



San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild

San Diego, California - www.ncknit.com

Number 184 – November 2012

Next Meeting:

November 6, 2012, 12:30 pm.
San Dieguito United Methodist Church
170 Calle Magdalena
Encinitas, CA 92024

Program- Marilyn Burnside:
Foxy Knits Trunk Show

Our family has a fun way to acknowledge the things you are grateful for each year by making freehand paper leaves out of colored card stock and folding them in half. We each write our name and the things we appreciate on a leaf, and read them during dessert.

God bless you, your families and America!
Mar Gee Farr, President



President's Letter

With the writing of this column we're heading into the last couple of months of the year and gearing into winter projects and the Holiday season.

Our Guild has one more program before our Holiday Luncheon. If you haven't already sent in your reservation, do so soon as our seating is limited. Diana Rathbun is organizing a wonderful fashion show, and we have been amassing prizes for our "opportunity" drawing.

We've been working to fill Board and Committee positions that will expire in January. I'd like to thank all of you who have accepted a position on the new Board for 2013 and 2014. The Nominating Committee will report at our next meeting.

Besides being our scheduled meeting date, Tuesday, November 6, is also Election Day 2012. Please be a responsible American and exercise your right and privilege to vote.

As the month of November comes to a close, the meaning of Thanksgiving can get lost in the whirlwind of holiday preparations.

Programs remaining in 2012

November 6 - Marilyn Burnside:
Foxyknits Trunk Show

December 3 - Holiday Luncheon and Fashion Show

November Program



Our program for November 6 features Marilyn Burnside of Foxy Knits. She will be presenting a trunk show of new designs featuring Koigu yarns. You may read the Koigu story and preview some of the kits that Marilyn has available on her web site: <http://foxyknits.com/>

Temecula Post-Holiday Retreat



Sign ups have started and we have quite a few members who have submitted their deposits. So don't miss out. Our reservations for the Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center in Temecula are from Monday, January 21, 2013 through Thursday, January 24, 2013. The total cost, including eight meals, will be \$395.00 for single occupancy and \$305.00 each for double occupancy. To secure a spot, please send your nonrefundable deposit of \$79.00 for a single and \$61.00 each for a double to me:

Jo-Ellen Gould
2258 Del Mar Scenic Parkway
Del Mar, CA 92014

The Vina de Lestonnac web site is
www.vinalestonnac.com

Please make your check payable to SDNCKG

Jo-Ellen Gould
Retreat Chair
858 947-5167
jmgould@san.rr.com

Members Teaching Members

Reminder: The very popular Origami Sweater Class(es) by Sara Stolz are full for November 9th and November 16th. Sara has agreed to teach the class again after the busy holidays! So if you have wanted to take this class, do not despair. Sign up sheets will be available at the November meeting.

\$30 is due when you sign up for the class.

Committee Chairs for 2013-2014

Many of our Committee Chairs have been serving (volunteering) in the Guild for years! We all thank you for your dedication. We have several ladies that are retiring their positions, beginning January 2013. If you have not volunteered and would like to chair a committee, please contact Mar Gee Farr 630-624-6634 or MarGeeFarr@cox.net.

Susan G. Komen “Knit- In”s

All donations made for the Susan G. Komen “Knit for the Cure” must be dropped off at one of the 4 following locations on or before October 31, 2012:

Susan G. Komen Offices
4699 Murphy Canyon Road
San Diego

Yarning For You
1001 West San Marcos Blvd.
San Marcos

Needlecraft Cottage
870 Grand Avenue
San Diego (Pacific Beach)

Common Threads
466 S. Coast Hwy.
Encinitas

For information, contact Eileen Adler at
eileensweaters@yahoo.com.

Help Session

Our final “help” session of the year will be held on Tuesday, November 13, at the San Dieguito United Methodist Church in Classroom #4 from 12 – 3pm.

