



San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild

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Next Meeting:

January 3, 2012, 12:30 pm.

San Dieguito United Methodist Church

170 Calle Magdalena

Encinitas, CA 92024

Program- Ellen Kindsvater: Machine and Hand Knitting Techniques



President's Letter

Happy New Year! I would like to thank all of you who have pitched in, volunteered, donated your time and talents and have become involved in our Guild to make it a better organization. We have some great programs scheduled for this year with several nationally known teachers and some of our own experienced members. Our new committee chairs for Members Teaching Members are planning informative and enjoyable classes, and possibly a fieldtrip! As we move forward into 2012, there are a few committee positions that are still open. I hope you will get involved, read the Newsletters, attend a Help Session, take advantage of our great workshops and check out our website, ncknit.com. Together we can continue to make our Guild the best that it can be!

Mar Gee Farr

2012 Programs and Workshops

January 3- Ellen Kindsvater: Machine and Hand Knitting Techniques

February 7- David Davies: A Simpler Time Alpaca Ranch

March 6- Chris Bylsma, Designer: Lecture and two workshops

April 3- Fashion Show, Diana Rathbun: Accessories and Outrageous Projects

May 1- Gwen Bortner, Designer,: Lecture and two workshops

June 5- Lisa Cruse: Lecture- Ambrosia Cottage, and two workshops

July 3- Pot Luck, Social and Knit-In

August 7- Anna Walden, Designer Lecture and two workshops

September 4- Stash Sale and Travel Panel:

Highlighting members' knitting trips

October 2- Arlene Watson : Nuno Felting

November 6- Merilyn Burnside: Foxyknits Trunk Show

December 3- Holiday Luncheon

2012 Quarterly Help Sessions

Help Sessions are held quarterly at the San Dieguito United Methodist Church in one of the classrooms from 12:00 noon to 3:00pm.

We will meet on the following Tuesdays: March 13, June 12, September 11 and November 13 (one month early due to the holidays).

Library

Nancy Muschek, our "retired" librarian, has kindly compiled a list of all of the books in the Guild's Library! There are actually two lists, one by title and one by author. The lists are available to our members on our website under the **Library** tab. We have about 300 books! Please visit our Library in the back corner of our meeting room, available at most meetings. Gwen Nelson has taken on the task of librarian. Thank you for all your work Nancy!

Newsletter

It was decided at our last Board Meeting that effective March 2012, our Newsletter will only be distributed to members electronically. We are mindful that there are members who have neither a computer nor e-mail, but because our dues are only \$20 annually, and the approximate cost of printing and postage is almost that amount per person per year, we can no longer afford to continue to distribute by mail. If you currently are receiving your newsletter by mail, you will receive the January & February 2012 issues. Please check with another member who gets the Newsletter by e-mail, to see if they will print a copy for you. If you have a neighbor, child or friend that we can e-mail the "Newsletter" link to and have them print it for you, we will be happy to do so. Just provide us with their e-mail address. We apologize for this change, but hope that you understand the reason to do so. If you have any questions, please call Mar Gee Farr at 630-624-6634.

Retreat Updates

Now is the time to sign up for our knitting retreat in Santa Barbara. We are booked for 4 days and 3 nights from May 14th through May 17th 2012, and are now accepting reservation deposits.



The total cost is \$440.25 for a single room and \$359.25 for a double room (12 meals included.) To hold your spot please send your nonrefundable deposit of \$312 for a single room or \$231 each for a double to me, Jo-Ellen Gould, 2258 Del Mar Scenic Parkway, Del Mar, CA 92014.

La Casa is located just outside Santa Barbara in Montecito. Besides knitting and visiting with friends, there is plenty of good food and opportunities for hiking, swimming and even a massage. You may drive or take the Amtrak. The La Casa web site is:

www.lacasademaria.org

For those of you signed up for the Vina de Lestonnac retreat in Temecula, do not forget the final payment (\$304 for a single and \$232 each for a double) is due on or before the January 3rd meeting.

Jo-Ellen Gould

Retreat Chair

858 947-5167

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THANK YOU to Some Special People:

Sheri Fisher, Membership Directory Committee Chair for her years of service keeping the membership database, coordinating the directory & sending you the e-mail blasts every month for your newsletter. Sheri is enjoying a wonderful International trip to celebrate her birthday; she will be retiring from her duties this year.

