



San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild

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The Guild Meeting Tuesday, September 7th, 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!!

✦ SEPTEMBER MEETING From Old To New...

The September program is all about bringing a recycling or upcycling project to share. The emphasis is not on eco-friendly fibers but actually taking yarn (using the term loosely) that was something else at one time, and re-using it into something new. We know for sure that lots of knitters have "ripped" something out and used the yarn again. It does not have to be a big huge project, but let's have fun with it.

Please contact Colleen Davis as soon as possible, if you have something to contribute to this fun program. Come on, go email her....

✦ **THINGS TO DO IN SEPTEMBER:**

- 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 to share with us all.
- Bring cash or checks for MTM Workshops!!
- Bring your charity items.
- Remember to turn off your cell phones, please.

✦ **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....**

FROM BARBARA LEVIN

Joy! Delirium! Happy dancing all around!

In no particular order, thanks you's and kudos for the following:

- **Liz Knapp** for her extraordinary efforts in organizing the stash sale and entertaining the crowd. Special thanks to **Cindy Dorantes** of Maria's Knitting House in Chula Vista for her huge donation of new yarn. And to **Lisa Limber** for cleaning out her stash (I hear bags of yarn were passed at secret rendezvous throughout San Diego).
- **Heather Broadhurst**, the one-armed wonder, for working through the pain of a broken wrist and producing a terrific film on using Ravelry. She'll be posting the video soon on our website.
- The insatiable appetite for yarn exhibited by our members and guests! Wait -- I forgot -- you **NEEDED** more yarn, right? Thank you for spending a record-breaking **\$3,500** on yarn. It will fund our programs for next year.
- Our **SD Fair winners** for showing their entries, and all the fabulous handknits displayed during show and share. The talent in this group is awe-inspiring.
- The **technology gods**, wherever they live. We all have our little imaginary monsters that keep us up at night, and mine is my-computer-won't-sync-with-the-projector monster. Thank you to **Anna Walden** for loaning us the projector and knowing how to hook it up. Thank you, technology gods, for not letting me blow up the projector.

We have more excitement lined up for the fall. Don't forget to sign up for Candice Eisner-Strick's classes and the incredible array of members-teaching-members workshops.

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).

✦ AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

**San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild
General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, August 3, 2010 - 12:30 p.m.
Barbara Levin presiding
153 members and guests present**

Philanthropy Coordinator Liz Knapp opened the meeting by thanking members for contributing so generously to the stash sale. The yarn was displayed on 16 large tables. The buying frenzy began promptly at 1pm with 4 cashiers strategically positioned around the room.



Gail Eager was the biggest spender and won a very unique, very large, tote bag. Total sales came to just under \$2800. The sale will continue at Knit @ Nite. (And another \$650 was raised there!!)

Thank you so much Liz! Amazing job!!!!



Colleen Davis asked for member participation in next month's program on recycling and reminded us that nationally known designer/author Candace Eisner Strick will be our speaker in October. Candace will be offering 4 workshops. Members Teaching Members (MTM) will be offering classes by Guild members: MarGee Farr, Colleen Davis, Eileen Adler, Willa Cather, Anna Walden and Nancy Muschek.

Jo Ellen Gould reminded members that the Temecula knitting retreat is scheduled for 3 days in January. Liz Knapp announced that the military will no longer be accepting hand knitted helmet liners Barbara Levin announced that new board members are needed for 2011.

Barbara Levin narrated a computer presentation prepared by our webmistress Heather Broadhurst. The subject was Ravelry. We learned how to create an account, log in, access information on patterns, yarns, and books, the wonders of social networking, and much more. It was a great introduction to this great resource!!!

Linda Erlich conducted the show and share.

✦ RAVELRY QUESTION ON SORTING BOOKS IN LIBRARY.. HERE ARE THE STEPS...

At the last meeting someone asked how to sort books in your Ravelry Library. Here are the steps to follow:

- Go into "My Notebook" and choose "Library."
- On the right side of the screen choose the "list view."
- Click on the title of the column you want to sort. For example, if you want to order your books in alphabetical order, click on "title." It will default to ordering them from A to Z. If you want to reverse the order, click on "Title" again. Sometimes I like to see all the books I have by a specific author. Click on "author" at the top of the column and it will sort the authors alphabetically by first name. You can change the order of any column by clicking on its title. If you go back to "shelf view," this order will be retained.

Hope that helps!
Linda

✦ SHARING AT AUGUST'S MEETING

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

Fair Winners- Congratulations!!!

- Virginia Dewey- Amazing Blanket for her son



- Vest- Linda Guntz- First place for new knitter!
- Claudia Carlson- 2nd Prize for her green Sox!



Sharing-

Willa Cather – Cardigan - knit using the Sabine pattern from Coco Knits. Yarn used was Maggi Knits linen/cotton from Black Sheep in white. **Baby Blanket** – Baby Star pattern from Barbara Walker. Knit using Tahki Cotton Classic in hot pink and apple green colorway.



Masuki Aycock – Two Cardigans -- Cardigans were knit using her own pattern. The Blue cardigan was knit using a linen and cotton ribbon yarn. The Coral cardigan was knit with 100% linen yarn.



Gwen Nelson – Cape - Knit using a 1970's Leisure Arts pamphlet. The yarn used was Plymouth Yarn's Encore in ivory. **Socks** - From Nancy Muschek's MTM workshop. Socks were knit using Austermann Step yarn in variegated tans/light oranges. Gwen had great praises for the techniques and diagrams Nancy provided in her workshop.

