



San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild

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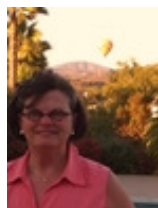
Number 170 – August 2011

Next Meeting:

August 2, 2011, 12:30 pm.

**San Dieguito United Methodist Church
170 Calle Magdalena
Encinitas, CA 92024**

**Program- Susan Lazear and Fashion
Update from Pitti Filati in Florence, Italy**



President's Letter

Happy summer! We had a great potluck, thanks to Laura Brubaker and the AKG members! It was bright and festive with print and polka dot tablecloths, pom pom centerpieces and a wonderful array of lunch goodies. The AKG group made yummy desserts to round out the faire. Pat Dickenson brought her collection of buttons, and everyone had plenty of time to search and find just the right ones for finishing those special projects.

Note: Our August meeting will be held in the "Sanctuary" this month, as the Bible Campers will be using our regular meeting room.

Stash Sale in September! This is your last chance to go through your stash and see what you can live without! We will be collecting yarn, needles, and knitting-related things for our annual "Stash Sale" held during our September meeting! Items for the sale will be sorted and priced in the next couple of weeks, so if you have something that you would like to donate and you will not be at the meeting, please let me know, and we'll make arrangements to pick it up. Let's see if we can top last year's sale!

Keep those needles clicking and I hope to see you at our August 2nd meeting!

Mar Gee Farr

Programs remaining in 2011

August 2: Susan Lazear with a fashion update from Pitti Filati in Florence, Italy

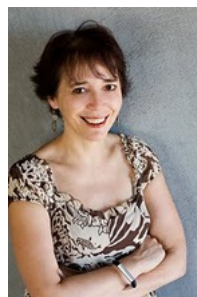
September 6: In-House program by our AKG sub-group, topic TBA; and Annual STASH SALE!

October 4: Barry Klein, designer and owner of Trendsetter Yarns, followed by an Oct. 5th workshop

November 1: In-House program by Colleen Davis on Color Gradation, color mistakes and color magic

December 5: Annual Holiday Luncheon & Fashion Show at Morgan Run Resort, Rancho Santa Fe

August Program:



Susan Lazear, Professor of fashion at San Diego Mesa College, and owner of Cochenille Design Studio, a company that produces software for the textile arts, will treat us to the news about

Pitti Filati's yarns for 2012/13, from Florence, Italy.

Sharing from July Meeting:

Sara Stolz made her Shippo Tail tank top using linen “paper”, silk and stainless steel yarns.



Agnes Gale’s dropped stitches and pleated tank is a pattern from Vogue Knitting Early Fall 2010. The yarn is a Twisted Sisters’ hand painted pink, “Mirage”, 52% rayon, 48% cotton; knitted in one piece on size 7 circular needle.



Betty Gregory’s maroon scarf was knitted in Trendsetter yarn, “Cha Cha”.

Agnes also made the Cable Collar top she is wearing above. The pattern is from Vogue Knitting Spring/Summer 2010. The yarn is Mirage, a variegated Yarn from Twisted Sisters. The cabled collar makes the garment distinctive.

Willa Cather’s Rock Island Shawl by Jared Flood was made using Argosy Yarns “Haiku2”, a silk and cashmere, in “Merlot” colorway. This pattern starts with the hardest part, the border, and gets easier from there.



Willa knitted another shawl in Malabrigo Lace, “Bitterroot” colorway. Because this yarn tends to “bloom” and obstruct the lace pattern, Willa goes up a whole needle size to keep the holes open.

Karen des Jardins’s felted bag below is her original pattern, made in Manos del Uruguay and Twisted Sisters yarn in green colorways. She used beads and a meandering I-cord as embellishment.



Karen's eyeglass cases are all about buttons. With bits of stash yarn and stand-alone buttons, there will be no more scratched lenses, but super fashion statements!



Thea Lazarevic knitted a baby blanket from Welcoming Home Baby in purple and lavender Plymouth Encore yarn on progressively larger needles, sizes 8, 9, 10, 10 1/2 and 11.



Thea also made the Multnomah scarf below. The pattern (free on Ravelry) by Kate Elsa is named for a county in Oregon. Thea used yellow-greens in merino lace yarn by Elle Rae, on size 6 needles.



