



# San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild

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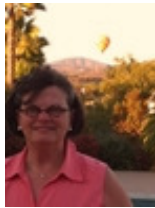
**February 7, 2012, 12:30 pm.**

**San Dieguito United Methodist Church**

**170 Calle Magdalena**

**Encinitas, CA 92024**

**Program - David Davies-A Simpler Time,  
Alpaca Ranch**



## President's Letter

Happy Valentine's Day!

February is a good month to settle in, gear up and get organized for the New Year. Please try to turn your membership renewal in at the meeting or send it to Kathy Christensen, if you have not already done so. Applications are available online at [www.ncknit.com](http://www.ncknit.com). Just click on the forms tab and print it.

We will have sign-up sheets available at our February meeting for our March workshops with Chris Bylsma. You will find a full description of each class in our newsletter and on the website.

We will also have a sign-up for our April Fashion Show of Outrageous Outfits and Accessories. We have such a diverse membership- it will be fun to see what you come up with.

I'm very excited to announce that Anna Walden will be taking the helm as Program Chairman. She will arrange our programs and book speakers and workshops for our 2013 calendar. We should have a great line-up with all of Anna's national teaching ties! Thank you Anna for stepping up to the challenge.

One of our members, Cia Bullemer, has accepted a position with Plymouth Yarn Company in the Philadelphia, PA area. She will be taking over as their Design Director effective February 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a great opportunity for Cia, who is an incredibly creative designer. We wish her well and know she will take her duties far beyond Plymouth's expectations! Congratulations Cia!

Mar Gee Farr

## Programs remaining in 2012

March 6 - Chris Bylsma, Designer

March 7 and 8 workshops

April 3 - In-House Fashion Show: Accessories and Outrageous Projects; Diana Rathbun, Chair

May 1 - Gwen Bortner, Designer;  
May 2 and 3 workshops

June 5 - Lisa Cruse, Designer, Ambrosia Cottage; June 6 and 7 workshops

July 3 - Pot Luck Social and Knit-In

August 7 - Anna Walden, Designer;  
August 7 and 8 workshops

September 4 - Annual Stash Sale and Travel  
Panel: Highlights of knitting trips

October 2 - Arlene Watson: Nuno Felting

November 6 - Merilyn Burnside:  
Foxyknits Trunk Show

December 3 - Holiday Luncheon and Fashion  
Show

## February Program



### David Davies- A Simpler Time, Alpaca Ranch

David Davies, from A Simpler Time Alpaca Ranch, will present a program on production of alpaca yarn, from raising the

animals to the spinning process.

It is a small alpaca ranch, 30 minutes east of San Diego. They offer alpacas, alpaca sweaters, scarves, mitts, teddy bears and more, and operate a full service mill, turning fiber into yarn, roving, batts or felt sheets. In addition to computerized spinning, they are Schacht spindle dealers for all hand spinners.

## March Program and Workshops

March 6 - Chris Bylsma, knitwear designer and teacher, will be our speaker. She will also be teaching the following classes:

Beyond Basic Buttons - Wednesday, March 7,  
9 a.m. - 12 noon

Eight Empowering Edges - Wednesday, March 7,  
1- 4 pm;

Steaks to the Rescue - Thursday, March 8,  
9 a.m. -12 noon;

Pocket Possibilities - Thursday, March 8, 1 - 4 pm.

The cost for each class is \$25.00, and a maximum of 25 students will be permitted in each class.

You may register at the February meeting, or may send Kathy Christensen a check and at 4625 Los Alamos Way #D, Oceanside, CA 92057.

Please direct any questions you may have about the classes to Carolyn Balkwell at [cbalkwell@cox.net](mailto:cbalkwell@cox.net) or 619-463-1439.

## La Casa de Maria Retreat

We are now accepting reservation deposits for the La Casa Retreat, May 14 through May 17, 2012. There is still time, but don't wait too long.



In the last two years we filled our quota and had to resort to a waiting list. 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.

If you haven't been on this pleasant and relaxing trip, sign up and find out what you have been missing. La Casa is located just outside Santa Barbara in Montecito. Besides knitting and visiting with friends, there are opportunities for hiking, swimming, a massage and plenty of good food. You may drive or take the Amtrak.

The La Casa web site is: [www.lacasademaria.org](http://www.lacasademaria.org)

Jo-Ellen Gould  
Retreat Chair

## NCKG Executive Board for 2012

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Barbara Levin

**Thank you to those continuing in their positions!**

## Machine Knitting Classes



Machine knitting is an adjunct to hand knitting and sewing, another medium in which to create.

There are two Machine Knitting classes being offered in San Diego. They have machines that you can use, so you don't have to buy a machine to learn how to knit. The

classes are held at Foothills Adult Education, located in El Cajon. The current fee for a semester is about \$35. That has to be the best bargain in town! There is a beginner's class every Monday from 9 am-12 pm, and every Tuesday evening there is a more advanced class, but they are mixed for all levels. The instructor's name is Karalyn Rainey. She can be reached at 619-851-6377. Don't miss this chance to expand your skills!

