



# North Coast Knitters Guild

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## The Guild Meeting

**Tuesday, August 4th, 2009 12:30pm**

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

### Kristi Porter- Knitting Book Author & Teacher

Kristi Porter hails from San Diego will be talking with us and showing samples from her new book "*Knitting in the Sun: 32 Projects for Warm Weather*". And what makes this program even more exciting, is that a number of our Guild Members have patterns that are featured in her book!

Kristi is an author, designer, technical editor, and teacher. In addition to authoring *Knitting for Dogs* and *Knitting Patterns for Dummies*, her work has been featured in the Knitgirl series, the Big Girl Knits series, No Sheep for You, and KnitWit. She is a frequent contributor to [Knitty.com](http://Knitty.com) and has been a part of the online magazine since its inception in 2002. As a knitter and teacher in Southern California, Kristi is an expert in choosing projects and guiding her students in creating garments that they will enjoy knitting - and wearing - in warmer weather.

### ◆ THINGS TO DO IN AUGUST:

- 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 knitting creations for sharing.
- Bring YOUR STASH for the yarn sale so we can price it prior to the event. Thank you one and all for your contributions!!!!
- Bring your charity items—especially Red Scarves.
- Remember to turn off your cell phone please.



### ◆ UPCOMING GUILD MEETINGS & PROGRAMS:

#### September 1 (Tuesday)

In-House Program – Yarn Stash Sale and Yarn Tasting – Your favorite yarn and why. We will also showcase the garments entered in the San Diego Fair by our esteemed Guild Members---including the jewelry that Mary Brown entered.

#### October 6 (Tuesday)

Program: Myra Wood from Los Angeles will be giving a trunk show on freeform crochet lace and freeform knitted lace. Then Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> Wednesday she will be conducting a Freeform Lace Knitting Workshop. Details to follow.

#### November 3 (Tuesday)

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

#### December 7 (Monday)

Holiday Luncheon- Mark your calendars! This will be in the same location as last year. Details to follow.



### ◆ PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE-BARBARA LEVIN

To me, one of the great joys of this guild is the opportunity to be surrounded by an abundance of knitting talent. That's why I am so looking forward to the August meeting and program. **Kristi Porter** will be here to show us some of the items in her newest book, "*Knitting in the Sun: 32 Projects for Warm Weather*." This is Kristi's third knitting book, after "*Knitting for Dogs*" and "*Knitting Patterns for Dummies*." You may know her from her other gig as the ever-patient instructor at Knitting In La Jolla's drop-in classes.

But Kristi won't be here alone. She'll be accompanied by three of the designers who have patterns in her book – three extremely talented members of North Coast Knitters. **Eileen Adler** designed a vining leaves scarf (knit in yarn from Curious Creek Fibers, a dyeing company owned by guild member Kristine Brooks). **Lisa Limber's** linen kimono jacket is showing up on many of my friends' must-knit lists. And **Heather Broadhurst**, whose creations often fall somewhere between knitting and architecture, has invented a knitted beach chair that looks comfortable, sophisticated and not at all "crafty."

These ladies are among our most prolific published designers. But North Coast Knitters is also blessed with a bevy of talented craftswomen who excel at taking a published pattern or part of a pattern and making it their own. Believe me – these skills are contagious! The more you expose yourself to knitting alongside others, the more you learn and the better your finished products look.

If you haven't done so yet, you owe it to yourself to check out a knitting group. The guild sponsors several (they are always listed in the newsletter) and many of the local yarn stores (listed on our website, [www.ncknit.com](http://www.ncknit.com)) do, too. Check Google and Ravelry for the many informal groups not affiliated with North Coast Knitters that meet throughout the County at coffee shops, libraries and bars.

Besides talented knitters, our guild is also blessed with some talented yarn buyers. (You know if I'm talking about you.) Now is the time to weed out your stash. Bring your "extra" yarn to the August meeting so it can be sorted and marked for next month's big stash sale.

