



San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild

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Number 179 – June 2012

Next Meeting:

June 5, 2012, 12:30 pm.
San Dieguito United Methodist Church
170 Calle Magdalena
Encinitas, CA 92024

Program- Lisa Cruse, Designer



President's Letter

We have a very busy month ahead...
Our Fieldtrip to Trendsetter, June 2nd is filled and everyone's a buzz about it.
Our June meeting will feature a program with Lisa Cruse from Connecticut, followed by two days of workshops on embellishing! Please sign-up if you haven't already done so.
On the 12th we will hold our second quarter Help and Finishing Session, open to all Guild members! Please join us even if you don't need help; come and knit for a couple of hours with other members.
We will have two MTM's this month: Purse Lining on the 11th and a follow-up to the Freeform Wrap on the 21st.
Our Guild volunteer and demonstration dates at the County Fair in Del Mar are the 26th to the 29th.
We also have five new members that have joined the Guild this month!
There's something for everyone to do. Enjoy!

Mar Gee Farr
President

Programs remaining in 2012

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

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.

You may register for Lisa Cruse's June classes at the June 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.

Workshop information is posted on our website. Click on the Meeting Schedule tab, and then click the Upcoming Workshops tab beneath it.

Members Teaching Members

* Don't forget the bus trip to visit Barry Klein at Trendsetter Yarns on **June 2!** Luxury coach (bus) departs at 7 a.m. from the church parking lot in Encinitas. There will be a short stop to pick up members from Orange County and then on to Van Nuys. Expected arrival time back in San Diego is 6 p.m. Reminder: bring a chair with you if you cannot stand for long periods of time. There will not be enough chairs for everyone. Lunch will be provided by Trendsetter Yarns. Colleen Davis will be available to answer questions and /or help on the bus ride to Trendsetter.

• Colleen Davis is offering a complimentary follow-up session for those that took her "Creative Wrappers" class on April 26th, OR May 10th. So, if you need encouragement or to have questions answered, bring your Work-In-Progress to Laura Brubaker's house, on June 21 from 1 - 3 p.m.

New MTM Classes:

LINING and FINISHING A FELTED PURSE

Monday, June 11 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Mar Gee Farr's home.

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 would like to use.

LOOM-KNITTED WIRE BRACELET

Knitted on a spool loom, this bracelet can be either a narrow bangle or a statement piece cuff. Instructor: Mary Brown

Date: Sunday, August 12th, 1:30 - 4:40 p.m.

Host: Toni Wong 858-792-6303

toniwong@san.rr.com

Cost: \$30 plus \$20 materials fee (includes wire and loom).

La Casa de Maria Retreat



A record twenty-six NCKG members just returned after spending three days knitting away in lovely Montecito. Thanks to the warm and sunny weather, much of the time was spent knitting out of doors. The retreat went by so quickly that next year it was decided to have an optional delayed departure for those wishing to stay another day.



Our retreats are a perfect way to get away from it all and just be taken care of with nothing to worry about except knitting. Retreat dates have been set-aside for next year so mark your calendar: Vina de Lestonnac in Temecula: January 21st-24th, 2013 and La Casa: May 13th-16th, 2013 (with an option to stay through the 17th.)



Reminders:

June 12th - Finishing session

July 3rd - Potluck Lunch Meeting

September 4th - Stash Sale

(See details on page 8)

San Diego County Fair- Knitting Exhibit

“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.

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 June 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’s exhibits! You may bring a sack lunch or get something from the food stands.

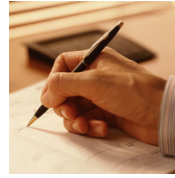
Volunteering is a good way to get to know other Guild members and is a great opportunity

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. Do bring your knitting and items you have knitted to show the visitors.

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

Kathy Christensen – Fair coordinator;
kathy46@rocketmail.com

Minutes from the May Meeting



Vice President, Willa Cather, welcomed all and introduced three new members of the Guild. At this time we now have 267 members listed in our directory.

Willa asked members who are interested in the bus trip on June 2 to Trendsetters, sign up at front desk. Lunch is included in the price of \$52.00. Willa reminded members about Twisted Sisters yarn sale on May 5. Willa also asked members to select a ball of yarn to knit a square for our Log Cabin afghan. The afghan will be for our opportunity drawing at the Holiday Fashion Luncheon, December 3.