## Minutes of January Meeting

President Mar Gee Farr welcomed all present to our January 2012 meeting. She introduced new members and all guests. Mar Gee thanked everyone who helped at the Holiday Luncheon and stated that the proceeds from the drawing (\$2,400) will help defer the cost of speakers for our meetings. Also, we were informed that Gwen Nelson is our new librarian. All books are listed on our website, [ncknit.com](http://ncknit.com), under the Library tab. Gwen stated that members may only check out three books a month.

Mar Gee reported that several committee chair positions are open and is looking for volunteers.

The Guild thanks all who contributed scarves to the Rachael House for Homeless Women. A total 150 scarves were donated.

The President also reminded members that all the newsletters will be sent via e-mail.

Carolyn Balkwell introduced our guest speaker, Ellen Kindsvater, President of the Machine Knitting Guild, who provided instruction on the use of the knitting machine and beautiful examples of her work.

Respectfully Submitted  
Maureen Rukstalis, Secretary

## Sharing from January Meeting:



Linda Erlich knitted this "Cambridge" shawl from Sunday Knits, by Carol Sunday, in Cedar green Nirvana yarn, a wool and cashmere blend.

Sheila Kirschenbaum made a double-bordered Irish Lace Scarf by Carolyn Vance, using Karabella lace mohair yarn, two strands held together.



Stacy Smith knitted a shawllette, "Daybreak" by Steven West. The yarn is handspun alpaca in reds and pumpkin.

Sandy Yayanos knitted a "Diamond Lace" throw from Cover Up by Nancy Epstein. She used mint green Cotton Classic yarn by Tahki Stacy Charles. Sandy added the fringe.



Anna Walden machine knitted this sweater, "Ecuador", using Petite Voodoo yarn that she dyed beiges and browns.





Cia Bullemer, our personal connection with Plymouth Yarns as their new Director of Design, knitted an original jumper in pink superwash merino that was kettle dyed.



Pauline Bushey knitted a hat and fingerless gloves with a Trendsetter kit and DK yarn.

Mary Brown made a shawl of Twisted Sisters lace weight wool, employing a combination of charted patterns from Crazy Lace by Myra Wood.



Nancy Woodhove knitted a Belle Nuit shawl in Madelinetosh sock yarn, and a pair of Monkey Socks of SweetGeorgia Tough Love Sock yarn in "Riptide".

Eileen Adler knitted this sweater of her own design on a knitting machine, using two colorways of Noro yarn, about 1600 yards total, on size US 6 needles. The name of the garment is "Been Found" because it can be worn several ways- you just have to find one! Eileen's knitting machine is a KnitKing 230-bulky and has 110 needles. She knitted it from side-to-side in two pieces to highlight the stripes vertically. The sleeves are knitted separately from the armhole edge to the cuffs. All finishing details are hand knitted.



### Knitting Sub-Groups Meeting Schedule:

Helene Lidge used stash yarn for this children's cardigan. The pattern is Berroco's "Drift."



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.



Chris Ward joined Helene in knitting a Berroco "Drift" cardigan, but used Berroco's Vintage yarn. The Norah Gaughan pattern is free on Ravelry.

● **AKG Group**- The Advanced Knitters Group meets at 9am 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 6pm 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**- 9am to 11am, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, at 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## San Diego Knitting Guild

### General Information:

Our President is Mar Gee Farr; her e-mail is [margee15@cox.net](mailto:margee15@cox.net). For a list of Board Members please refer to the Directory. The Web Site address is: [www.ncknit.com](http://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:

### Newsletter Contact

Barbara McCroskey  
[bmccroskey@prodigy.net](mailto:bmccroskey@prodigy.net)

Please send information to me by the 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Website Contacts

Linda Erlich – [lerlich555@aol.com](mailto:lerlich555@aol.com)

Mar Gee Farr – [margee15@cox.net](mailto:margee15@cox.net)

Barbara Levin – [Barbara.Levin@me.com](mailto: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.

## Knitting on the Net

### Declan's Hat

This unisex hat is knitted with worsted weight yarn on #6 needles in sizes from infant to adult.

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/declans-hat>



### Kuky the Bear

This 10" bear is knitted in the round from the bottom up.

<http://stana-critters-etc.blogspot.com/2012/01/knitting-pattern-for-kuky-bear.html>



### Wingspan

**Quick, download this pattern which will only be available in January.** This shawl is knitted in one piece with garter short rows (no wrapping and picking up) with fingering weight yarn and #4 needles.

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/wingspan-2>



### Looped Loop

This classic moebius style looped cowl is knitted flat and then grafted together after twisting.

[http://www.kirstenjohnstone.com/wp-content/uploads/pattern-pdfs/LOOPED\\_LOOP.pdf](http://www.kirstenjohnstone.com/wp-content/uploads/pattern-pdfs/LOOPED_LOOP.pdf)





## 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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No e-mail addresses will be sold or re-used for any purpose other than our Guild.

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.