



San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild

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The Guild Meeting Tuesday, August 3rd, 2010 12:30pm

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

Please Note: Because of the volume of traffic our meetings generate, please remember that the aisles in the church parking lot are one-way. Church personnel are worried that the wrong-way driving could cause an accident...so follow the signs!!

✦ AUGUST MEETING

1) YARN AND STASH SALE

We've spent two days sorting yarn and accessories—and a big thank you to everyone who donated. Expect to find great bargains in summer-blend yarns, knitting kits and gorgeous natural fiber yarns. Don't miss the "Bits of Glitz" table with specialty yarns from Prism and Plymouth. Nothing is priced over \$20, and there's a grab bag full of \$1 treasures.

CASH OR CHECK ONLY; please bring with you plenty of \$1 and \$5 bills.

Note: Knit @ Nite will have its own sale for those of you who can't attend the daytime meeting.

2) RAVELRY PRESENTATION BY OUR KNIT @ NITE SUB-GROUP

Learn about this incredible web site and resource for finding patterns, determining patterns for the yarn and yardage you have, post your library of books, projects, sharing, errattas, etc.

✦ THINGS TO DO IN JULY:

- 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 and especially those of you who entered items in the Fair...bring them to share with us all.
- Bring cash or checks for Yarn Sale & MTM Workshops!!
- Bring your charity items.
- Remember to turn off your cell phones, please.



GOT YARN?

**NO, I CANNOT FIND ANY
YARN IN MY CLOSET...
SO I AM OFF TO THE YARN
SALE WITH SD-NCKG!!!**

✦ PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....

FROM BARBARA LEVIN

It's August, so brace yourselves! It's time for the annual stash free-for-all, err...sale.

Our generous members, some of whom may have a teensy shopping problem, have routed through their stashes. They have winnowed out the yarn that was once too beautiful to leave on the store shelf. But, alas, even more gorgeous yarn has since followed them home. Those earlier skeins have paled in comparison.

Luckily, beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Other members' no-longer-loved yarn may find a happier home in your knitting basket-- at a really good price.

There are just a few rules for the stash sale (because I'm the president and I say so). Doors to the meeting room open, as always, as 12:30 p.m. The stash sale area will be roped off with that blinding yellow caution

tape. At 1 p.m. we'll cut the tape. No shoving or stabbing with needles allowed.

Cash and checks only. Besides the yarn, we'll have several dozen small, new project bags donated to the guild by the manufacturer. Proceeds from this sale go to support our programs.

The regular meeting will start after the sale, or about 1:30-1:45 p.m. Heather Broadhurst, our webmistress and a member of Knit@Nite, will present a short program on Ravelry. Ravelry has become an invaluable resource for knitters, and she'll cover the basics.

Much thanks goes to Liz Knapp, philanthropy chair, for organizing the stash sale. As she will tell you, nothing says fun like spending a July afternoon in your garage sorting yarn!

Barbara

✦ HAVE YOU VOLUNTEERED FOR THE GUILD YET?

As you know, there are many people behind the scenes that make this Guild run so smoothly. We are going to have a number of Board Positions open for the next Term (2011). These are just a few, and there will be more, so feel free to contact Sara. We will add more information about the positions as we know more. For example, we will need: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor(s).

✦ JULY MEETING MINUTES

**San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild
General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, July 6th, 2010 - 12:30 p.m.
Linda Erlich presiding
97 members and guests present**

Vice-President Linda Erlich opened the meeting by welcoming new members and guests. Fair coordinator Kathy Christensen thanked members for sitting at the Guild table at the Fair. Eileen Adler announced that tickets for the annual Stitch N' Pitch baseball game at Petco Park were available at the Common Threads yarn shop in Encinitas. Susan Ludwig discussed upcoming Members Teaching Members (MTM) workshops. Liz Knapp asked for help in sorting and pricing the yarn she has collected for next month's stash sale. The annual potluck luncheon was a huge success. Extra tables had to be set up to accommodate the overflow of food. Susan Ludwig organized the tea party challenge of

hand made tablecloths, doilies, tea cozies, cupcakes, jelly rolls, hats, candles, sandwiches, cups and saucers and fruit. It was an amazing display of the creative talent that makes our Guild so special... Linda Erlich conducted the show and share.

✦ THE TEA PARTY CHALLENGE!

This was such a fun event, and BIG thank you's go out to Colleen Davis for dreaming it up, and Susan Ludwig, for her creativity in displaying all the items for us to enjoy.

The participants were so create and hopefully the photos do them justice. We hope so!! Here is a partial list, as they presented their creations. This is a listing of some of the items, so forgive us if we did not include you here. Hopefully your photo is below!

Amy had a plethora of items, including a teal pot coasters, flowers, petite fours. Sue created four hats for a tea party! Eileen made lace food covers that actually collapse down. Margee Farr did an adorable candy box with candies inside. Colleen took a teapot and hot-glued crocheted flowers onto it. Beverly made a sunflower teapot. Heather Broadhurst did a beautiful and lacy tea cup and saucer. Siobhan did wire and bead votives. Linda created a tea cozy and used short rows to get the wedges in the design.





