



San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild

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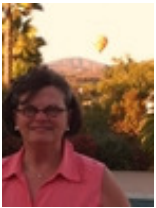
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Next Meeting:

May 1, 2012, 12:30 pm.

San Dieguito United Methodist Church
170 Calle Magdalena
Encinitas, CA 92024

Program- Gwen Bortner, Designer



President's Letter

One of the reasons I love May is because it's a month of celebrations. Big parties and intimate gatherings paying tribute to Moms, memorializing our service men and women, toasting graduates, birthdays and new babies! My favorite day is May Day celebrated on May 1st. It began in ancient times as one of the world's principal festivals, to celebrate spring. May Day has evolved to be a day of political protests, a saint's feast day and is still celebrated as a holiday around the world; in most places it has come to be regarded more as a day of merriment for children. The best thing about May Day is giving sweet little May baskets to someone special and sometimes finding that someone has left one at your door!

I'm looking forward to our meeting on May Day, what a treat to have Gwen Bortner give our program to kick off the month! I hope you all will attend.

Mar Gee Farr
President

Programs remaining in 2012

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

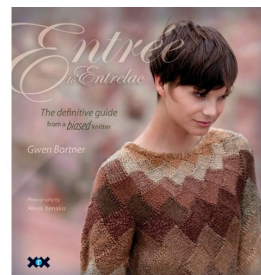
September 4 - Annual Stash Sale and Travel
Panel: Highlights of knitting trips

October 2 - Arlene Watson: Nuno Felting

November 6 - Marilyn Burnside:
Foxyknits Trunk Show

December 3 - Holiday Luncheon and Fashion
Show

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.



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 and size 5 needles.

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

Help 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.

Our **June** meeting will feature designer **Lisa Cruse** of Ambrosia Cottage, whose expertise is embellishment, particularly of felted items. Her topic for the June 5 meeting is: Cottage Gingerbread: Color and Inspiration from the Ambrosia Cottage.

On June 6 and 7, the following workshops will be offered:

Needle Felting- Wednesday June 6, 9 -12 Noon

Embroidery- Wednesday June 6 1-4 P.M.

Beading- Thursday June 7 9 A.M. to Noon

Crochet Trims- June 7 1-4 P.M.

Supplies common to all of Lisa's classes are: Foundation piece/s previously purchased or prepared. Squares of purchased felt will work or you may have items that you have knitted and fulled (felted); scissors, paper and pencil for notes, and short ruler or marker; chalk, soluble marker pens, or dressmaker pins for marking; sewing needles appropriately sized for yarn, embroidery thread and bead openings.



Additional supplies for:

Needle Felting: wool roving in desired colors; yarns of many types, weights, and colors; felting needles and a needle felting sponge (a small quantity of these will be available for sale).

Embroidery: yarn, tapestry yarn, perle cotton, embroidery floss or crochet thread in various colors.

Beading: beads in varied sizes and colors and bottle caps to act as bead keepers.

Crochet Trims: crochet hooks in two or three different sizes and appropriate to one's yarns and threads.

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.

There are still openings in all of Gwen Bortner's classes. You may sign up for these at the May meeting.

You may register for Lisa Cruse's June classes either at the May or June meetings 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 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 call.

Jo-Ellen Gould

Retreat Chair

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

Members Teaching Members

Colleen Davis is teaching "Creative Wrappers", Thursday, May 10th from 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

at Linda Epstein's house.

Cost of class: **\$30.00**

New MTM Classes:

In anticipation of our June workshops with Lisa Cruise, Mar Gee Farr is offering the following:

Felted Purse

Tuesday, May 22 from 10-11:00 am.

at Mar Gee Farr's house.

Cost: **\$10.00**

Mar Gee Farr will teach you how to felt a knitted hat, scarf or purse. Bring your knitted item, ready to felt, and Mar Gee will demonstrate how to do it! Pattern suggestions will be available at the Guild Meeting.

Lining and Finishing a Felted Purse

Monday, June 11 from 10 am.-1 pm.

at Mar Gee Farr's house.

Cost: **\$30.00**

Mar Gee will instruct how to line and finish your felted purse. Bring your purse, handles, lining fabric and any buttons, ribbons, etc. that you'd like to use.

“Out of This World” is this year’s theme at the San Diego County Fair. The fair runs from Friday, June 8th, to Wednesday, July 5th, and is closed on Mondays.



