chicken breast & classic Caesar dressing.
- B) Turkey Stack Sandwich-** Sliced turkey, Swiss cheese, avocado, onion, lettuce tomato on wheat bread. Served w/cold slaw & sliced fruit.

On The Table: Bread and butter.

Dessert: Brownie served with vanilla ice cream.

Beverages: Coffee, tea, iced tea.

Cost: **\$25.00 includes tax and gratuity.**

Reservation Form: Send to: Nancy Muschek, 7820 Suncup Way, P 319, Carlsbad, CA 92009 (760) 822-7254. Write your menu choice(s) on your check and make payable to NCKG.

Name of Member: _____ Menu A or B

Name of Guest (if applicable): _____ Menu A or B

Amount Enclosed: _____

**All Checks Must Be Received No Later Than November 20, 2009.
Please help us by submitting early!**

Return Address:

**Sheri Fisher
11245 Forestview Lane
San Diego, CA 92131**