This session is held in November, as you may want to finish something before the holidays. If you have questions about a project, we will have members available to help you. Even if you don’t need help, you’re welcome to join us and just knit.

Holiday Luncheon and Fashion Show

Please send in your reservation form for our December 3 Holiday Luncheon and Fashion Show, which will be held at Morgan Run Club and Resort on Via de la Valle in Rancho Santa Fe. For your convenience, a form is attached to the last page of this Newsletter as well as under the FORMS tab on our Guild website, www.ncknit.com. Reservations are limited and must be received by Amy Sheridan, no later than Friday, November 30th.

If you are planning on modeling a garment, it must not have been shown at a prior meeting; please be sure to sign-up at the next meeting or call Diana Rathbun at 858-560-6515.

If you have any questions or require further information about the event, please call Mar Gee Farr at 630-624-6634.

Polinsky Center Donations

Every year at the time of our Holiday Luncheon, fellow Guild members make knitted stuffed animals or dress teddy bears that we donate to the Polinsky Center for children. This year we have decided that we will not provide a specific animal pattern.

If you wish to donate, please make any animal you like. Please bring your animals to the Holiday Luncheon, or you can call Myra Lehmann at 858-755-8800. She will be delivering our donations to the Polinsky Center before Christmas.

Newsletter Apologies

Every month the newsletter is “blasted” to members in four separate emails as there are too many names to send it all at once. To be sure that the emails send properly, my address is on each email list. For some reason, not all of the “M”s, “N”s or “P”s received the blast, though I got it four times. We still aren’t sure what went wrong, and thank you all for your patience. When we learned of the problem, I resent the Newsletter to everyone in that alphabet range.

Mar Gee Farr

The Shepherdess Sale

Cooky Schock, owner of **The Shepherdess** beads and yarn shop in Old Town, is retiring and having a closing sale November 3-16, from 10 am to 8 pm. The merchandise will be 40% off; no further reductions. All sales are final; no checks. All store credits and gift certificates must be used by the closing date.

2802 Juan St #18
San Diego, California 92110
<http://shepherdessbeads.com>



October Meeting Minutes

President, Mar Gee Farr welcomed all members and guests. Mar Gee apologized for the location of our meeting and informed members the meetings in 2013 for August and October will be one week later so as not to conflict with the church's schedule. Also, since the first Tuesday in January is New Years Day, our meeting will take place on January 8, 2013.



"Knit for the Cure" donations must be dropped off on or before October 31, 2012 or contact Eileen Adler.

MTM, Sara Stolz, will be doing a third session, date to be determined, on her six square-concept sweater. Anyone interested can sign up at the front desk.

Jo-Ellen Gould reminded members that the November meeting is the last month for deposit if you are planning to attend the Vina de Lestonnac Retreat on January 21 to January 24.

Mar Gee requested that members to send in their reservation form for our Holiday Luncheon, which is on the last page of your newsletter and in the forms section on the Guild website.

Please sign up to model your knitted fashions with Diana Rathbun, our Holiday Luncheon fashion show coordinator.

Gwen Nelson, our Librarian, thanked all members for returning their books on time. The Library will be open in November and not again until the January meeting.

Our guest speaker, Arlene Watson, a Nuno Felting Artist, presented a slide video showing

the process of Nuno felting. Members modeled her beautiful scarves and shawls.

Next month's guest speaker will be Marilyn Burnside, owner of Foxy Knits. There will be a trunk show and guild members will model their knitted garments made with Koigu yarns.

The Nominating Committee still needs to fill some positions. Please see Mar Gee.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Rukstalis

Sharing from the September Meeting



Colleen Davis knitted a Curlique Coverlet shawl by Oat Couture using Twisted Sisters yarn in gold, orange and yellow.

Eileen Adler made bracelets a la Arlene Watson employing the Nuno felting technique.





Barbara Levin made a Hanami scarf in Freia Ombre laceweight yarn on #3 needles.