We can exhibit and participate in the fair as knitters and guild members in special ways. It can be very inspirational to see the work produced by fellow knitters, and the exhibits and demonstrations can help entice new people to the craft of hand knitting.

If you want to sign up and submit your work in the Fair, the deadline is May 2nd.

There are many categories for entry, for both original designs and for items knitted from a pattern. Sweaters, socks, accessories, afghans, hand knitted lace (any article) and felted items are just some of the divisions for hand knitters. http://www.sdfair.com/index.php?fuseaction=exhibits.home_hobby

The registration deadline is **Wednesday, May 2nd** and you can only enter **on-line** by 11:59 pm on or before the deadline. After completing your entry on-line, you will receive an email confirmation. If you do **not** receive a confirmation, your entry was **not** completed/received. Please email entry@sdfair.com with any questions or concerns.

All of the necessary information is available at the fair website: <http://www.sdfair.com/>

Once you have registered, the dates for **delivery** of your entry(s) are Monday, May 21st and Tuesday, May 22nd from noon to 8:00 pm. Kathy Christensen will deliver members’ entries to the Fair; please contact her by email at

kathy46@rocketmail.com to make arrangements."

Volunteering at the Fair

Our Guild will volunteer four days as “North County Knitters Guild” on demonstration days, with volunteer hostesses manning the booth/table from 11:00 to 3:00 pm. Our designated days are Tuesday June 26th thru Friday the 29th, and we still need additional help. Please contact Kathy Christensen by email or at the May Guild meeting. For each day you participate, you will receive a free pass to the fair, and you will have ample time to explore and see the fair exhibits! You may bring a sack lunch or get something from the concession stands.

Volunteering is a good way to get to know other Guild members and is a great opportunity to share the craft of knitting with the fair attendees. Those of you who have volunteered at past fairs know how much fun it can be to spend a shift representing the Guild and meeting the people who come to view the exhibits. It is a great time to knit and share your love of knitting.

Sign-up sheets will be available at the next guild meeting, or you can contact the fair coordinator directly.

Kathy Christensen – Fair coordinator;
kathy46@rocketmail.com

Minutes from March Meeting



President, Mar Gee Farr welcomed all guests and introduced three renewing members. Our new directory has been printed and is available to all members today. Our new members' names and addresses will be listed in our next newsletter. Mar Gee informed members about the upcoming sale at the Twisted Sisters warehouse on Saturday, May 5 starting at 9:00am. Only checks and cash accepted. Mar Gee announced that our Holiday Fashion Luncheon will be at the Morgan Run Country Club and the project for our raffle will be a Log Cabin afghan.

Kathy Christensen, chairperson of the Del Mar Fair event, will have the sign up sheets available next month. The dates are June 26th thru June 29th.

MTM chairpersons, Laura Brubaker, Janet White and Mary Ann Archbold asked those who signed up for Sara Stolz class April 1 and did not attend or pay for the class, please see them. Also, Colleen Davis will teach two classes on "Creative Wrappers". The first class will be at the home of Diana Rathbun on April 26th starting at 12:30 pm, and on May 10 at the home of Linda Epstein starting at 1:00 pm.

Laura Brubaker requested members to bring their "stash" to the meetings, or let her know and she will arrange to pick the yarn up.

Jo-Ellen Gould stated that she will send out an email for the final payment of \$128.25 for the retreat at **La Casa de Maria** on May 14 through May 17.

Eileen Adler asked that you pay in advance and pick up your tickets from Nancy at Common Treads for the **Stitch and Pitch Padre vs. Giants** game to be held on August 19.

Carolyn Balkwell asked that members sign up for Gwen Bortner's May 2 and 3 workshops.

Linda Erlich conducted our Wear and Share program.

Respectfully Submitted
Maureen Rukstalis

Notes to Members

Sympathy

We want to extend our condolences to Ellen Hesterman and her family on the loss of her husband, John, who passed away in early April. John served in World War II and was a talented electronics engineer who worked for several International aerospace companies. His interests ran from carpentry, gardening, and ham radio to painting and inventing.



Twisted Sisters Yarn Sale

The Twisted Sisters Annual Yarn Sale will be May 5th starting at 9 am. The location is 740 Metcalf St., Escondido. Checks and cash only!
Come early for a great selection of beautiful yarn!