***Hope to see you all at the next meeting!***  
Barbara

## ◆ JUNE MEETING MINUTES

**North Coast Knitters' Guild  
General Membership Meeting  
Tuesday- July 7th, 2009 - 12:30 p.m.  
Barbara Levin presiding  
97 members and guests present**

President Barbara Levin opened the meeting by greeting new members and guests. She announced that the recent quarterly Finishing Class (free to Guild Members) was a huge success. The next class is scheduled for September 8th. Web mistress Heather Broadhurst was commended for her hard work in updating our website. Marsha Wenskay reminded us to bring yarn to the next meeting for our September "Stash Sale". She is also collecting red and pink scarves. Eileen Adler thanked those who participated in the Fair and requested members who submitted entries to bring them to the September meeting for a special show and tell. She also reminded us that the annual "Stitch and Pitch" event at Petco Park is July 19th with the Padres playing Colorado. Tickets are still available at local yarn shops. \$1.00 from each ticket sold will be donated to TKNA. Eileen suggested a car pool system to match members who need a ride to the guild meeting with members who live in their area. A notice will be included in the next newsletter. Susan Ludwig announced that Ruby Townsend's MTM class on using graphs to design your own sweater is completely booked. Ruby is considering a second class later this year. (Please call her if interested in signing up on the wait list.)

Marsha mentioned that the spokesperson from Heart Scarves, Marilyn Deak, will be at our August meeting to accept our donation of RED scarves. This charity is one of the charities we are focusing on this year. Heart Scarves benefits women

with Heart disease. We are the first Guild to support her group, and she wishes to extend her heartfelt thanks.

Our featured speaker was multi-talented Brecia Kralovic-Logan, a fiber artist from Santa Barbara. Brecia gave a very dynamic presentation on knitting and crocheting with dyed silk fabric, as well as weaving and felting. She emphasized the importance of an intuitive approach to color, stressing that imagination is essential for creativity. She showed an amazing array of garments incorporating these special features. Two days of Workshops were following this afternoon program.



Then Lisa Limber conducted the Show and Share.

Ellen Hesterman, Secretary

## ◆ SHARING AT JUNE'S 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. The summaries are prepared using the sharing slips filled out by the participants – who need to put more than their first name down in order for the items to appear in the newsletter. (Now for a quick reminder about sharing rules: 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.)

**Eileen Adler:** Fish Hats. Pattern from Knitty.com. Encore Yarn.

**Lyn Wogsberg:** Crochet Shell. Pattern "Over the Top". Worked in one piece from the back and over to the front. Gems sport weight yarn.

**Thea Lazarevic:** Long sleeve sweater (for daughter) - Knitters Magazine Fall '05. Katia Mississippi 3 yarn in Beige. #4 and #2 needles.

**Willa Cather:** Shawl. Patter Laminaria from Knitty.com. Malabrigo Lace yarn, Paris Nights colorway (she thinks).

**Betty Gregory:** Child's blanket. Log Cabin Blanket from Sally Melville's Book of Color. Yarn used was Cotton Classic from her stash. Multi-colored yarn with white border. Backed blanket with dark green cotton flannel. Machine washable and dryable. Fun to do!

**Maria Hoham:** Sophia's Scarf. Pattern: Berroco Adia Scarf. Used Schaffhouser Silk yarn in red colorway. Knitted on the bus while touring Spain and Portugal. Scarf is a gift for her travel agent Sophia.

**Rosie Halvorson:** Child's sweater. Pattern: Crofter by Sirdar. Crofter Fair Isle effect by Sirdar.

**Beth Ward:** Child's Shrug from Knitting Pure and Simple. Ty Dy yarn by Knit One Crochet Two. Colorway: Blue Pansy, pastels in blue, lime, and orchid. Knit from the top down with a lacy edge to pick up the open motif of the raglan.

