



San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild

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Number 155 – April, 2010

The Guild Meeting Tuesday, April 6th, 2010 12:30pm

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

✦ Skirts Galore At The April Fashion Show



Attention Fashion-istas! For the April Meeting, we will have a fashion show featuring knitted and crocheted skirts. Sara has some fantastic current skirts, and some vintage garments too!

Participants need to bring a short description of their garment on an index card for the narrator. Thank you one and all for participating!! Please contact Sara either by phone (858-748-4124) or email her at: miyakefan92064@aol.com if you have any questions prior to the meeting.

✦ May Meeting and Workshops

Anna Walden from Twisted Sisters will be here with us on Tuesday, **May 4th** to present at our monthly meeting. Her lecture topic will be "Montage Knitting---the combining of discrete elements to create an artful whole."

Then Workshops will be held on **Wednesday, May 5th and Thursday, May 6th**. Just as a reminder, that anytime we have workshops, sign-ups and reservations can be made at the Guild meeting or by mail. You can send your check made out to North Coast Knitters to our Treasurer, Jean Moore, 4050-50 Porte La Paz, San Diego, CA 92122.

Anna Walden's Workshop Info. and Supplies:

Entrelac Rocks Workshop- Wed. 5/5 9:00-12:00 \$30

Supplies: please bring: #5 or #6 straight and circular needles. The Class: Entrelac is a fabulous medium for bringing color work into your knitting. It does not have to be a whole garment but can be used as embellishment or an element in montage style knitting. This class will give lots of examples of uses of entrelac and some basic rules for using disparate elements in the same garment. Students will learn to work with the difference in gauge between entrelac and stockinette, knit a tuck on the edge of a garment to make a transition to another element, decrease the first row of entrelac when knitting from live stitches, and use entrelac triangles as a nifty edging for any garment. Must already know how to knit entrelac.

Beadazzling Buttons Workshop-Wed. 5/5 1:00-4:00

\$30 Supplies: one or two cover-it-yourself button forms 1¼" or 1½". Materials fee to be paid to Anna at the workshop \$5. The Class: Desperate for a button that will match and "make" your garment? Try this beaded and felted covered button. This project can be easily finished and felted in class so students have a finished button (or buttons) at the end of the class.

Building Blocks Workshop-5/6 9:00-12:00 \$30

Supplies: please bring: #5 or #6 double point needles preferred. The Class: Mitered squares can be an exciting option for adding color and textural interest to your knitting. They can be added as an embellishment or an element in montage style knitting. This class will provide lots of examples of knitting garments with multiple elements, ideas for incorporating mitered squares and some basic principles for using different elements in the same garment. Students will learn to knit basic mitered squares and triangles, joining to other elements as squares or as diamonds, computing gauge between squares and other knit stitches.

Tubes, Tucks and Ties Workshop- 5/6 1:00-4:00 \$30

Supplies: please bring two circular needles #5 or 6, longer than 16" and #5 or #6 double points. The Class: Tucks, tubes and i-cord are all ways to add texture, surface embellishment, couture detailing and make fun closures. Students will learn to bind edges, add tucks as transitions between elements in montage style knitting, use internal tucks or tubes and insert i-cord to add to the fun!

For All Workshops: You do not need to bring yarn. Anna will provide Twisted Sisters' yarn. Bring your usual knitting kits, i.e., markers, scissors, yarn needle, etc. Checks can be given to our treasurer, Jean Moore at the meeting, or mailed to 4050-50 Porte La Paz, San Diego, CA 92122.

◆ THINGS TO DO IN APRIL:

- 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 with us all.
- Bring your checkbook if you want to sign up for any of the Workshops in May.
- Bring your charity items.
- Remember to turn off your cell phones please.



THE NEW 2010 MEMBER ROSTER WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL CURRENT MEMBERS AT THE APRIL MEETING!

A huge heartfelt "thank you" to Sheri Fisher for all her efforts in updating our database, and preparing the document for printing. A thank you to Anderson Printing too! For those of you who still want to sign up for Membership, please contact Jean Moore. We will include your information in the Newsletter so everyone can update their Directory throughout the year.