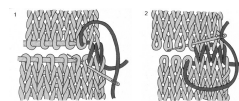
Bonnie Ramirez knitted the "Holden" lace shawl by Mindy Wilkes in Malabrigo kettle-dyed superwash merino, "Violeta Africana". She added extra rows of lace and a beaded picot edge. This pattern is available as a free Ravelry download.



Karen Bochinski's "Patagonian Night Sky" scarf by Lily Chin is knitted with Twisted Sisters Zazu Hand Paint yarn and has little groups of beads over all resembling stars.



Free Finishing Classes for Our Members



Do you love knitting but hate finishing the items? Do you need to work in all those yarn ends before the moths finish it for you in an unintended way? Finishing days are for you! Bring your almost-finished items and work on them together. The Guild provides the room, tables and chairs, and resource knitters to answer your finishing questions. We will meet at the San Dieguito Methodist Church in one of the classrooms, on the second Tuesday of the following months from 12:30pm to 3:30pm on **September 13th** and **November 8th**.

Minutes from July Meeting

Tuesday, July 5, 2011

Mar Gee Farr, President, opened the meeting by introducing guests and welcoming all to our annual Potluck Luncheon. She thanked Laura Brubaker for the colorful tablecloths, the table decorations and for organizing the potluck. She also thanked the AKG knitting group for helping Laura with centerpieces, set-up and desserts.

Mar Gee announced the closing of "The Daily Fiber" knitting store in Murrieta. The owner, Debra Holve, opened her shop three years ago and thanked everyone for coming.

Kathie Christensen thanked all who shared their time at the knitting booth at the Del Mar Fair.

Laura Brubaker reminded all of the upcoming Stash Sale in September. Please bring to the next meeting, books, needles and yarn.

Anna Walden invited all to the Machine Knitters Guild Seminar, Saturday, August 13 and August 14. This seminar will focus on developing the necessary observation skills from ready to wear, sewing patterns and designer knitwear and also using hand knitting yarns on the machine plus other important skills whether you are just thinking about learning to machine knit or are a beginner.

Carolyn Balkwell spoke about our August meeting speaker, Susan Lazear, who has just returned from Italy and will give us an update on fashion from Pitti Filati in Florence, Italy.

Respectively submitted,
Maureen Rukstalis

Member Notes

Eileen Adler is hosting two knit-ins for "Knit for the Cure", in conjunction with the Susan G. Komen "Race for the Cure" on August 24th and 25th.

The race is scheduled for Sunday, November 6, 2011 in Balboa Park. The donated scarves, hats, shawls, purses and bracelets will be used for fund raising:



"Imagine life without breast cancer – a life where your mother, daughter, sister, or friend doesn't have to worry if she will be the one out of eight women diagnosed with the disease."

- **Wednesday, August 24th** from 12:30 to 3:00 in the courtyard north of St. Tropez Bakery & Bistro at the Lumberyard, 947 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas 92024.
- **Thursday, August 25th** from 12:30 to 3:00 at the Panera Bread Restaurant in Liberty Station, 2445 Truxtun Road, San Diego 92106.

Enjoy a light lunch and spend the afternoon knitting. Eileen will bring patterns to choose from and some donated yarns, but would like you to bring PINK yarn and your own needles to work with. If you have any questions, please contact Eileen at: eileenadler@san.rr.com or (650)520-6156.

If you are unable to join Eileen and wish to knit something for this philanthropic cause, please give it to Eileen at the September or October meeting. She will be delivering all donations to the Susan G. Komen office in late October.

Eileen Adler has been published again!

Her pattern for fingerless gloves, "Beaded and Bedazzled", will appear in the September 2011 **digital** issue of Creative Knitting Magazine: <http://www.creativeknittingmagazine.com/>

Closing of Daily Fiber Yarn Co., Murrieta, CA

It's with a heavy heart that we announce that Daily Fiber Yarn Company will be closing as of August 13. Unfortunately, the economics of the situation do not make sense for us to continue.

All classes scheduled in July will still be held. There will be no classes in August. Peggy will continue to have classes in the future in a venue to be determined. If you want information regarding those classes please contact her at www.Knit-University.com, or email her at KnitTeacher@gmail.com. There will be no Friday Night Knitting in August.

