



San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild

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Next Meeting:

April 3, 2012, 12:30 pm.

San Dieguito United Methodist Church

170 Calle Magdalena

Encinitas, CA 92024

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



President's Letter

“Volunteers are seldom paid: not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.”
Anonymous

Our Guild has some pretty amazing people; talented women that have decided to take time out of their busy lives to help meet our mission.

All of the accomplishments the Guild has made, have been initiated, organized, led and supported by a volunteer. Without volunteers, there would be no Guild.

Many of our volunteers have worked with the Guild since its beginning, and their dedicated work has brought us to where we are today- a vibrant organization that has grown to 250 members!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you that tirelessly works for the Guild. Please know that your work is greatly appreciated, and we wouldn't be here without you! Thank you!

If you find yourself wishing to join this amazing group, please let me know. We will need several new Committee chairs next year, so start thinking about what you might like to do. We have a lot of fun!

Mar Gee Farr

President

Programs remaining in 2012

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 workshops

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

October 2 - Arlene Watson: Nuno Felting

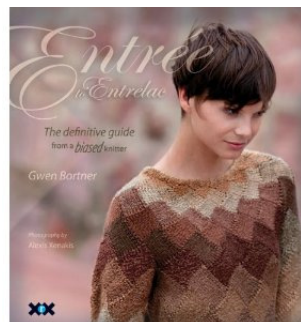
November 6 - Marilyn Burnside:
Foxyknits Trunk Show

December 3 - Holiday Luncheon and Fashion Show

April Fashion Show

Contact Diana Rathbun, 858-560-6515, for sharing your work in this show.

May Program and Workshops



On May 1 our speaker will be Gwen Bortner, designer, teacher, and author of Entre to Entrelac: The Definitive Guide from a Biased Knitter. A book signing will follow the meeting. On May 2 and 3, the following workshops will be available with Gwen:

Entrelac Basics: Wednesday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Supplies needed: 1 oz. each of two different colors of worsted weight wool and set of 5 US size 9 double pointed needles.

Homework: With one of the two colors, cast on 36 sts onto DPN evenly among the 4 needles and join without twisting. Work 3 rows of purl sts and leave on the needles.

Entrelac: Beyond the Basics: Wednesday, May 2, from 1-4 p.m.

Supplies Needed: Homework swatch, copy of the associated stitch pattern, a minimum of 1 oz. of light colored, smooth, worsted weight yarn and appropriate needles.

Homework: Work a swatch of a stitch pattern of your choosing in smooth, light colored worsted weight yarn. Swatch should be at least 20 sts wide (a minimum of 3 repeats) and 30 rows (a minimum of 30 repeats). Bring a printed copy (word only) of the stitch pattern for reference.

Helps and Tricks for the Intermediate Knitter:

Thursday, May 3, 9 am - noon.

Supplies: 1 oz of light-colored worsted weight yarn and size 8 or 9 needles

Homework: None, as class will be a question and answer format of topics based on student interest to help students move to advanced level.

Diamonds of a Different Color (Argyles Aren't Just for Socks): Thursday, May 3, 1-4 pm.

Supplies: Three 1oz balls of smooth solid-colored worsted weight yarn, each a different color. Plus 5-10 yds of a 4th color of similar yarn. Size 5 needles.

Homework: With the main color, cast on 17 stitches. Knit 4 rows of garter stitch and leave on the needles.

The cost for each class is \$25, and enrollment will be limited to a maximum of 25 students. Please direct questions about classes to cbalkwell@cox.net

You may register for classes at the meeting or by mailing a check and a statement of which class(es) you want to take to: Carolyn Balkwell, 6876 Caminito Montanoso, #28, San Diego, CA 92119. This information is posted on our website by clicking on the Meeting Schedule tab, and then click the Upcoming Workshops tab beneath it.

La Casa de Maria Retreat



This is your last chance to reserve a room for our May 14th through May 17th, Santa Barbara retreat. There are three rooms left. 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 web site:

www.lacasademaria.org

If you have any questions please give me a call.

Jo-Ellen Gould

Retreat Chair

858 947-5167, jmgould@san.rr.com

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 at Linda Epstein’s home on April 26th, and again on May 10th, from 12:30 - 3:30 pm.

“**Crochet for Knitters**” is back by popular demand. Thea Lazarevic will be teaching the class at Gwen Nelson’s home on March 28th from 10:00 - 1:00 pm.

MTM classes are open to guild members only and cost only \$30 each!

Membership Directory

The 2012 Membership Directory has been printed and will be distributed at the April meeting. Thank you to Sandy Smith for formatting and setting up this year's directory.