◆ PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....



FROM BARBARA LEVIN

Watch me do a dizzying 180-degree spin from last month's message – when I urged you all to learn to read your newsletter on a computer. Today I am urging you to stay away from your computer and do your yarn shopping locally! We're blessed in Southern California with a dazzling array of local yarn stores. Let's help keep them alive!

Yes, there's a recession and yes, we're all watching our spending. But please don't treat your local yarn store as a research library – a place to fondle the yarn, pick a color and use the data you've collected as the basis for an order on-line. One of our local shops closed recently (Bonita Knit & Sew). Please help keep the others thriving. (No free yarn changed hands while researching this article....unfortunately.)

Everyone: Please thank Sheri Fisher for all the work she did wrestling together the huge amount of data in the new members' directory. There's certainly nothing as fun as spending your free time typing up and proofreading some 200-plus names, addresses, phones, email addresses and Ravelry IDs.

Also a big thank you to the RN Sub-Group for their great presentation on "Signature Scarfs". It is wonderful when the members share in our programs.

If a typo somehow managed to slip through and you find an error in your listing, please send an email to Sheri at sherirob1@aol.com .

Hope to see you at the next meeting!
Barbara

◆ MARCH MEETING MINUTES

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST MEETING

San Diego North Coast Knitters

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, March 2, 2010 - 12:30 p.m.

Barbara Levin presiding

111 members and guests present

President Barbara Levin opened the meeting by welcoming new members and guests. Sara Stolz announced that there was still time to sign up for the April in-house program; the Knitted Skirt Fashion Show. Colleen Davis announced that Anna Walden of the Twisted Sisters will be our guest speaker in May and will be conducting workshops the following two days. Colleen also reminded us to submit items for the July Tea Party Challenge; Susan Ludwig will be collecting your creations at the June meeting. Liz Knapp thanked members for their donations of helmet liners and scarves and requested baby blankets for military families. She is also collecting yarn for our August Stash Sale. Mar Gee Farr, Myra Lehmann and Barbara Funkenstein are coordinating the Holiday Luncheon scheduled for Monday, December 6th at the Morgan Run Country Club in Ranch Santa Fe. Colleen introduced Gwen Nelson who then introduced members of the R.N. (Rather Normal) subgroup. Nicki Epstein's book, "Signature Scarves", was the inspiration for their presentation. Adele Snyder, Rose Sogge, Nancy Muschek and Lani Clause displayed an assortment of scarves. Ellen Magee and Benson, honorary members of the group, also participated. Benson explained how she experiments with new techniques and patterns by knitting a scarf rather than a more complex garment. Gwen announced that the scarves would be on display and group members would be available to answer questions at the end of the meeting. She reminded members that the R.N. subgroup meets the 4th Tuesday of every month at the Encinitas Senior Center from 10am to noon. Colleen Davis invited members who had recently attended needlework conventions to describe their experiences. Carolyn Balkwell talked about the Stitches Convention. Barbara Levin and Linda Erlich talked about the Madrona Fiber Arts Festival, also attended by Betty Clarquist and Karen Pearson. Eileen Adler, Cia Bullemer and Lisa Limber attended the TNNA professional show. Hand painted designer yarns, animal hair yarn, lacy shawls and more simplistic pattern designs seemed to be the trend. Turquoise is the color of the season.

Linda Erlich conducted a very lively show and share.

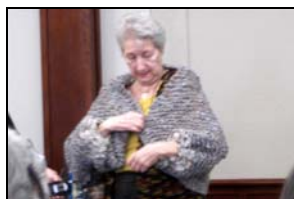
✦ SHARING AT MARCH'S MEETING

We print abbreviated summaries of shared items which provide enough information to allow you to follow up on items you might like to knit. 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.

Note: At the March Meeting some items were presented by the Attendees and some by the RN Sub-Group! Thank you ladies for such a great presentation.

Julie Beck – Beaded Shawls shared several of her seven Judy Pascale Beaded Eyelet Shawls. Used Royal Crochet Cotton 3. Julie added beaded edging to both shawls. Each shawl had approximately 2,900 beads in total.

