



San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild

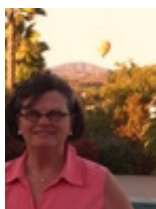
San Diego, California - www.ncknit.com

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Next Meeting:

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

Program- Chris Bylsma



President's Letter

While catching up with my growing stack of knitting books and magazines, I came across an interesting article in Verena Knitting. Recently archeologists discovered three clay tablets in a cave on the bank of the Tigris River thought to be lost since Babylonian times. Hammurabi, a Babylonian ruler known for his Code of Laws, must have inspired his wife, an avid knitter, to author this work which is still the foundation of our pastime today.

1. Always use the best materials available to you; life is too short to use inferior yarn.
2. Put all of your skill and care into your work.
3. Only knit for those who appreciate your dedication, care and the love you put into your work.

Don't sell your work for less than it is worth.

4. Always be ready to help fellow knitters and share your knowledge wherever and whenever needed.

Be open and accepting of insightful criticism of your own work; it will help you become a better knitter.

5. Spread the joy of the knitting hobby to as many people as you are able. Knit openly and without inhibitions, in public.

6. Don't feel guilty or ashamed because of your passion. Let no others dictate how much time you spend knitting, how many projects you start and how large your stash has become!

7. Gauge swatches are not a waste of time, but are used to ensure proper fit of your projects.

8. Cheerfully deal with the plagues of the life of a knitter: knots in the skein, pattern errors and the moth when he invades!

9. Develop your own creativity so you may discover the designer within.

10. Don't shy away from learning new techniques and applying them to your projects.

Knitting is a lifelong journey; enjoy the beautiful sights and experiences along the way.

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 8 workshop

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

October 2 - Arlene Watson: Nuno Felting

November 6 - Marilyn Burnside:
Foxyknits Trunk Show

December 3 - Holiday Luncheon and Fashion Show

March Program

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 :00 pm.

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

Steeks to the Rescue –
Thursday, March 8, 9 a.m. -12:00 pm.

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.

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

April Meeting

This guild meeting will be an In-House Fashion Show: Accessories and Outrageous Projects; please sign-up at the March meeting if you would like to be part of the program.

Diana Rathbun, Chair; drathbun4@san.rr.com

La Casa de Maria Retreat

Good news, the retreat coordinator at La Casa has increased our room allotment and we now have five additional rooms for our May 14th through May 17th retreat.



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 at 2258 Del Mar Scenic Parkway, Del Mar, CA 92014.

Check out the La Casa website:

www.lacasademaria.org

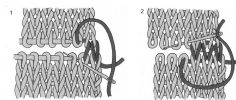
Jo-Ellen Gould

Retreat Chair

858 947-5167

jmgould@san.rr.com

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 on Tuesday, March 12th, in Classroom #6 from 12:00 to 3:00 pm. All are welcome, even if you don't need help. Come to knit!

Members Teaching Members

Sara Stolz is teaching our first class of 2012 on Sunday, April 1st, from 1-4 pm. The class will learn how to make a pattern from a favorite garment. This class is already full!

Colleen Davis is teaching a "Creative Wrappers" class on Thursday, April 26th, from 12:30 - 3:30 pm. Come to the March Guild meeting to learn the details!



"Crochet for Knitters" is back by popular demand. Thea Lazarevic will be teaching the class on March 28th from 10:00 - 1:00 pm.

Membership Directory

The directory will be published after our March 6th meeting, for distribution at the April meeting. Please be sure that you have renewed your membership if you want to be listed in the directory for 2012.

Sharing from February Meeting



Linda Erlich knitted this Stripe Study Shawl in red and black Koigu PPM yarn. The pattern employs asymmetrical short rows.



Elizabeth Primrose-Smith made this child's pirate sweater by combining three patterns and using Berroco Comfort yarn.

Linda Erlich is modeling the "Gaptastic" cowl (free Ravelry pattern) that Stacy Smith knitted using natural wool she bought in Chile.



Bea Kusnick knitted the Caribbean Sea Shawl. The yarn is silk, and the last row has over 700 stitches and beads.



Barbara Pearson knitted a Classic Elite jacket pattern in Manos del Uruguay and Colinette Mohair yarns. She lengthened the jacket and crocheted the edging and the button loops.



Thea Lazarevic made this Wide Ribbed Cardigan from Vogue Knitting, Spring/Summer issue 2003. The blue yarn is Needful Yarns "Capri" (discontinued) and nylon/cotton ribbon; the needle size is 10 1/2.

Rosie Halvorson made a cardigan from the Noro Style book. The colorway is #82 of the Noro Kochoran yarn: 50% wool, 30% angora and 20% silk blend.



Megan Glynn knitted the Rock Island Shawl by Jared Flood, using Knit Picks' "Shimmer" lace yarn in Sherry colorway.



Masumi knitted her 7th original design, a blue cardigan, using stash sale yarn.





Annette Friedlein made a Jester Cardigan by Colleen Davis, in brown, yellow, green and fuchsia stash yarn.

Jean Carnes and Bea Kusnick both knitted a beaded Holden Shawlette: Bea's is variegated rose in silk, and Jean's in Collage Creamy pink milk yarn.



Mary Brown made the Wingspan Shawl from a Ravelry pattern using Noro Silk Garden sock yarn. She used two 100-gram balls, made 9 wedges instead of 8, and added buttons.