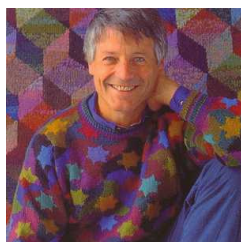
We will reduce prices an additional amount each week through Aug. 13. The price discount schedule is below:

Tue. Aug 2 - Sat Aug 6	55%
Tue. Aug 8 - Sat Aug 13	65%

Payment is by cash or charge, no checks. Cash payments receive an additional 5% discount. Thank you for all your support.
Debbie

Knitting Educational Opportunity

Westside Quilters (Los Angeles) is pleased to announce a very special event, "An Evening With Kaffe Fassett". The internationally known artist, author, fabric and quilt designer will present a PowerPoint lecture and book signing. Come hear him in person discuss "A Colorful Life".



Monday evening, September 26 at 7:00pm
Westwood United Methodist Church
10497 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles CA 90024
(Wilshire Blvd at Waring Avenue)
Free parking next door beneath Belmont Village

Tickets \$25.00
Fully Tax deductible
Westside Quilters is a 501(c)3 Corporation
Tickets will be for sale beginning July 15th only, on the Westside Quilters Website at www.WestsideQuiltersLosAngeles.org and will be mailed to purchasers in Mid August.



Knitting Sub-Groups Meeting Schedule:

If you would like to attend a sub- group meeting, call the contact listed below first, as sometimes there is a change to the meeting schedule or place.

● **AKG Group**, It's called the AKG Group, Advanced Knitters Group, 9am every Fri, Old California Coffee Shop, Restaurant Row, San Marcos. Contact: Phyllis Bates 760-828-8286.

● **Knit@Nite Group**, 6pm, 1st Wed Jewish Community Center. Contact: 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 Bread in Carmel Mountain Ranch. Contact: Mimi Sevimli 858-722-8128.

● **PA Group**, 1:00pm to 3:00pm- every Monday at Panera in Liberty Station. Contact: Jean Moore 858-587-9054. 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: Gwen Nelson 760-720-5420.

New and Renewing Members

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General Information:

Our President is Mar Gee Farr;
her e-mail is margee15@cox.net. For a list of
Board Members please refer to the Directory. The
Web Site address is: www.ncknit.com. The
group is open to all knitters, regardless of skill
level.

Dues are \$20 annually and expire for all
members on January 31. The printable forms are
on the website, and are to be mailed with the
check to: Kathy Christensen,
Treasurer SD-NCKG, 4625 Los Alamos Way, #D,
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Please send information to me by the 15th.

Website Contacts

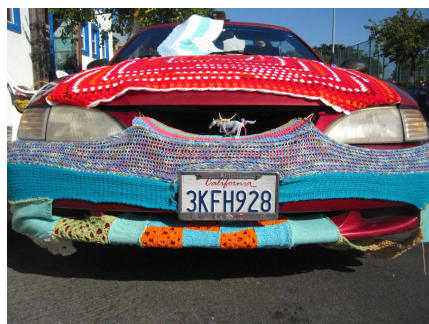
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Barbara Levin – Barbara.Levin@me.com

KNITTING ON THE NET

YARN BOMBING

For people with too much yarn and too many wearable
knit objects, there's always yarn bombing.

<http://turnstylenews.com/2011/06/21/slideshow-yarn-bombing-isnt-just-about-knit-and-run-anymore/>



DOUBLE HEELIX

Looking for a
challenge? These
intriguing socks by
Jeny Staiman
appear in the
current Knitty, and
Jeny's two videos
explaining how to
make them appear
on You Tube. The
Double Heelix
socks are knit from
the heel out. The pattern is free on Knitty.com.



www.knitty.com/ISSUEff11/PATTdoubleheelix.php#dhco

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/double-heelix>

CREEKBED

Stephen West loves playing with simple geometric
designs in his knitting. For the current Knitty, he also
played with color. He used four shades of hand-dyed
yarn in this scarf, but thinks it would be great for left
over bits of yarn. This pattern is free on Knitty.com.



Reminder:

Stash Sale is scheduled for the Sept. 6th. Please
bring donations of your Stash to the August
meeting! If you cannot come in August, please
call another member who might be able to bring it
for you.