Gail Eager – Jacket using Kercher SRK 180 pattern. The garment was knit side to side in Kercher Marble Chunky yarn in #8 Jeweltone colorway.



Flora Kuritsky – Scarf knit in seed stitch pattern in using 3 skeins of Homespun yarn. Knitted until yarn ran out. Fringe is included when done. Modeled by Linda....is she running?



Sara Stoltz – Scarf knit using Jyri pattern from Norah Goughan's Volume 1 book. Matching multiple seam **hat** knit using Lyre pattern from Berroco (free) patterns. These items were knit in Patons's Fine Merino yarn in teal colorway.

Anne Marie Gonczy – Shawl started in Amy Singer's Tuscany Shawl workshop held on February 4th. Shawl was knit in Hand Maiden Sea Silk yarn in Stardust colorway. Worked away to get it blocked by February 28th!

Elisabth Westlake – Pullover knit in squares pattern using leftover yarn from the Stash Sale. The stitches were too numerous for one needle so she had to make two parts and then lace them together.



Maggie Whitson – Sweater using Drift pattern by Norah Goughan which she found in the Berroco free patterns on the Berroco website (also available on Ravelry). The sweater was knit in grey tweed colorway. Maggie comments that the sweater was fun to knit with lots of pattern changes.

Eileen Adler – Shawl using an original pattern. Eileen began at the lower triangle and the lace trim is picked up. Outer lace is worked sideways. Knit in 100% wool in heather green colorway.



Ruby Townsend – Eyeglass Case using a pattern which currently resides in her head (for now). This case was knit in mint green sock or fingering yarn (small ball leftovers). This could also be used for a cell phone or camera.

Ellen Hesterman – Pullover using Mitered Squares pattern. The yarn used was 100% Cotton Knit One Crochet Too's Ty-Dy in Midnight Sun.

Lisa Limber – Fingerless Gloves using the Leela Fingerless Gloves pattern. Yarn used was Schaefer Nichole in green colorway and US 3 double pointed needles. Easy pattern!
Neck Down Sweater from Black Dog Designs. Yarn used was Schaefer Miss Priss in Black/brown colorway on US 10 needles. The pattern is available for free on Ravelry. **Shawl** using Aestlight Shawl pattern. Yarn used was Schaefer Audrey (50% Merino wool/50% silk) in red (Rosa Parks) colorway and US size 6 needles. The pattern is available on Ravelry.

Maria Hoham – Cardigan knit from a pattern in Knitter's Winter 2006 issue. Yarn used was Schaufhauser 100% wool fingering (from Switzerland) in purple colorway. Maria changed the front closure, the sleeves and the finishing. Used US size 4 needles. Maria thanks Sandy for making her finish this sweater.



◆ THE 2010 Program Line Up

Beverly Stone and shy Amy Nichols – Knitted Thongs using pattern from Interweave Knits Magazine. Yarn used was Luster Sheen and one of the thongs was adorned with a ribbon which said, "Eat, Drink, and be Married."



Rita Kahn – Headband, Hat, Necklace | cord necklace and swirly hats. All made using leftover yarn.

Gwen Nelson- Scarf- Gwen presented a beautiful scarf of triangles in shades of greens and blues.



◆ 2010 PROGRAMS & CHALLENGES....

In January, Colleen Davis announced the new Challenge- "Everything Tea Party." Items will be brought to the June meeting and presented at the July meeting.

◆ New In The Guild's Library!

Check it out!!! The Guild has subscribed to **Cast On Magazine**, the official publication of The Knitting Guild of America (TKGA) is here!!! Our Guild sometimes gets mentioned and that is one of the reasons for this new subscription!

Also Nancy has purchased some new books for the Library so come by and check them out!

April 6- Skirt (Knitted and Crocheted) Fashion Show.

May 4- Lecture/trunk show by Anna Walden (Twisted Sisters) followed by 2 days of workshops.

June 1- 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." Collecting for Stash Sale. Collecting all Tea Party Items to Colleen.