Carolyn Balkwell and Annette Friedlein, our Program Chairmen, who will be retiring from their positions. They have scheduled a great line-up of programs and workshops for 2012!

Thank you for helping with the Holiday Luncheon and Fashion Show:

Nancy Muschek, for taking and organizing the reservations along with Jean Moore and Ellen Magee. Gwen Nelson, Kathy Christensen and Janet White for selling drawing tickets.

Diana Rathbun for organizing the Fashion Show with her helper,s Sara Stolz and Mary Beth Hull.

Linda Erlich for being the Fashion Show Mistress of Ceremonies.

Laura Brubaker and Willa Cather for helping with the set-up.

Myra Lehmann for coordinating and taking our donations for the children to the Polinsky Center, and for taking the photographs of the fashions modeled..

Thank you to all of our members who had garments in the Fashion Show, and to those who modeled. We had a record attendance again at our Holiday Luncheon this year. The proceeds from our drawing will assist in funding our out-of-town speakers, and supplement the cost of workshops to our membership. Thank you to all of our members who so generously donated items for the drawing!



Minutes from November Meeting

Mar Gee Farr welcomed guests and two new members. Mar Gee showed the gray afghan assembled by Janet White that will be part of our

drawing at the Holiday Luncheon. If anyone is still working on "Flospy" or any other animals, please bring them to the luncheon. Three members, Mary Ann Archbold, Laura Brubaker and Janet White have volunteered to be our new chairpersons for the Members Teaching Members program. Mar Gee thanked Susan Ludwig and Eileen Adler who resigned after four years chairing the program. The first MTM meeting will be on Wednesday November 16 at Laura Brubaker's home, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and will be "small pumpkins" for table decorations, cost \$20.00

On November 30, 10:00 am to noon, Laura will be teaching "soap loofah"; no charge for this class.

The Holiday Luncheon has 150 reservations. The door will open at 10:30 am. There will be no vendors this year. Diana Rathbun is in charge of the Fashion Show, and she is accepting sign-ups for items not previously modeled at a "Wear & Share" during our monthly meetings.

Linda Erlich reported that "Operation Gratitude" has sent over 100,000 thousand care packages to our soldiers. Linda read a thank you letter addressed to the Guild from a member of the Armed Forces stating their gratitude for all the knitted scarves and how appreciative our soldiers are.

Barry Klein invited Guild members to his warehouse in LA. Anyone interested may sign-up at the front desk to see if we have enough interest in an all day event.

A Board Meeting is scheduled for November 8th, Room 6, from 10:30 am to noon.

Stitches in the Snow is offering a knitting retreat, January 24-27 in Arrowhead, CA. Anyone interested should contact Willa Cather, 949-494-4466.

Janet White is chairing a Holiday Scarf Drive for Homeless Women and Children for Rachel's Shelter. Please contact Janet at 619-929-2548 for information.

Mar Gee introduced our November program's speaker, Colleen Davis, one of the founders of our Guild. Colleen will present color mistakes, color magic and color gradation.

Linda Erlich conducted our "Wear and Share" program.

Respectfully Submitted
Maureen Rukstalis, Secretary

Sharing from November Meeting

Dorrit Franke knitted a poncho with one sleeve, using mixed colors of sale yarn.



Dorrit also used stash yarn to make a child's dress and bolero jacket.

Megan Glynn knitted a freeform lamb costume, using Woolese Chunky, doubled throughout on size 19 needles!



pattern is from Sock Yarn- One Skein Wonders, and a Trellis Cable tweed scarf from Maggiknits.



Lyn Wogsberg made a teal jacket featuring lattice openwork. She used Wolf Creek and Falkland Superwash wool.

Lyn also knitted a short sleeved jacket of multitonned blues in Malabrigo worsted merino.



Karen des Jardins knitted and felted this swirl patterned bag using Manos del Uruguay and Twisted Sisters yarn.

Vivian Forseth made a "Whimsey" scarf from a Maggie Jackson pattern.