◆ **SHARING AT JULY'S MEETING**

Please fill out the informational slips [so we can read them and record them for the Newsletter.](#)

[\(More Photos Can Be Found on the Web Site...\)](#)

Phyllis Bates- Socks Holey Socks- Multicolor--green, purple, etc. Pagewood Farms.

Amy Sheridan- Cardigan- Pattern Beau Soleil- Creative Knitting, July 2009. Colorway was blue, knit one crochet two Babyboo (55% nylon and 45% Bamboo)- Lace & rib pattern with crochet edging. The pattern for this sweater, the Beau Soleil cardigan, is also available on Ravelry as a free download.

Jo-Ellen Gould- Sweater- Pattern: Cable Knit Cardigan from Spring/Summer Vogue Magazine- The colorway was tan. Yarn was Stacey Charles Napal 100% cotton.

Masuni Aycock- Sweater- Using her own Pattern- The colorway was Lavender hues. Sweater- purple and orange---using Shaefer's Yarn.

Stacey Smith- Shawl- Patter was Folk Shawls and the yarn was Denim Ani Barri with beads. It draped beautifully and Maria helped to show Stacey how to drape this with a knit pin and it looked beautiful!



Liz Knapp- Sleeveless Top- The Pattern-Color block Shell with yarn Berroco Rayon Twist, 50% Wool and 50% Rayon. Each square was a complementary color with black outlining each section.

Cia- Baby Sweater- The Pattern was Sublime and the color was Plums--Yarn was Pagewood Farm- Denali 4 Sweater Vest- Coco Knits Designs- Pattern was Liesl and colorway was Lime- Yarn was Merlin Sport, and cool pockets on the side.

Thea Lazarevic- Clapotis Shawl- Pattern from Knitty.com. The colorway Blue- Denim- varigated. Yarn: Pagewood Parois (8 oz= 1,350 yds.) Needles #6. She changed the needle to #6 from #8, as her yarn was finer. She also made it longer to suit her style and taste.

Ellen Magee- Scarf- Long, Pattern was her own-- Faux/Weave with attached i-cord. Used Malabrigo fine sock yarn.

Kathy Christensen- Sock Monkey- Pattern was Carmen Miranda- Yarn was: Knit Picks Stroll and knitted this at the San Diego Fair.

Maria- Toddler Sweater in burgundy color way. The pattern was in Knitters Magazine-Fall 2001.



◆ **THE REST OF THE YEAR...2010**

September 7- The topic for September is "Recycling." This is a wide-open topic which can include re-using yarn from a "ripped" garment, taking an old garment and re-inventing it, using eco-friendly yarns in any manner, using things other than regular yarn to create something (not necessarily a garment). I am relying on our talented membership to contribute garments for this program. Please contact Colleen if you can participate.

October 5- Candace Eisner Strick, author, designer, teacher, from Connecticut will be doing a Lecture & Trunk Show followed by 2 workshops on Wednesday and 2 on Thursday. Each workshop is 3 hours long and the cost is \$30. Sign-ups will begin at the August Meeting. You can also mail in your check to: SD-North Coast Knitters Guild- Attn: Jean Moore, 4050 Porte La Paz, San Diego, CA 92122.

Workshops for Wednesday 10/6:

1) Wednesday Oct 6th, from 9:00-12 noon- The Art of Knitting Backwards and How it Applies to Edging. Learn how to knit and purl backwards and how to apply this technique to the task of working an applied edging (ie, not turning work, and those edgings are usually worked on about 6 stitches). Students will practice knitting and purling backwards, then work an easy garter stitch edging, mitering corners as it is attached.

2) Wednesday Oct 6th, 1:00-4:00pm- Mitered Modular Miracles of Engineering – a Bag. You do not need a degree in engineering, or even one in math, to make these fabulous mitered modular bags. They are fun, fast, easy, and a great way to reduce your stash. Felted or not, you can make them any size you wish, add a zipper or not, go wild and crazy, or keep conservative and tasteful.

Workshops for Thursday 10/7:

1) Thursday Oct 7, 9:00 -12 noon: The Ripple Effect. Gently undulating ripples make beautiful and flattering knit fabric. Placing the increases and decreases in different places can greatly change the look. Learn the secret of these gorgeous patterns, sample some unusual ones, then learn about delayed increases and decreases.

2) Thurs, Oct 7, 1:00-4:00pm Strick Nine. Strick = knit. Nine = 9 fabulous cast-on's and bind off's, including some new inventions you have never seen before. Learn how to do long tail cable edge cast on, Channel Island cast on, provisional crochet cast on, tubular cast on, tubular bind off in both k1, p1 and k2, p2, stretchy knit twice bind off, delayed bind off, firm bind off, and Icelandic bind off.

