



# San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild

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## Next Meeting:

**August 7, 2012, 12:30 pm.**  
**San Dieguito United Methodist Church**  
**170 Calle Magdalena**  
**Encinitas, CA 92024**

**Program- Anna Walden, Designer**



## President's Letter

Well summer's really here! I've just returned from a month in the HOT, HOT, HOT Mid-West. We are so lucky we live in San Diego. No matter how humid the marine layer feels, it's so much more bearable here than there... I actually put a sweater on when I returned!

I hope everyone's working on lightweight projects, and I can't wait for our next meeting to see what everyone's been doing!

Our August meeting will be your last chance to donate to this year's STASH SALE, which will be held at our September meeting!

**REMINDER:** We will have our August meeting in the Sanctuary of the Church this month, not in our regular room.

Anna Walden's classes have space available; please sign up at the meeting for the two workshops offered on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

I hope to see you all at the meeting!

Mar Gee Farr  
President

## Programs remaining in 2012

August 7 - Anna Walden, Designer;  
( [Meeting in church sanctuary](#))

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

## August Program and Workshops

### Anna Walden, Designer



**Program:** Getting Into Shape

One of the major elements of design that takes clothing beyond utility into art is the use of shapes that step outside of just functionality. Right now fashion is exploding with new shapes and innovative garment structure. We

will be taking a look at some of these shapes that are fashion forward, easily accessible and offer opportunities to feature your knitting skills.

## Workshops:



### “A-Mazing” Mitters- August 8<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – 12 pm

This class goes beyond the basic mitered square to double and 3/4 squares. We will learn how to join pieces into larger square units and talk about how to plan a garment that can be built from these squares.

**Supplies:** Yarn in several colors and needles to match. No larger than worsted.

**Homework:** None

### “Movin” On – August 8<sup>th</sup>, 1 - 4:00 pm.

One of the biggest challenges in knitting with multiple elements is making beautiful transitions from one section of knitting to another. Professional looking transitions can take a garment from ordinary to art. We will cover interesting seam options, tucks used as "piping" between sections, options for picking up stitches and embellishments. We will explore lots of ideas for taking montage-style knitting up a notch.

**Supplies:** Yarn in light colors, worsted weight at the largest and needles to match.

**Homework:** Knit two 4"x4" swatches in stockinette, no "finished" (ribbed or gartered etc.) edges.

**The cost for each workshop is \$25.** Enrollment is limited to 25 people in each workshop. You may sign up by sending a note indicating which class(es) you want with a check for the fee to Carolyn Balkwell, or by registering at the August meeting.

Carolyn's address is 6876 Caminito Montanoso, #28, San Diego, CA 92119.

## September Meeting

The September 4<sup>th</sup> meeting will feature **Knitting Trip and Knitting Cruise Information**. A panel of members who have participated in these excursions will tell of their experiences. **The presentation will be followed by the annual stash sale.**

## Knitting Retreat Opportunities

Lace knitting:

Judy Gibson, a member of our guild and designer in her own right, sends the following note:

There are several openings left in Myrna Stahman's Boise Lace Knitting Retreat, scheduled from October 21 (Sunday) to 26 (Friday), with four days of activities between the two travel days. It is held in a church retreat center in a lovely wooded property in Boise, Idaho. Accommodations are in single or double rooms in small cabins on the property, most meals included. Instruction is on a variety of lace knitting topics from doilies to shawls and garments, and related issues such as this year's focus on non-wool animal fibers.

Interested persons should correspond directly with Myrna at [stahmanmyrna@gmail.com](mailto:stahmanmyrna@gmail.com).

Plaid knitting:

There is a "Mad About Plaids" Knitting Retreat sponsored with Designer Hand Knits in Riverside. The event is Monday Sept. 24 to Wed. Sept. 26 at Dana Point, and will be at the Dana Point Marina Inn. Such a beautiful location with harbor view rooms with a patio, includes two breakfasts, lunch Tues. and a

special group dinner at a restaurant, treats Mon. and Tues. and a workshop all about "Plaids". Cost \$275 double, \$450 single. Deduct \$25 for Earlybird reservation paid in full by Aug. 10. For addl. information, contact Sue Tavaglione, [sjtava@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sjtava@sbcglobal.net), or call 951 684-3252, or mail your check to 2378 Oak Crest Dr., Riverside.

## Members Teaching Members

### New MTM Classes:

#### 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](mailto:toniwong@san.rr.com)  
Cost: \$30 plus \$20 materials fee (includes wire and loom).