July 6- Potluck and Results of the Tea Party Challenge. Collecting for Stash Sale.

August 3- STASH SALE and The Wednesday night sub group will give a presentation on Ravelry.

September 7- Recycling and Upcycling - Let's see fascinating and creative projects!

October 5- Candace Eisner Strick, author, designer, teacher, from Connecticut will be doing a lecture/trunk show followed by 2 days of workshops.

November 2- Lisa Limber, will be doing a presentation on "Design For Your Own Style: Don't Be Afraid to Figure it Out."

December 6 (Monday)- Holiday Lunch/Fashion Show

Meetings are always subject to change.



◆ Events and Retreats

Newton's Yarn Spring Fling Event

Our Annual Spring Fling Seminar which will be held on April 23-25, 2010 at the Shrine El Bekal in Anaheim, CA. We offer classes and demonstrations in Hand & Machine Knitting, Crochet, and Weaving. There will also be a World Famous Parking Lot Sale. For more information visit our website www.newtons.com. Newton's Yarn Country-Anaheim, CA 92806

La Casa de Maria Retreat- North Coast Knitters Guild- **SOLD OUT.... For May 24-27th, 2010**

As a result of members' prompt sign ups and a busy La Casa schedule our May 24th-27th La Casa de Maria retreat is full. If you are interested in attending and didn't get your deposit in early enough please contact me in case rooms open up. Thank you.

Jo-Ellen Gould
Retreat Chair (858) 947-5167

**Retreat with Valley Needlers Guild
Un-Lac the Mystery- April 30-May, 2, 2010**

We are having a retreat the end of April and would like to invite members of the NCKG to join us! Un-Lac the Mystery-Valley Needlers are having a retreat at the Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center April 30 through May 2nd, 2010. The subject of the retreat this year is Entrelac. A small project will be started during the retreat and some more advanced techniques will also be taught. The cost is \$275 for a double room and \$360 for a single room. This includes 3 meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. If you would like to have dinner at the retreat on Friday night, the center charges an additional \$10 for the meal. The deposit is \$125 with final payment due in February. If you have any questions, call Melody at 951-302-0382 or Michelle McCall at 951-288-7834. Please make your checks payable to Valley Needlers and send to our Program person: Melody Wagner, 32002 Corte Montoya, Temecula CA 92592.

✦ [Retreat in Fall 2010](#)



**REPOSITIONING CRUISE
September 26-September 30, 2010**

Mark your calendar for a three-night, four-day repositioning cruise on Holland America Cruise Lines. The cruise is open to members and non-members alike. It is not a knitting cruise but if enough members sign up it could become a knitting retreat on the high seas. The cruise departs from Vancouver on the 26th with a stop in Victoria and two days at sea before returning to San Diego on the 30th.

Price per person including: air, cabin, transfer, insurance and tax is:

<u>Double Occupancy</u>	<u>Single Occupancy</u>
Inside cabin: \$831.69	\$1031.69
Ocean view cabin: \$881.69	\$1094.50

(Notes: Subtract \$360.20 for airfare and tax if you choose to make your own flight arrangements. Passports are required and must be valid 6 months after your return--- that means valid thru the end of March, 2011.)

If interested, please call Lois to submit your refundable deposit (Until July 13, 2010). It is \$100 per person deposit by credit card to NCK Member Lois Watson.

Lois will be requesting payments in the form of a credit card. Lois reports that the cruise will fill up quickly, so you might want to insure your space and arrange your deposit ASAP since it is refundable. To make your deposit, or if you have any questions, please call Lois at 949 380-7938. She will be glad to assist you.

✦ [Quarterly Finishing Classes](#)

Dates: June 8th and Sept. 14th, 2010
Time: 12:30 to 3:30 PM
Cost: Free to 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. Every three months, the Guild will host a free "Finishing Day" 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.

✦ [Philanthropy](#)

I'm pleased to report that the SDNCKG shipped two large boxes to our charities this month. Twenty-three helmet liners were sent to Operation Helmet Liner and thirty-three red scarves were sent to HeartScarves. Marilyn Deak, founder of the HeartScarves Project lives in Carlsbad, and she informs me that our scarves will be distributed locally. Don't be surprised if you see your handiwork on a woman walking down the street in your town!