Minutes from March Meeting



President, Mar Gee Farr welcomed all guests and our three new members. The Guild membership is now 246!

The Del Mar Fair dates will be June 26 to June 29. See Kathy Christensen, the chairperson for the guild's knitting booth at the Fair, to sign up to demonstrate knitting with other members for a day or more.

Our April meeting is the Fashion Show. Sign up to model any accessories and outrageous projects you have made.

Please read the cover letter with the e-mailed newsletter link, www.ncknit.com. There may be important announcements in addition to the items in the newsletter.

Linda Erlich reported that she has lots of yarns and patterns for our philanthropy projects.

Laura Brubaker is in charge of the Stash Sale in September. Bring your stash to the meetings or arrange for a pick-up.

On June 2 there will be an all day trip to Trendsetters in L.A. Barry Klein, owner of Trendsetters will give an overview of his company. There are a limited number of seats. The cost is \$52.00, which includes bus travel, program and lunch.

Tickets for the Sunday, August 19 Padres game - Giants v. Padres - are available at Common Threads.

Carolyn Balkwell introduced our guest, designer Chris Bylsma. Chris shared with the Guild "Things She Learned Along the Way". Chris was delightful, and her story inspiring.

Linda Erlich conducted the "Wear and Share" program.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen Rukstalis, Secretary

Happy Springtime Knitting!



Sharing from March Meeting



Linda Erlich made the Vlinder Wrap - a Chris Bylsma design, using Merino Sei yarn.



Gladys Nolan, Vivian Forseth and Linda Gumtz made reversible cabled scarves, using Lily

Chin's technique.

Cheryl Clark knitted a raglan sweater using the pattern "\$5 in Paris" and Cascade 220 heathered yarn in gray and dark blue.



Mimi Sevimli made this blue shawl with about 240 yards of merino wool. The pattern called for 200 yards, so Mimi added extra edging repeats in garter stitch.



Mimi made another shawl, this one a Citron shawl, a free pattern on Ravelry, and used #6 needles for the super fine Alice lace yarn along

with Czech glass beads to add weight to the fabric.



Agnes Gale knitted this vest from a pattern in Sandra Knitting Magazine, Dec. 2011. The yarn is Voodoo from Twisted Sisters, 50% merino wool, 50% silk. She did not have enough yarn for the cardigan, so she made a vest.

Phyllis Bates knitted this Braid-Edged Cap by Judy Gibson. Phyl says it's a good "filler" project, and much needed and used by cancer patients.



Mimi's top, Jujuba, free on Ravelry, is knitted in Twisted Sisters "Mirage" yarn- rayon and cotton. The asymmetrical design is Mimi's way of dealing with different amounts of yarn: 3 skeins purple, 5 skeins rose.



Dorrit Franke made this dress/ shoulder warmer from an Annie Blatt pattern. The yarn is Laines Bouton d'Or.



Claudia Carlson knitted this Impasto Shawl by Susanna IC. The yarn was bought at the stash sale, possibly a cotton-linen "Katia"?

Linda Guntz knitted these cowboy booties in in Paton's Classic Wool, then felted them. Baby Drops pattern #17-12. She also crocheted the baby sandals.



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 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 11am, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, at Panera , Carmel Mountain Ranch. Contact: Mimi Sevimli, 858-722-8128.

● **PA Group-** 1:00 pm to 3:00 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.

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 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.

Contact Information:

Newsletter Contact

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bmcroskey@prodigy.net

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



Website Contacts

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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 on the Net

Mini Mania Scarf

Designed to use remnants of fingering weight yarn and knit in linen stitch, this scarf is basically a version of the Churchmouse Linen Stitch scarf. Knit until your run out of remnants or are happy with the width

<http://exchangingfire.wordpress.com/knitting-patterns/mini-mania-scarf/>



Honeycomb Stroller Blanket

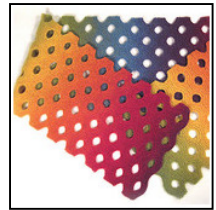
Knit in sport weight yarn on #10 needles this slip stitch blanket looks hard but is easy.

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/honeycomb-stroller-blanket>

Swiss Cheese Scarf

Simple, simple, simple but non-knitters will be impressed. The original is written for lace yarn but any yarn with appropriately sized needles will work.

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/swiss-cheese-scarf>



Tootsies Toasters Revisited

A new version of an old favorite slipper pattern knit in worsted weight yarn on #10 needles with a swirl toe.

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/tootsies-toasters-revisited>

Ashton Shawlette

This triangular, top down shawlette is written for first-time lace knitters and includes tutorials.



<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/ashton-shawlette>