#### Six-Square-Concept Sweater

The sweater is knit in two halves and folded origami-style. The result is a sweater that is on the bias and very flattering on all body types. Your choices are unlimited when knitting your two halves. You can use stripes, cables, intarsia, textured stitches, etc.  
Instructor: Sara Stolz  
Date: To be determined

### Upcoming Events:

**September 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



“Girl from Dalcarnia”- Anders Zorn

### Sharing from the July Meeting



Stacy Smith knitted the Liesl tunic by Julie Weisenberger of Cocoknits. The yarn is navy Louet Euroflax sport weight. Stacy loves the pockets.



Dorrit Franke made a long sleeved cardigan in violet silk and wool (50/50). She decided to use the rosette closure after trying several zippers, none of which were satisfactory.



Mary Brown made this cropped jacket from Noro Knitting Magazine. She used Noro sock yarn in greens and shaped the garment with short rows.



Sara Stolz knitted this wrap in reds, oranges and yellows when she took a class with Colleen Davis. Fun to make!

Laura Brubaker treated us to a delightful Potluck luncheon, filled with colorful decorations she fashioned from clever supplies and many hours of work. The room sang “Summer!” and complimented the delicious food everyone contributed. Thank you to Laura and her team for a wonderful afternoon.



Barbara Levin knitted her husband a pair of socks from a pattern by our member, Judy Gibson, called “You’re Putting Me On”. The free toe-up pattern is at TiaJudy.com, and can be customized to any size. The yarn is Miss Babs sock yarn, “Cleopatra”.



### Help Wanted

An accomplished Encinitas knitter who is losing her vision has contacted the guild for help. Marian Nixon needs someone to guide her as she knits; for example, checking the evenness of her cast-on, checking shaping, etc. She is willing to pay. If interested, please call her at 760-944-0030. She lives near Vulcan Avenue and Encinitas Boulevard.

## Knitting Sub-Groups Meeting Schedule:

- **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, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, at Panera , Carmel Mountain Ranch. Contact: Mimi Sevimli, 858-722-8128.
- **PA Group**- 1 pm to 3 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



“Child Knitting”- Frederick Carl Frieseke



## 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 Website 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 a check to: Kathy Christensen, Treasurer, SD-NCKG, 4625 Los Alamos Way, #D, Oceanside, CA 92057.

### Newsletter

Barbara McCroskey  
[bmccroskey@prodigy.net](mailto:bmccroskey@prodigy.net)  
Please send information to me by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for the article to appear the following month.

### Website Contacts

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

August is a bonanza month for free shawl patterns on the Internet beginning with

### Less is More Shawl

This triangular shawl is knitted from side to side. Though it calls for fingering yarn and #3 needles, you can use any yarn and appropriate needles to make it exactly the size you want. A great first shawl for beginning knitters.

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/less-is-more-shawl>



**Other shawls available -- click on the hyperlinks for more detail:**

### Upstairs Shawl

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/upstairs>



### June Bunnies Shawl

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



### Simply Riveting Scarf/Shawl

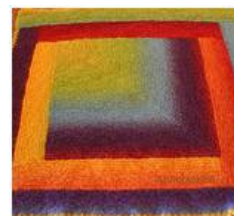


<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/simply-riveting-scarf>

### Butt Buddy Blanket

Knitted from Kauni yarn and felted, this colorful blankie uses #9 needles. An easy knit but the color changes will mesmerize you.

<http://www.annettek.net/patterns/ButtBuddy.pdf>



### Squeeeeeal

A pig knitted in worsted and measuring 12" from snout to tail.



<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/squeeeeeal>

### Super Simple One-Hour Baby Hat

Knitted flat on #6 needles with baby yarn and seamed, this very easy hat is just the thing for knitting on a hot day....and a great charity project.

<http://affectioknit.blogspot.com/2012/07/super-simple-one-hour-baby-hatfree.html>



### Double Ruffle Cowl/Scarf

Knitted with fingering weight yarn on #6 needles,



<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/double-ruffle>

### Thames Cardigan

Designed by Erica Knight, this asymmetrical worsted weight sweater is just the thing for fall in California. The pattern is one of twelve free patterns from the current issue of the Rowan magazine. You'll need to register for the Rowan site to get the pattern but it's free and easy. (You'll also gain access to all of their other patterns including the Kaffe Fassett Jubilee Throw -- a gargantuan project using 20+ colors and not for the faint of heart.

<http://www.knitrowan.com/files/patterns/Thames.pdf>



“Young Girl Standing in a Doorway Knitting”  
Meyer Von Bremen- 1863