



# San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild

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Happy Holidays  
From Everyone At The Guild!

We typically do not do a Newsletter in December, so this one is just a "short and sweet" reminder about a few items.

This is only going to be distributed to those of you who receive it via email.

We look forward to seeing you at the Holiday Party on Monday and have a safe and happy holiday.



**This Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
Our Annual Holiday Party!  
San Marcos Conference Center**

This event will be our annual luncheon, shopping spree and fashion show. So for those of you who have signed up... we will look forward to seeing you there! (Check web site if you need more details.)

And when you see Thea Lazarevic and Betty Gregory please thank them for their time and effort, so we can all enjoy such a fun day!

**The First 2010 Guild Meeting  
Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 12:30pm**

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

Our Guest will be **Tanya Alpert** from Knitting By The Beach Yarn Store in Solana Beach. She will be talking about her new book "*Haku Knits*".

On Amazon you can....

**LOOK INSIDE!**



We will also discuss the Participation Challenge for 2010.... "Knit Anything Suitable for a Tea Party. This will be due at the June meeting.



## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST MEETING**

*(Note: We will add Photos from Fayla Reiss' presentation, our Sharing List from And Photos from November all in the January Newsletter.)*

**North Coast Knitters' Guild  
General Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, November 3, 2009 - 12:30 p.m.  
Barbara Levin presiding  
114 members and guests present**

President Barbara Levin opened the meeting and asked for volunteers to fill 4 positions for next year; fair coordinator, newsletter mailer, photographer and membership/greeter. Nancy Muschek asked for suggestions regarding new books for the library. She urged members to return books at the holiday luncheon. Thea announced that the stuffed animals for the holiday luncheon were on display at the back table. She asked for donations for the raffle drawing. A signup sheet was passed around for the fashion show. Jo-Ellen discussed the January retreat in Temecula and Lois Watson described the May cruise from Victoria to San Diego. Linda Epstein asked for donations to buy special socks for our troops in Afghanistan. She can be contacted at [Linda228@mac.com](mailto:Linda228@mac.com). Liz Knapp modeled a helmet liner and urged members to continue knitting this much needed item. They must be knitted in dark shades of wool. Cia suggested we contact Camp Pendleton for free shipping. Liz will continue to collect red and pink scarves as philanthropy projects but would like suggestions for other worthy charities.

Barbara introduced our guest speaker, fiber designer, Fayla Reiss. Fayla was born in Australia and learned to knit at a very early age. She trained to be a hair designer but after meeting Barry Klein of Trendsetter Yarns began experimenting with color and fiber. She became his chief designer and they collaborated on several books. After years of inspired knitting, she discovered the joys of needle felting, her current passion. She believes there are no mistakes in knitting or felting. Fayla was assisted in her presentation by Robin of Pagewood Farms who dyes fabric and roving and assembles them into kits for needle felting projects. Cindy, manager of Maria's Knitting and Crochet in Chula Vista, was an excellent model, as was our own Cia Bullemer. Fayla will be teaching a 2-hour workshop tomorrow. In addition to exhibiting a large array of her beautiful felted garments, Fayla brought along samples of three new Trendsetter yarns. Cha-Cha, Minestrone and Frivola. Fayla will be teaching a 2-hour needle felting workshop tomorrow morning.

Linda Erlich conducted the Show and Share

## **THE 2010 Program Line Up\***

*Once again, Colleen has done an amazing job with Programs, and we thank her so much for her efforts. Look at this incredible line-up!*

January - Tanya Alpert from Knitting By The Beach Yarn Store in Solana Beach will be talking about her new book "Haku Knits," and, the Participation Challenge for 2010 "Knit Anything Suitable for a Tea Party - Due at the June meeting.

February - Amy Singer, Editor of Knitty.com, will do a presentation/lecture/trunk show on "No Sheep for You" followed by 1 1/2 days of workshops.

March - Discussion of Yarn Trends, reports from Stitches West and TNNA attendees, and a short program by the RN sub group.

April - Skirt (Knitted) Fashion Show.

May - Lecture/trunk show by Anna Walden (Twisted Sisters) followed by 2 days of workshops.

June - Willa Cather who is also a member of the High Tide Purlers, will do a lecture/trunk show on "All Things Lace, and sometimes Beads."

July - Potluck and Results of the Tea Party Challenge

August - The Wednesday night sub group will give a presentation on Ravelry.

September - Recycling and Upcycling - Let's see fascinating and creative projects!

October - Candace Eisner Strick, author, designer, teacher, from Connecticut will be doing a lecture/trunk show followed by 2 days of workshops.

November - Lisa Limber, will be doing a presentation on "Design For Your Own Style: Don't Be Afraid to Figure it Out."

December - Holiday Lunch/Fashion Show

Colleen will have bookmarks available at the January meeting listing all the above. \* Always subject to change.

A special thanks goes to the RN sub group, the Wed night sub group, Willa Cather and Lisa Limber for stepping up, contributing cheerfully and being part of our 2010 agenda. It is refreshing to have members who are willing to participate and share their talents and it sure makes my job easier.