Jan Davis – Scarf – Freelance pattern which she learned at Mar Gee Farr's workshop last month. Multicolored ribbon yarn was used.

Rosie Halverson – Men's Classic Cardigan – Pattern from "Vogue Classics." Cardigan was knit using Debbie Bliss Cashmere blend in camel color. **Thrummed Vest** – From Prince Edward Island. The yarn used was Alpaca blend and silk/merino for the thrums.



Barbara Friedman – Monkey Toy - Knit using a pattern from "Balloon Tying Creations" in sock yarn.



Josephine Needleman – Aestlight Shawl – Knit in purple variegated wool and tencel yarn. **Estonian Lace Shawl** was also shared.



Ruby Townsend – Circular Shawl – Knit using Wrapped In Comfort pattern. Shawl was knit using machine knitters yarn in green. Ruby pointed out the bead at the point of each arrow.



Carolyn Balkwell – Cardigan - Knit using Aster pattern by Sasha Kagan. This project was a Sasha Kagan kit with Rowan Cotton yarn. Orange, white, yellow, pink, purple flowers were knit in the lace and intarsia design.



Donna Lin and Kathy Glendinning – Earrings- knit using pattern from Knitty.com. Materials used were Habu silk, stainless steel, crystals, wool fuchsia, and beads.



Virginia Dewey – Afghan - Sampler Afghan pattern from Melissa Leapman's "Cables Untangled" book. Knit in blue. (see previous page for picture.)

Barbara Levin – Estonian Lace Shawl - Barbara shared a beautiful shawl which she purchased at Estonian Handicraft in Tallinn while on her Baltic cruise. The shawl was hand knit in natural wool – and fit through her engagement ring!



Gladys Nolan– Wrap or Shawl- A beautiful wrap that draped around her shoulders and the color palette was so complimentary to her blouse that it looked as though the textured yarn had been dyed to match!



Special Mention for Just Being Adorable....





✦ [DID SOMEONE SAY RETREAT?](#)

The January Retreat is almost upon us...and it's not too early to think about the **Vina de Lestonnac** post holiday getaway. If you haven't been there, check out their web site at www.vinalestonnac.com

We have reservations from Monday, January 17th, 2011 through Thursday, January 20th, 2011. The total cost, including eight meals, will be \$375.00 for single occupancy and \$285.00 each for double occupancy. To secure a spot please send your nonrefundable deposit check of \$75.00 for a single and \$57.00 each for a double to: Jean Moore, 4050-50 Porte La Paz, San Diego, CA 92122. Please make check out to the: SDNCKG.

Jo-Ellen Gould-Retreat Chair- 858 947-5167
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✦ [October Program....](#)

October 5th- 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.

Details on The October Workshops:

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.

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.

✦ [Members Teaching Members Programs](#)

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

1) 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.

2) 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

3) Double Mitered Square- Taught By Anna

September 16th 10:00-1:00- Location: TBD

4) My First Socks- Back by popular demand! with Nancy Muschek. Lots of hands on attention. 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) Beginning Lace – Willa has succumbed to requests to teach an easy starter lace class following her June presentation for the guild. This will be offered on Wed, Oct 13th or Thurs, Oct 14th from 9:30-12:00. Class fee is \$25. We will pick up and knit the lace edging on the popular Aestlight Shawl. You will learn to work comfortably from charts by starting with this small and easy project. Final decision on day will be determined by best attendance (or most pitiful pleading and excuses). Contact Willa via email. Location is TBD.

6) Beaded Pouch – Sunday, Nov 7th 10am to noon. Class fee \$20. Willa Cather will get you started on beading with your knitting. This quick little pouch is perfect for gift giving with beautiful packaging. Beaded ruffled top edging and an I-cord drawstring make this a special a gift as the contents of this little pouch/bag. Location is TBD.

7) MTM Felted Backpack with Eileen Adler

Just to let you know, my August class is full but I'm happy to start a waiting list for a Fall class. Just let me know!

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 Diego 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

October is the deadline to turn in all outstanding helmet liners. Thank you, Liz Knapp

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

✦ Knitting on the Net-

• Killington Scarf

Knit with fingering/sock yarn on #4 needles, this scarf is an easy summer knit and a great introduction to lace.

<http://jaykayknits.blogspot.com/2010/07/killington-scarf.html>



• Rowan Zing Vest

This design by Sarah Hatton in bust sizes 32" to 42" is a pullover vest. It's knit on US 5 needles at a gauge of 23 st to 4" and uses dk weight yarn.

<http://www.knitrowan.com/editorial-image/pdf/Zing.pdf>



• Knitted Bunny

Knit a 6 inch square from 35 yards of sportweight yarn and #5 needles to create a tiny bunny for your favorite child. Vary the yarn and change the size of the bunny.

<http://www.heartstringsfiberarts.com/bunny-pattern.shtm>



• Apple Tree Blanket

This Martin Storey design uses dk weight yarn and #6 needles. It's knit in one piece so when you finish knitting there's no seaming of blocks. The apple trees feature bobbles.

<http://www.knitrowan.com/editorial-image/pdf/Apple%20Tree%20Blanket.pdf>



• Cable Ended Scarf

This is a great beginner pattern knit on #9 needles in 1x1 rib. The ruffle at the end is actually a 12 stitch cable row.

<http://www.stixyarn.com/html/scarves.html>



✦ 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

New Members

Barbara Rodney, PO Box 2713, Escondido, CA 92033, 760-747-9428

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Renewals:

Barbara Friedman, 11182 Promesa Drive, San Diego, CA 92124, 858-560-9991, unfolding@aol.com

✦ 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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