Linda Gumtz knitted the Wingspan shawl in Marks and Kattens Big Trend yarn, a worsted weight, 70% acrylic, 30% wool.



Claudia Carlson shared some of her new shawl pins she makes and sells. This one is made of wood.

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Girl Knitting- Nikolaos Gyzis, 1898

Knitting on the Net

Sunny Baby Blanket

Knitted with about 800 yards of worsted weight yarn, this blanket is washable wool. Be sure to look at the 1700+ versions of this blanket on the Ravelry projects page for inspiration.

<http://tlc.howstuffworks.com/home/free-knitting-patterns-for-baby-blankets2.htm>



Oh My! Baby Booties

Whip out a pair of these worsted baby booties for the next baby shower. Pattern is for the booties only, not for the flower shown in the picture.

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/oh-my-baby-booties>



Miss Savannah Bow

Another quick baby gift and a great project for a beginning knitter. Uses worsted weight. You need to be registered on the Vogue website to download the pattern.

<http://www.vogueknitting.com/Default.aspx?TabId=1096>



Tweedy—Stripey

If your body and fitted sweaters are a bad combination, this one's for you. This is a simply knit boxy pullover with a recommended 10" of ease.

Though the pattern includes only one size, it includes instructions for modifying it for your body.

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/tweedy--stripey>



Less Is More Shawl

This triangular shawl is knitted from side to side with sock weight yarn. It's a great mindless project for TV watching and a good beginner project.

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/less-is-more-shawl>



Gnome Hat for Cat

No self-respecting cat would wear this. If you knit this, your cat will make you pay a large price.

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/gnome-hat-for-pets>



Valour Vest

Previously available only for purchase, this Rowan vest is knitted side to side with chunky yarn. Bust sizes range from 32 to 50 inches. You must register at the site to download the pattern.

<http://www.knitrowan.com/designs-and-patterns/patterns/valour>



Cadenza Cross-Over Baby Cardigan

This Colinette pattern uses 250 yards of DK weight yarn and produces a sweater to fit a 0 to 6 month baby.

<https://www.colorfulstitches.com/patterns/detail.php?CatID=43>



Knitting Tips and Tricks

Introducing a new occasional feature in the monthly newsletter -- Knitting Tips and Tricks. We'll be providing useful knitting information. The emphasis will be on truly new and/or unusual. If you have any tips, please email them to sksmith@san.rr.com.

Knitters and Their IPADS

If you're an IPAD user, you may be using your IPAD for knitting patterns or to watch movies while you knit. There's a new inexpensive gadget you'll love. It's the AmazonBasics Mini Travel Stand. It accommodates tablets and e-Readers including Kindle Fire, Apple iPad, iPad 2, Samsung Galaxy Tab 10.1 and 7.0, Kindle Keyboard and Kindle Touch. It folds flat when not in use and it's only about \$6.

http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0064EL2DK/ref=oh_details_o00_s00_i00



Knitting Needles and Gauges are not all equal

We all have one -- the old metal gauge which has served us well over the years even if it's a little bent up and the holes have enlarged due to wear. Why do you need a new one and what gauge should you get?

The writer of this column recommends the following gauge, which is VERY precise and includes more information than most. Each hole gives metric and US knitting needle and crochet hook sizes. The gauge includes holes for the US 10.75, two size 6 holes (but more on that later) and starts at 000 needle size.



All size 6 needles are not equal

You are in the middle of the project and need to change to a longer #6 circular needle. You don't have a longer needle by the same manufacturer so you switch to another brand. Hmmm...the result is wonky, and your gauge has changed more than you expected. Why? Size 6 needles are either 4.00mm or 4.25mm, depending on the manufacturer.