**Liz Knapp:** Baby Blanket of her own design. Yarn used Caron Simply Soft in green. Liz teaches as a volunteer at the Ecke YMCA and the class wanted to learn cables. Each student knit a panel and she sewed them together. The blanket will be donated to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

**Elaine Myers:** Shawl. Elaine used her own pattern.



## ◆ A Free Finishing Class For Our Members

### **FINISHING DAYS... Two More for The Year....**

**Dates: September 8 and 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](mailto:sksmith@san.rr.com) or 858-566-3397.

Comments from a recent attendee of the Finishing Class:

*"Nancy Muschek and Linda Erlich were the pros who helped us at the June Finishing Class. They would probably appreciate more experts being there because they were in CONSTANT demand. Nancy showed me how to start seaming two knitted pieces of an afghan.*

*I never know how to get started; and after that it was a snap to continue with the mattress stitch up a very long piece of knitting.*

*My project was a fairly quick and simple solution for Nancy, I suspect. But there were quite a few of us who wanted advice...so we can't wait for the next session!"*

Gwen Nelson- Guild Member



## ◆ What's New On Our Web Site?

[www.ncknit.com](http://www.ncknit.com)

Hello Everyone, Heather your Web Mistress here... Have you visited our web site lately? It is a great source of information and we are adding more and more content and photos each month. If you have comments or suggestions please let me know at: [hjnb@boddame.net](mailto:hjnb@boddame.net). Here are a few web updates:

\* Believe it not, we previously had not listed the location of the Monthly Guild meeting on the site -- oops. An email to [ncknit@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ncknit@sbcglobal.net) pointed that "gotcha" out to us, and that omission has now been corrected helping to make it easier for folks to find us.

\* An expanded definition of local knitting shops includes Murietta and, with the addition of Mena's Yarn Shop & Clever Knits, our Local Yarn Shops page now has 18 different shops serving our fiber needs! Each shop location, web site address and hours of operation are all current for your shopping pleasure.

\* New links have been added on the Links page for the other local guilds and for a few of our members with blogs and web pages. If you have a web page or blog, we'd love to link to you and have you link back to us! (Please send me your web site/blog address to me.)

\* Our Events page has information on the Susan G. Komen "Knit for the Cure" effort and will also soon have info about the upcoming Bonita "Knit & Sew" event with Joan McGowan-Mitchell.

## ◆ LEARNING SOMETHING NEW!

### **A Calendar of Knitting/Fiber Arts Events:**

Knitters Review has an endless list of workshops, conferences, cruises, and get-togethers for knitters and fiber artists. Listings for the entire year 2009, from US to Canada, to Italy and beyond.

[http://www.knittersreview.com/upcoming\\_events.asp](http://www.knittersreview.com/upcoming_events.asp)

### **Instructions and How To's:**

Knitter's Review also has a great "how to" section on their site with great pictures and instructions. Covers: using double pointed needles, dying yarn, publishing your knit patterns, socks, and so on.

[http://www.knittersreview.com/how\\_to.asp](http://www.knittersreview.com/how_to.asp)

## Video Instructions Are A Great Way To Learn:



Using Short Rows To Shape Cables-  
From Knitting Daily Newsletter by Interweave:  
<http://www.knittingdaily.com/blogs/daily/archive/2009/03/18/ke090318wed.aspx>

Note: If you find great instructional videos on-line, feel free to send them to us so we can post them in upcoming Newsletters!