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...but you knew that!

◆ Members Teaching Members Programs

Summer is here and we have a sizzling slate of workshops for you, with additional ones coming along rapidly. Grab your needles, and here we go!

1) MTM Felted Backpack with Eileen Adler
Thursday, August 12, 2010, from 10:00-12:30
SOLD OUT! *Just to let you know, this class is full but I'm happy to start a waiting list; things happen and someone may not be able to attend despite good intentions. Or ask about waitlist for the next class.*

Backpack purses are really a necessity because the weight is evenly distributed on both shoulders making carrying a purse much more ergonomic – and more comfortable! Why not knit your very own felted backpack using an original pattern by Eileen Adler? During this two-and-one-half-hour class you will learn a variety of skills - ten to be exact! Some will be a review and some will surprise you with a new application. The skill level is Easy- Projects using basic stitches, repetitive stitch patterns, simple color changes and simple shaping and finishing. Mark your calendars for Thursday, August 12, 2010, from 10:00-12:30. We will meet at Eileen's house.

2) Reading and Understanding Charts
Thursday, August 19 from 11:30-1:30 PM; \$20.
by Thea Lazarevic

If you've ever been stymied when you turn to the directions for a luscious knitted item only to be confronted with an indecipherable maze of x's and o's, this workshop is for you. **READING AND UNDERSTANDING KNITTING CHARTS** will be offered. Location: Margee Farr's house.

3) Dofuko Workshop- By Special Request - Colleen Davis presents her DOFUKO JACKET design workshop on Tuesday August 10th from 1:00-3:00 for \$20 at Gwen Nelson's home @ 1360 Las Flores Drive, Carlsbad, CA.

This Japanese 16th Century Patchwork (Dofuko) Jacket is the perfect canvas to be creative (or not) and includes origami-style sleeves . In this 2- hour workshop, the concept of this design will be explained and several samples demonstrated showing different options for the body and sleeves

4) MY FIRST SOCKS- Back by popular demand! with Nancy Muschek. Thursdays Oct. 14, 21 and 28, from 1:00-3:00PM at La Costa Glen. \$50.

This fun class is designed to guide students through their first experience making socks. It will also review tips to successful sock-making for those who tried their first socks a long time ago. Have a great new pair of socks for our fall show-and-tell.

5) Ravelry- Back by popular demand! On the computer, Ravelry classes with Liz Knapp... FULL!!! Liz will offer this again; stay tuned for next dates.

IF YOU SEE A WORKSHOP YOU WISH TO ATTEND, DON'T WASTE ANY TIME. CONTACT THE INSTRUCTOR AND SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION!

Susan Ludwig and Eileen Adler- MTM Co-Chairs

✦ Quarterly Finishing Classes

Dates: 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

No charity projects will be collected or signed out at the August meeting because our focus is on the STASH SALE!

Operation Helmetliner has been a very important program for our soldiers and many volunteers have lent their skills, time, money and energy to insuring that the helmet liners protect our troops.

Citizen Support for America's Military (CSAM), Operation Helmetliner's parent organization, has recently been informed by its military contacts for the helmet liners that the military has begun issuing its own helmet liners made of a special wicking material as its standard. They will no longer be allowed to accept the liners you have so lovingly made.

If anyone has any completed liners ready to send to us, please do so quickly. CSAM will be allowed to ship completed liners until November 1st. These will be distributed by the military as goodwill gestures from the soldiers to the local population---public relations in action. After November 1st, we can no longer ship them.

If you have questions, e-mail Liz Knapp: liz.yarn@yahoo.com or call 619-995-9276.

Thank you, Liz Knapp

✦ San Diego County Fair

Thank you to Kathy Christensen for being our Fair Coordinator for this year!!! For those who submitted items to the Fair please bring them so we can see them!

✦ Knitting on the Net-



http://www.berroco.com/exclusives/minutia_09/minutia_09.html

Berroco has 12 adorable miniature sweater patterns that can be made into ornaments or to accent gift items. The patterns are free on their web site, or use the link above. They have 2007, 2008 and 2009 pattern sets of 12 sweaters, and you can download a PDF for each year. They are adorable!!! Rita had presented this at a recent Sharing Session, and they are so cute. Each one is very unique. It is not too early to start making these up with some of your left over yarns for the Holiday season!

✦ SAN DIEGO NORTH COAST KNITTERS GUILD- General Information

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. Those forms and checks will then go to: Jean Moore, Treasurer SD-NCKG, 4050-50 Porte La Paz, San Diego, CA 92122.

✦ 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. The 2010 Directory for all Current Members are available at The Guild meeting until the printed copies run out.

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.

✦ NEW MEMBERS & RENEWING MEMBERS**Renewing:**

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Updates for Your Directory:

-Please Update Virginia's Phone Number as it was incorrect in the 2010 Directory: Virginia Gibbs- 949-300-8801

-Deirdre Michalski- Ravelry: DeirdreSM

✦ 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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