Stacy Smith knitted this Semele shawl from hand spun yarn, in Tequila Sunrise colorway. The leaf trim is knitted onto the shawl.



Vivian also knitted this child's "Fiest Frock" with

Noro Silk Garden. The



Lenora Stewart made this Bono Kimono from a Loops pattern by Terrie Fadem. She used cotton Schaefer yarn. The garter stitch piece starts at the back like a scarf, and is worked until the fronts and back are the correct length.





Josephine Barkhouser knitted this Crayon Box jacket in white, winter white and silver.



Lois Friedlander knitted a short sleeved top with a lace panel, from a pattern in Love of Knitting magazine. The yarn is Cascade Ultra Pima DK, 100% cotton.

Mimi Sevimli made this “Blithe” blouse by Kim Hargreaves, using 4 skeins of Elsebeth Lavold Silky Wool and 2 skeins of Elann Calista. The original pattern had little cap sleeves, but Mimi made top down set-in sleeves.



Eileen Adler knitted an original pattern, a child’s “Sushi Sweater.” The yarn is Plymouth Encore. 4 ½ yr. old Jesse chainstitched the chopsticks!

Ellen Magee made this original scarf using 2 skeins of Malabrigo sock yarn. The pattern is a reversible cable with an attached I-cord.





SAN DIEGO NORTH COAST KNITTING GUILD

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, Oceanside, CA 92057.

Contact Information:

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Please send information to me by the 15th.

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Barbara Levin – Barbara.Levin@me.com

Local yarn shops are encouraged to check their listings and provide updates to our Web Masters. We would 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.

Members' Notes

Sara Stoltz received a note from the niece of Elizabeth Burford, a guild member. Libby passed away November 9, 2011, at the age of 94. She was a grand and talented lady who loved to knit. She left her stash of yarn to her niece, Sally, who contacted the middle school where she was once the Principal, and donated it to them.

Janet White thanks everyone who donated knitted scarves to Rachel's House for homeless women. There were 150 scarves!



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 in the meeting schedule or location.

● **AKG Group**- It is 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**- RN stands for "Rather Normal", and the group 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.

Knitting on the Net

Bandana Cowl

Another winning pattern from the Purl Bee. Knit on 10 ½ circular needles with chunky or worsted weight yarn, this is the perfect accessory for keeping out the winter winds. Be sure to check the helpful notes from the 1500+ folks on Ravelry who've made this cowl.

<http://www.purlbee.com/bandana-cowl/>



Boomerette

A great scarf for that 400+ skein of fingering/sock yarn. You'll practice short rows and follow the tutorial included in the pattern. Pattern is free thru February, 2012.



<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/boomerette>

Mardi Gras Party Bangles

Sport weight wool and beads combine in these clever felted bracelets. They're worked over inexpensive plastic bangle bracelets and felted. They're a quick knit.

<http://www.deepsouthknitting.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/DEEP-SOUTH-KNITTING-mardi-gras-party-bangles-free-pattern.pdf>.



Garter Yoke Baby Cardigan

This sport weight baby sweater is knit from the top down and has I-Cord button bands. It will fit a 6-12 month baby, but the size can be adjusted by using different needles and yarn

weights. (As an added bonus, the pattern is available in German, Italian and Spanish.

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/garter-yoke-baby-cardi>.



Committee Chair Positions

We have several Committee Chair positions that will be open in 2012 and 2013. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact Mar Gee Farr at MarGeeFarr@cox.net or 630-624-6634 for more details.

Fashion Show Photographs

Please revisit this newsletter a week from now, when we will have added the photos from the Holiday Fashion Show.



San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild Annual Membership Form for 2012-2013

I am a: _____ NEW Member _____Renewing Member

Renewing Members: Please fill in name & note updates or changes.

Name: _____
(as you would like it to appear in the directory & on your nametag)

Street Address: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Ravelry ID: _____

Mail the completed form & check payable to SDNCKG for \$20.00 to:
SD North Coast Knitters Guild
c/o Kathy Christensen
4625 Los Alamos Way #D
Oceanside, CA 92057

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Our membership runs from February 1, 2012 to January 31, 2013. Please be sure to register by our March meeting to be included in the 2012 Membership Directory.