### ◆ SPECIAL EVENTS

#### San Diego County Fair

A HUGE "Thank You" to all of the volunteers who participated in the Demonstration Days and manning our booth! At our September Meeting we will have all the Winners bring their Garments, Jewelry, Fiber Arts, etc. to share with the group.  
Eileen Adler  
Special Events Coordinator

#### "Take me out to the Padres"

By the time you read this Newsletter, the annual "Stitch and Pitch" day at PetCo Park will have just occurred .... Sunday afternoon, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:05. We can't wait to hear more about the day. Stay tuned for more in next Month's Newsletter. A big thank you to our local yarn shops! They had to pre-purchase the tickets for us to then buy. This included:

**Bonita Knit & Sew-** [www.bonitaknitting.com](http://www.bonitaknitting.com)  
**Common Threads-** [www.fiberartshop.com](http://www.fiberartshop.com)  
**Jazi Crafts-** [www.jazicrafts.com](http://www.jazicrafts.com)  
**Knitting in La Jolla-** no web site  
**Stitcher's Treasures-** [www.stitcherstreasures.com](http://www.stitcherstreasures.com)  
**Needlepoint of La Jolla-** [www.needlepointoflajolla.com](http://www.needlepointoflajolla.com)

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### ◆ MEMBERS TEACHING MEMBERS

#### **"Learn to Graph Your Sweater" with Ruby Townsend**

Ruby Townsend's August workshop in which we will learn to graph a sweater with neck and sleeve options plus stitch patterns is FULL. She has a waiting list for another such workshop, date to be determined. If 'fit' tends to be a challenge for you, don't miss out again. Please call her to add your name to the waiting list: (619) 582-8091

Susan Ludwig, MTM Co-Chair  
Eileen Adler, MTM Co-Chair

#### **Member-Teaching-Members- Class Suggestions?**

You're knitting looks great but wait, what is that -- a hole? A mistake? Who wouldn't love a class on correcting mistakes? This class is slated for later in the year -- there is help out there!

We're also toying with the idea of a sweater knit-along for those of us who would enjoy moving beyond scarves. But we need your help with this one; please contact Susan or Eileen with your thoughts, ideas, and most importantly, if this is a class you'd like us to facilitate. For questions, please contact Eileen Adler 858-731-1921 or Susan Ludwig 760-436-0453.

### ◆ PHILANTHROPY

I would like to recap the charity that was spoken about during the June meeting. **The Hatbox Foundation** is dedicated to providing stylish, pretty and comfortable hand knit hats for chemo patients. That includes men, women and children. The Hatbox Foundation was started by a member of the FUMC that hosts our monthly meetings, classes and special events. They meet the first and fourth Monday of each month to knit together. We are supporting them this year, and they are especially looking for some fancy caps for the patients to wear out. There are so many hat patterns for free on the internet and we can all be creative with embellishing them. Check out the site: <http://www.knittingonthenet.com> .

Our second featured charity is the **Helmet-liner** project as outlined by the national group Citizen Sam. You can get a free pattern at their Website is: <http://citizensam.org> Please follow the Helmet-liner link and their directions. Our soldiers all over the world appreciate this comfort from home!

The third and final focus of our charity is the **Heart Scarves** to benefit women with heart disease. The spokesperson, Marilyn Deak will be at our August meeting to accept our donation of **RED scarves**. We are the first guild to support her group and she wishes to extend her heartfelt thanks.

For a perfect pattern please go to: <http://www.knitculture.com> . Once you are at the site hit their blog link (up at the very top of the site). When the Blog pops up look to the left for Archives, and click on January 2009 for a wonderful free pattern for a scarf with a lace knit heart motif. (Scroll down to the bottom of the pattern and there is a link to an updated version of the pattern added 2/7/09. Use that pattern please.)

I have distributed all of these patterns at our meetings. My printing costs are rising and it would be helpful if you can print these at home (if you have the capability). Once you Google free knit patterns for chemo hat, or scarves, or tea cozies, etc... you will be amazed at what comes up. Plan on setting aside some time to research and have fun with the search.

Finally, our **Super Stash Sale needs your yarn**. We are short this year---perhaps due to the economy? Please purge ruthlessly. It is fun and the ensuing projects are a joy to see. We will be collecting yarn at the August meeting so we can price them and package them for the September Sale. Please join us!