The **May 2012** issue of The Knitting Guild of America's newsletter, **Swatches is now online.** To read the issue, [Click here](#) .



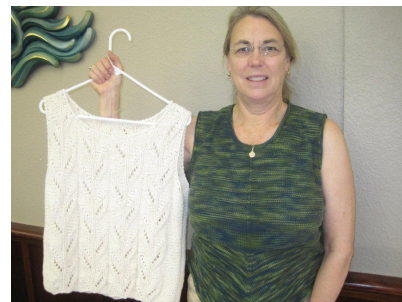
Sharing from April Meeting

Linda Erlich knitted the Ruffled Fichu shawl by Jane Sowerby in Knitter's Magazine 88, Fall 2007, but available free on Ravelry. Linda used Malabrigo sock yarn.

Dorrit Franke's original cardigan is knitted in a wool-silk blend. The buttons are crocheted with silk ribbon, and plain buttons are inserted for firmness.



Elizabeth Primrose-Smith knitted a Leaf Print Shell in cream Filtes King Kim yarn, 55% cotton, 45% acrylic.



Elizabeth also made the green Beyonce Structured Tee, a free pattern on Elann.com. The yarn is Nashua Handknits Summer Garden, 50% linen, 50% cotton. She says the instructions were confusing.



Mary Brown's jacket is a modified Twisted Sisters pattern in blues, purples and brown. The yarn is Arucana wool plus stash. Mary

used the linen stitch, and made wide sleeves for a roomy fit.

Amy Sheridan knitted a sweater from Twisted Sisters called "Knot the Point". The peach yarn is Twisted Sisters Zabu and Lust. Amy added the rushing, but made the sleeves longer and eliminated the tie closure.



Marie Skillman made this crocheted vest from Lion Brands yarn and variegated ribbon from the stash sale.



Ruby Townsend knitted an "Event Blanket" in blue, green, yellow and violet sport yarn. The piece includes a crocheted mesh and chains woven through.



Ruby also made a Christmas sweater with intarsia and duplicate stitch.



Patt Miller knitted a scarf in wine and silver-blue Rowan Kidsilk Haze stripe; the colors are by Kaffe Fassett.

Thea Lazarevic knitted a $\frac{3}{4}$ sleeved sweater from Vogue, Spr/Summer '01. The yarn is a sage green cotton twist, 80% cotton and 20% viscose, from Berroco.



Jo-Ellen Gould knitted this afghan from a pattern in Nicky Epstein's book, Block by Block. The yarn is Cascade superwash wool.



Jan Davis knitted this blanket, a Mary Maxim pattern called "Log Cabin". The colors are Amish; the yarn is Mary Maxim's Starlette, 100% acrylic. An easy garter stitch pattern, but has bold graphic effect!



Colleen Davis made an original cardigan using Tootsie P yarn. The design is freeform linear.

Ellen Hesterman knitted an original Fat Cable Cardigan.



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



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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.

New & Renewing Members from April

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Knitting on the Net

Quilt and Cable Blanket

This free Cascade yarns pattern is knitted with #8 needles at a gauge of 4 st/in. It uses about 2,000 yards of yarn. If you hate charts, this one's for you -- no charts, just written row by row instructions. http://cascadeyarns.com/patternsFree/C224_EcoQuiltCableBlanket.pdf



ZigZag Shawl

A DK weight shawl knitted on #8 needles, this long crescent shaped shawl is perfect for those variegated yarns that don't do well with a complex pattern. You can control the size as

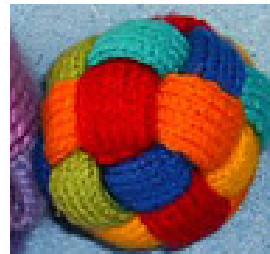


you knit

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/zigzag-shawl>

Braided Ball

Knit something to impress your friends who won't be able to figure out how you did it. And then give it to that new kid in your family. It's a safe toy knitted with worsted yarn and #4 needles, but you can adapt it to any yarn.



<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/gevlocht-en-bal---braided-ball>

Simple Summer Tweed Top Down V-Neck

This top down pattern is from Heidi Kirrmaier, the enormously popular independent designer. It's written for men and women in chest sizes from 30 to 55 inches at a gauge of 4 st/in and includes a crew neck version. Take a look at the 600+ projects on Ravelry for tips and ideas.



<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/simple-summer-tweed-top-down-v-neck>