The Guild provides free kits with yarn and patterns for our charity knitting projects so please stop by the Philanthropy table and sign one out at the next general meeting or Knit @ Nite. If you signed out a kit in February or March, please finish it and bring back the scarf, hat or helmet liner in April. A big "Thank You" to the fifteen members who turned in items in March.

The question was asked and the answer is "YES." You may certainly use your own yarn and patterns for soft hats (Hat Box Foundation), red scarves (HeartScarves Project) and baby blankets (Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society). As long as you use 100% wool in the specified colors, you may also use your own yarn for helmet liners. Links to all our charities and the helmet liner pattern are on our website. Please direct any questions to me at liz.yarn@yahoo.com or 619-995-YARN (9276), or see me before the monthly meeting starts at the Philanthropy table in the back of the room.

Liz Knapp



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 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 Page 11 for our emails) and we will match you up and post it in upcoming Newsletters if desired. Thank you!

✦ [Learning Videos](#)

Knit Picks announced that they have over 200 tutorials-- from Beginner instructions, to projects, kits, popular techniques, and videos galore. It is an amazing array of items and will be my new "go to" when I need to refresh my memory on how to do something. Here is the link below. *Deirdre*

http://www.knitpicks.com/Tutorials/Knitting_Tutorials.html?medid=Tutorial+Ecard

✦ [How Do YOU Use Ravelry?](#)

MEMBERS PLEASE SUBMIT: We invite you to share your Ravelry experience -- what small part of the big picture are you using, what part do you want to explore and what part do you just not get/understand? *Please send it to the Newsletter Editors so we can include you!*

✦ [KNITTING ON THE NET](#)

April 2010

• Houdini Socks

Cat Bordhi designed a sock for the first issue of the Twist Collective. As you'd expect, it's a clever approach to a sock -- and you'll learn the the best cast on ever for these toe-up socks.

<http://www.twistcollective.com/collection/index.php/component/content/article/36-columns/65-houdini-socks>



• Floofy Cup Cakes

<http://knitforyourlife.blogspot.com/2009/02/floofy-cupcakes-free-pattern.html>

• Baana Scarf

We all have them -- that skein of sock yarn you couldn't resist, even tho you don't knit socks. This pattern's for you. Knit in linen stitch with #8 needles, it's a simple but sophisticated look.

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/baana-scarf#>



• Soft Linen Shawl

Summer in California means you're freezing in restaurants and this shawl is the answer. It's a simple knit with DK weight yarn at a gauge of 17 stitches to 4" on #9 needles. You'll need about 400 yards of yarn.

<http://www.classicelityarns.com/WebLetter/100/Issue100.php>



✦ [With Our Condolences....](#)

Long time guild member Dottie Pusl's husband Joe died yesterday after a lingering illness. He was a lovely gentleman.

✦ [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!

✦ [SAN DIEGO NORTH COAST KNITTERS GUILD](#)

Our President is Barbara Levin. Her email address is: Barbara.Levin@me.com. For a list of Board Members please refer to the Directory. The Web Site address is: www.ncknit.com. Open to all knitters, regardless of skill level. Dues are \$20 annually and expire for all members on January 31. In January we will issue a new form for everyone to fill out for the Annual Membership. Those forms and checks will then go to: Jean Moore, Treasurer NCKG, 4050-50 Porte La Paz, San Diego, CA 92122. You will be asked on the form to 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:

For changes please forward them to: Sheri Fisher at SheriRob1@aol.com. We will be distributing the 2010 Directory to all current Members at the Apri event.

Past Issues of Newsletter:

If you want to refer back to previous issues, please start right now in 2010. Create a folder and save them there on your

computer each month. It is not easy for us to archive, the way our system is set up. Sorry.

✦ 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.

✦ SUB-GROUP MEETING SCHEDULE:

If you'd like to attend a sub group meeting, call the contact listed below first –as sometimes there is a change to the meeting schedule.

- **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.

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