Thank you for making such a difference....  
Marsha Wensky

## ✦ KNITTING ON THE NET

### ● CUPCAKE PINCUSHION

This pincushion is knit on #6 double points at a gauge of 22 st/in. The “stuffing” is the standard red tomato pincushion you can buy inexpensively at your local fabric store.

<http://www.spudandchloe.com/blog/wp-content/uploads/2009/06/cupcake-pincushion1.pdf>



### ● SLIP STITCH SCARF

An easy summer knit, this scarf is knit on #9 needles with worsted weight yarn.

<http://acornbudsyarns.blogspot.com/2009/06/3x3-slip-stitch-scarf.html>



### ● PETITE PURLS

There's a new online magazine in town – Petite Purls. It focuses on children's patterns and the first issue includes 4 baby/toddler garments, a toy and a felted diaper bag.

<http://www.petitepurls.com/index.html>



### ● BABY SURPRISE IN STOCKINETTE

The author of this pattern has created a guide to knitting the famous Elizabeth Zimmermann Baby Surprise in stockinette. He's also included instructions for adding a collar to the sweater. You'll need the original Baby Surprise pattern to which you apply the changes for stockinette and the collar.

<http://knit-n-panda.blogspot.com/2007/08/elizabeth-zimmermanns-baby-surprise.html>



### ● CINNAMON GRACE

This 72" x 9" scarf/shoulder shawl is knit at a gauge of 5 st/in on #3 needles. [Editor's note: The needle size is not a typo....hmmmm.] It would be great for keeping your shoulders warm in an aggressively air-conditioned restaurant.

<http://knitworksbykatie.blogspot.com/2009/05/cinnamon-grace.html>



## ✦ OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

As many of you know, Colleen Davis is the founder of our Guild, and we are often in awe of her energy, creativity and passion. A week ago, she lost her step-son due to complications with a surgery. He was 56 years of age. Colleen, her husband, and their entire family are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

## ✦ 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](mailto:ewhest@att.net).

## ✦ NORTH COAST KNITTERS GUILD

Our President is Barbara Levin. Her NEW email address is: [Barbara.Levin@me.com](mailto:Barbara.Levin@me.com). For a list of Board Members please visit the Web Site at [www.ncknit.com](http://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.

## ✦ OUR GUILD WEB SITE IS A WEALTH OF INFORMATION AND CONSTANTLY UPDATED!!

Please check the web site out frequently. It offers a wealth of information and is being updated and improved every day! A big thank you to **Heather Broadhurst**, our web-mistress, who has been hard at work expanding the North Coast Knitters' web site, [www.ncknit.com](http://www.ncknit.com).

## ✦ CONTACT INFORMATION

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### Web Master For Our Web Site:

Heather Broadhurst is the website person and her email is [hjnb@boddame.net](mailto: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](mailto:SheriRob1@aol.com).

**The 2009 Membership Directory Updates:** Please make the following correction to your 2009 Directory:

-Sandy Yayanos' correct PO Box number is 7220

-Colleen Davis' NEW web site Address is: [www.toboldlyknit.com](http://www.toboldlyknit.com) Check it out!!!

-Barbara Levin's New Email Address Is: [Barbara.Levin@me.com](mailto:Barbara.Levin@me.com)

### ◆ WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

The Guild would like to welcome our new members. 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 and Renewing members since our July Newsletter include:

Correction for A New Member:

Mimi Sevimli was listed in the June Newsletter. Her correct phone number should read: 858-722-8128.

### NEW MEMBERS:

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### ◆ 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.
- **EKG Group**, 10:30am, 2nd Tues, home of Lillia Brown 760-634-1638
- **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, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed, Panera in Carmel Mountain Ranch, Sheri Fisher, 858-530-2385.
- **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**: 10am, 4<sup>th</sup> Tues - Gwen Nelson, 760-720-5420 at the Encinitas Sr. Ctr. at 10:00 a.m. We are just "rather normal, intermediate knitters; we're open to any level knitter."

**Return Address:**

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