Karen des Jardins knitted the Lazy Katy shawl by Birgit Freyer, in Lion Brand's Amazing yarn, Vineyard colorway.



No photos for the following:

Rita Kahn's two neck warmers and a hat;
Faye Metz' two sweaters.

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**- 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, 2nd and 4th 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 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.

Stash Sale - September 4th

Don't forget it is time for spring-cleaning. Your unwanted stash will happily be collected at every meeting, or call Laura Brubaker @ 858-337-4347 to arrange a pick up.



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 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:

Newsletter Contact

Barbara McCroskey
bmccroskey@prodigy.net
Please send information to me
by the 15th.



Website Contacts

Linda Erlich – lerlich555@aol.com
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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.

Del Mar Fair

It's not too early to start thinking about this year's
Del Mar Fair! The theme is "Out of this World".
The Fair will run from June 8 – July 4 (24 days).
Our Guild members will be on hand at the exhibits
June 26 – 29.
Kathy Christensen & Helene Lidge will co-chair the
Fair committee and will share more information as it
becomes available. So start working on your entries!

Minutes from February Meeting

President, Mar Gee Farr welcomed
all members and introduced our
thirty new members. As of this
date, we have 195 members that
have signed up. Dues have expired,
and anyone renewing from now will
fill out a new application form. The 2012 directory
will be printed next month. Mar Gee introduced the
2012 Board Members: President Mar Gee Farr; Vice
President, Willa Cather; Programs, Carolyn Balkwell
and Anna Walden; Secretary, Maureen Rukstalis;
Treasurer, Kathy Christensen. The Committee
Chairmen were introduced and you will find all
names listed on our website www.ncknit.com.
Members who would like to volunteer to be on any
committee, please see Mar Gee. The Guild's
Newsletter can be viewed on the website. Mar Gee
asked those who are interested in a trip to
Trendsetters in LA to sign up, and if you want to rent
a bus, write "bus" next to your name.



San Diego People of Color Quilt Guild will have an
open house on February 25, 2012 at the Malcolm X
Library, 5148 Market Street, San Diego. The
Machine Knitting Guild will be having two machine
knitting classes. Beginners class every Monday and
every Tuesday evening a more advanced class.

Laura Brubaker, Members Teaching Members
(MTM) asked that you visit website for upcoming
workshops. Sara Stolz is hosting MTM at her home
on April 1. The program will be How to Make a
Pattern from a Favorite Sweater.

Jo-Ellen asked members to sign up for La Casa de
Maria Retreat, May 14 through May 17, 2012.

The Knitting Guild Association is hosting a Grand
Retreat, May 8-10, 2012 at the Grand Hotel -
Mackinac Island, MI. Those interested contact Willa
Cather.

Carolyn Balkwell introduced our guest speakers,
David and Barbara Davies, who own an Alpaca Farm
and Mill "A Simpler Time". They started their ranch
12 years ago in El Cajon and shared with us their
story of how this ranch came to be and pictures of
their ranch.

Respectfully Submitted
Maureen Rukstalis, Secretary

Knitting on the Net

Grecian Rib Scarf

Another classy project from the folks at Purl Soho. This 6" by 88" scarf with tassels is knitted on #5 needles with 600 yards of sportweight yarn. The pattern page includes a helpful picture tutorial on how to knit the the Grecian Rib Stitch.

<http://www.purlbee.com/grecian-rib-scarf/>



Wave Shawl

This is a lightweight spring or summer shawl, knitted from the bottom up. It is a wide but shallow triangle which should sit well on your shoulders and can also serve as a scarf. As

written, the shawl requires 400 to 450 yards of fingering or lace yarn which is knitted on #6 needles. The size can be easily adjusted.

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/wave-10>

Gift Card-igans

Giving a gift card but want to personalize it? Knit a little "envelope" for the card using worsted weight yarn, #6 needles and a special button. It is knitted flat and looks more difficult than it is.

<http://www.simplynotable.com/2011/gift-card-igans/>



Books to Review

Entrée to Entrelac by Gwen Bortner

Get ready for Gwen's visit to our Guild in May! Gwen's teaching experience allows her to translate in-depth knowledge into concise instructions, clear, step-by-step illustrations and a user-friendly layout for an especially effective learning interface. 35 projects – 192 pages; Retail \$19.95.

Cowlgirls by Cathy Carron

It's the neck's big thing to knit! Cowls are a hip and quickly knitted alternative to a scarf. They are easy to layer and wear. Cowlgirls has so many patterns you can be sure to find one to fit your style. 40 projects – 136 pages; Retail \$19.95.

Knit Your Own Dog by Sally Muir & Joanna Osborne

Choose from 25 distinctive breeds to create your very own pack of knitted pooches! Close up photographs highlight details that make each knitted dog so special. Complete with tips on finishing, you will also find helpful hints on adding personality to your pooch in addition to choosing the correct yarn. 25 projects – 176 pages Retail \$14.95

Do you have these things in your knitting bag?

Check out our local yarn stores for these Helpful Accessories:

Needle Size ID Tags: slide them on your cable to mark your needle size when you take the needle tips to use in another project! Tags are marked in both US and MM sizes.

Block N Roll – blocking mat by Bagsmith has a pin-able gridded surface to make alignment easy. It's Teflon-coated for water resistance and iron press ability.