In my stash I have the following 4.00 mm circular needles: KnitPicks, Addi Turbo, Bryson. I also have the following 4.25mm circular needles: Knitter's Pride Dreamz, Clover Takumi and Crystal Palace Bamboo. All are marked by the manufacturer as #6 needles. (Note: the Dreamz needles have "4.00mm" printed on the needle but they won't fit through the 4.00mm hole on my gauge.

San Diego 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 Website 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 a check to: Kathy Christensen, Treasurer, SD-NCKG, 4625 Los Alamos Way, #D, Oceanside, CA 92057.

Newsletter

Barbara McCroskey

bmccroskey@prodigy.net

Please send information to me by the 15th of the month for the article to appear the following month.

Website Contacts

Linda Erlich – lerlich555@aol.com

Mar Gee Farr – margee15@cox.net

Barbara Levin – Barbara.Levin@me.com

Local yarn shop owners are encouraged to check their listings and provide updates to our Web Masters. We would like to hear about any trunk shows and guest teachers from out-of-town at your shops – we'll put the dates on the website and in the newsletter.



Knitting Sub-Groups Meeting Schedule:

- **AKG Group**- The Advanced Knitters Group meets at 9 am every Friday, in the Old California Coffee Shop, in Restaurant Row, San Marcos. Contact: Phyllis Bates 760-828-8286.
- **Knit@Nite Group**- This group meets at 6 pm on the first Wednesday of the month at the Jewish Community Center. Contact: Linda Erlich, 858-759-9509, but check the schedule on the website to confirm dates.
- **I-15 Group**- 9 am to 11 am, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, at Panera, Carmel Mountain Ranch. Contact: Mimi Sevimli, 858-722-8128.
- **PA Group**- 1 pm to 3 pm, every Monday at Panera in Liberty Station. Contact: Jean Moore 858-587-9054.
- **RN Group**- RN stands for "Rather Normal", and the group meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month, from 10:00 am to noon, at Encinitas Senior Center, (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive- cross street is Balour). Contact: Gwen Nelson 760-720-5420.



Annual Guild Holiday Fashion Show and Luncheon Monday December 3, 2012

(Reservations **MUST** be returned by November 30, 2012)

- Arrival:** Please do not arrive before 10:30 am
- Drawing Tickets:** **10:30 am –11:30 am** - Our “Opportunity Drawing” items will be displayed in the Trophy Room for you to peruse. Tickets will be available for purchase.
- Lunch Is Served:** **11:45AM** - Open seating with 10 guests per table.
- Fashion Show and Drawing:** Immediately following Lunch
- Location:** **Morgan Run Club and Resort**
5690 Cancha De Golf
Rancho Santa Fe, California 92091
- Directions:** The Club is located approximately 3 miles east of I-5 at the Via de la Valle exit (S-6)
www.morganrun.com Phone: (858)756-2471
- Menu Choices:** A) Salmon Caesar Salad – Crisp Romaine lettuce with Parmesan Cheese, croutons charbroiled salmon and classic Caesar dressing.
B) Chicken Salad Wrap - Delicious chicken salad in a wrap with lettuce and tomato served with a fresh seasonal fruit cup.
- On The Table:** Bread, butter and water.
- Dessert:** Chef’s surprise selection....
- Beverages:** Coffee, tea and iced tea will be served at your table. A **CASH** bar will be available for wine, soda, juices and mixed drinks throughout the event.
- Cost:** **\$25.00 includes tax and gratuity**

---Detach Here-----**RESERVATION FORM**-----Detach Here-----**RESERVATION FORM**-----Detach Here---

Send to Amy Sheridan 4250 Robbins Street, San Diego, CA 92122 phone:(858)455-6508

Write your menu choice(s) on the form and your check

Make checks **payable** to San Diego North Coast Knitting Guild

Name of Member: _____ Menu A_____ Menu B_____

Name of Guest(s): _____ Menu A_____ Menu B_____
(If applicable)

Amount Enclosed: \$_____

All Checks Must Be Received No Later Than November 30, 2012. Please help us by reserving early.