Colleen

## **Philanthropic**

Operation Helmetliner is one of our charitable organizations in 2010. Please keep our Armed Forces in your thoughts as you put your energy into knitting these warm accessories for our deployed troops. Bring your finished items to the Guild meetings and I will ship them when we have a full box.

Here is the link to the pattern:  
[http://www.citizensam.org/html/patterns/knitting\\_instructions\\_helmetliner.html](http://www.citizensam.org/html/patterns/knitting_instructions_helmetliner.html)

Thank you, Liz Knapp

## **Join Kaffe Fasset in California This Winter**

Kaffe Fassett Quilting Series, Slide show, Presentation and Three one-day quilt workshops----

Kaffe Fassett is an inspiring designer in a myriad of media. Seeing his slide/show and talk is like having your creative batteries recharged. Spend an evening, and see the world through his eyes. The evening slideshow is a perfect gift for anyone who wants to bring more wonder and creativity into their lives. His Color in Design workshop series will help you to free up the way you approach patchwork design, and will give a booster shot of color and vibrancy to all your.

Kaffe Fassett will present a slide show and talk followed by three one-day quilting and design workshops in Pacific Grove and Santa Barbara this winter. The slide show includes one-of-a-kind projects and inspirations gleaned from a life time of world travel and creativity. Kaffe's talk and photos are inspirational for all textile designers, as well as creative artists in every medium. Each hands-on workshop presents a different aspect of Kaffe's color and design sensibility. During the first day, Kaffe will lead participants through his method for creating a variety of color-ways in surface pattern. The second two workshops will give participants an opportunity to design a quilt using Kaffe' pattern, and their own fabrics. Workshops are limited to 20 participants, so sign-up early. For the textile artist, a day with Kaffe is a perfect Christmas gift.

### **Pacific Grove Workshops & Slide Show/Talk**

Pacific Grove, CA December 27, 28, 29, & 30th  
For Registration & Information visit:  
[www.bigsurarts.com/kaffe.htm](http://www.bigsurarts.com/kaffe.htm)

Slide Show & Talk Sunday,  
-Sunday, December 27, 7PM - \$20  
Color Interpretation Workshop for Textile Artists

-Monday, December 28, 10 - 4 - \$150  
Hot Diamond Pattern Workshop

-Tuesday, December 29, 10 - 4 - \$150  
Diagonal Madness Pattern Workshop

-Wednesday, December 30, 10 - 4 - \$150  
Take all three workshops & Save  
\$75 - 3 days, \$375

### **Santa Barbara Workshops & Slide Show/Talk**

Santa Barbara, CA  
- January 3, 4, 5, & 6  
For Registration & Information visit:  
[www.bigsurarts.com/kaffe.htm](http://www.bigsurarts.com/kaffe.htm)

Slide Show & Talk Sunday,  
-Sunday January 3, 7PM - \$20  
Color Interpretation Workshop for Textile Artists

-Monday, January 4, 10 - 4PM - \$150  
Hot Diamond Pattern Workshop

-Tuesday, January 5, 10 - PM - \$150  
Diagonal Madness Pattern Workshop

-Wednesday, January 6, 10 - 4PM - \$150  
Special - attend any Kaffe Workshop and receive one free admission to the slideshow and talk! Take all three workshops & Save \$75 - 3 days, \$375.

Kaffe Fassett Brief Biography- Kaffe Fassett is one of the leading textile designers in the world. At age 19, Kaffe won a scholarship to Museum of Fine Art School in Boston but left after three months to paint in London. Following a visit to a Scottish wool mill where he was inspired by the colors in the landscape, Kaffe started to pursue knitting with a passion. His very first design appeared in Vogue Knitting Magazine and prestigious commissions followed. Renowned for his color work, Kaffe shares his vision in frequent lecture tours, exhibitions, and television appearances. He is the author of over 12 books including Passionate Patchwork and Glorious Knitting. A native Californian, Kaffe grew up in Big Sur but has lived in London for nearly 40 years. His work reflects his belief that anyone can participate in and enjoy the creative process involved in knitting, needlepoint, mosaic-making, patchwork and painting.

## **Volunteerism Is Alive And Well....**

We have luckily filled most of our open spots, but we need a Del Mar Fair coordinator who acts as a liaison between the Fair staff and the Guild. To volunteer, send a note, or call Barbara Levin. Or, to find out more details about this job, please contact Eileen Adler.

## **Temecula Retreat- Still a Few Spots!**

January 18- January 21, 2010

Shake those post holiday blues and attend our Monday through Thursday three-night, four-day retreat at the Vina De Lestonnac Retreat Center in Temecula. The cost is \$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 need to call Jo-Ellen Gould first (her phone number below) and then she will provide you with information on the amount to send complete payment to our treasurer Jean Moore at: 4050-50 Porte La Paz, San Diego, CA 92122. To view the Vina de Lestonnac web site visit: [www.vinalestonnac.com](http://www.vinalestonnac.com).

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