Kathy Christensen, chairperson of the Del Mar Fair knitting booth, asked members to sign up for the Fair at the front table. See newsletter for more details.

MTM Chairpersons reported that Mar Gee Farr will teach a class, “Lining a Felted Purse”, on Monday, June 11, from 10:00 am .to 1:00 pm., at her home. The cost is \$30.00.

Linda Erlich reported that Guild members donated 103 knitted hats to the Tete-A-Tete hats project. Linda said Taylor still needs more hats from baby to adult sizes.

Eileen Adler reminded members of the upcoming Stitch & Pitch Padres vs. Giants game on August 19th, 1:00 pm. Purchase tickets from Nancy Nelson, at Common Threads yarn shop in Encinitas.

Carolyn Balkwell introduced our guest speaker, designer, Gwen Bortner.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Rukstalis

Sharing from May Meeting

Hanna Sudik knitted a Cambridge shawl in a Skacell silk/wool blend.



Barbara Levin knitted a tunic of her own pattern using Twisted Sisters bamboo-wool and novelty yarns from Avril, also known as Habu Textiles.



Hanna also made a Color Affection shawl in green and brown.



Rosie Halvorsen's cardigan is a Paton's pattern, in Montana yarn, a merino, mohair and rayon blend.



Tina Rounsavell knitted a jacket adapted from Jean Frost. The yarn is Noro King and Silky Wool.



Susan Ludwig knitted a "transformer" of a wrap using various green yarns.

Karen des Jardins knitted a scarf, Points of Interest, in pink with beads and chains. She also made the market bag using Debra Norville Serenity yarn.





Annette Friedlein modeled a lacy dress knitted for her by Nancy Muschek. The pattern is Vali from Fresh Fashion Knits, Rowan Studios Collection. The sock weight yarn is Jawoll by Lang. The two lacy patterns are divided by twisted ribbing in the waist.

Linda Erlich and Janet White each made a “Wingspan” shawl, Linda using Mini Mochi Bodega Bay, and Janet using Plymouth Kudo.



Josephine Barkhousen knitted an original coat in 100% organic cotton; the patchwork colors are tan, rust, ecru and brown.



Amy Sheridan knitted the Wave shawl, a free pattern on Ravelry, in green and gold mystery sock yarn from Tuesday Morning.



Willa Cather made the Suncatcher shawl in Art Yarns’ Ensemble Light, DK weight, 50% Cashmere, 50% Silk. Willa: “It’s easy, quick and a free Knit Along pattern on Ravelry.

Sandy Yayanos knitted a summer top based on Debbie Bliss’ “Dina” pattern from Pure Cotton. The yarn is Arc En Ciel, 55% acrylic, 45% cotton.



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 11 am, 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.



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 and renewing Members

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Upcoming Events

June 12th is our next Finishing/ Help session. Come bring your knitting project on which you would like some advice, or just come to knit. We meet in a classroom at the San Dieguito United Methodist Church from 12:00 – 3:00 pm.

July 3rd is our annual potluck. If you are in town, bring your favorite dish to share. The Guild will provide drinks and dessert. And bring your knitting - there will not be a formal program, just time to knit, eat and visit!

September 4th is our annual Stash Sale meeting. Your unwanted yarn will happily be collected at every meeting, or call Laura Brubaker, 858-337-4347, to arrange a pick up.

Knitting on the Net

Golf Club Covers



woods and drivers.

Whatever the skill of your favorite golfer, he or she will think you are above par when you present these handknitted club covers. Made from four skeins of sock yarn, they are sized for 5-woods, 3-

<http://www.purlbee.com/knit-golf-club-covers/>

Circular Shawl

Elegant and classic, this circular lace shawl is a free pattern on Ravelry. As shown, it is 60 inches across, but the pattern can be easily sized up or down. Click on the tab labeled “385 projects” to see some creative edges added by other knitters. Find the pattern at:

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



Summer Vest

Not only is this summer weight vest asymmetrical and fully reversible, but the pattern includes sizes from XS (32.5 inches) to 3X (56.5 inches). See the variety of ways it can be worn by scrolling through this pattern:



<http://www.knitty.com/ISSUEss12/PATTcucumber.php>

Little Monsters



These adorable mini-toys tend to multiply like Tribbles, the designer warns. Written to use up bits and pieces of stash, each monster only takes about 40 yards of yarn.

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/monster-chunks>