



Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 1 • 12:30-3:00 pm
San Dieguito United Methodist Church • 170 Calle Magdalena Encinitas, CA 92024

Upcoming Guild Programs

By: Tina Rounsavell, Program Chair ~ cmrouns@aol.com

September 1: Stash Sale

Bring cash and checks, and empty shopping bags to haul away your treasures! Our annual stash sale will take place at the September meeting. This year we have yarn, accessories, books, and finished garments – all donated by our members. This is a fundraiser and money raised from the sale helps to pay for our Guild programs throughout the year. Sorry, but **we cannot accept debit and credit cards.**

Following the Stash Sale, we will have a brief business meeting. Please stick around to hear Q&A about the new website, Ravelry, Pinterest or other guild activities. Show and Share wraps up the meeting, as always. There will be no nametags at this meeting.

October 13: Ashley V. Blalock, “Keeping Up Appearances”

Yarn meets art in October when Ashley V. Blalock comes to talk about her work and inspiration. Ashley



is a local fiber artist whose work fuses craft and fine art. Her installation “To Live Is to Leave Traces” features 4000 pink crocheted flowers, and the “Keeping Up Appearances” series fills rooms with giant red doilies. See more on her [website](#).

Ashley will tell us how she develops her ideas, both conceptually and technically, and talk about the techniques and materials she uses for the different projects.

Ashley was born and raised in San Diego. She earned an MFA in sculpture from the San Francisco Art Institute, an MA in art history from the University of California Riverside, and a BA in painting from San Diego State University. Her solo installation venues include the Nevada Museum of Art, the Lion Brand Yarn Studio in New York and the Last Bookstore in Los Angeles. Her work has been featured in group exhibitions at the Craft in America Center, the Mingie International Museum and the Los Angeles International Airport. It has appeared in Vogue Knitting Crochet and Interweave Crochet Magazine.

Note that the October meeting will be held on the second Tuesday.

2015 Meeting Schedule

September

1 Annual Guild Stash Sale

October (* Meeting on 2nd Tuesday)

13 Ashley V. Blalock:
Keeping Up Appearances

November

3 Jean Degenfelder: Inspired Felting

4 Workshop: Inspired Felting

December (* Luncheon on 1st Monday)

7 Holiday Luncheon and Fashion Show

Our President's Comments



This month's column will focus on our new website. Sheila Kirschenbaum spent many months working with a web designer to develop the functionality and ease of use of the new site. If you didn't make it to

the August meeting, here is what you need to know to use the site quickly and easily.

The new domain name is www.SanDiegoKnitters.com. It doesn't need to be capitalized but it's easier to read this way. If you have the old Guild page (www.ncknit.com) bookmarked on your computer, don't worry. The old domain name automatically redirects you to the new site so it doesn't matter which name you type in the address bar!

The **Home** page of the site provides a quick view of the upcoming program, the most recent Show and Share photos, Calendar events, and special announcements. Click on the **About the Guild** tab to see who we are and our mission statement. Use the drop-down menu to see where we meet (including sub-groups and an interactive map), who the board members are, the Guild history and a "Contact Us" link.

Click on the **Calendar** tab to see dates for general meetings, sub-groups, MTM workshops, board meetings, retreats and special events like last month's Philanthropy event. You can change the list view to a monthly calendar if preferred. Use the drop-down menu for more information about any of these events. If you use an electronic calendar on your computer, tablet or phone, Guild events can be synced with your personal calendar!

The **Knitter News** page has links to the recent and upcoming programs, recent Show and share photos, and upcoming special events. The **Philanthropy** page describes the charities we support (and links to their websites), free charity knitting patterns, and printable tags for your finished projects.

Click on the **Membership** tab to see the many benefits of membership. This page is aimed at the new visitor to our site who finds us and is interested in joining. There are instructions and a downloadable form here too. In the drop-down menu you will find the Guild Newsletters and information about our Lending Library. Access to current newsletters (2015) requires that you type in a password. **(PASSWORD**

= llovetoknit and it is case-sensitive: capital I then all lower case with no spaces) 2014 and 2013 newsletters can be downloaded by anyone without a password.

The **Resources** tab includes a listing of our local yarn shops and our favorite websites. Please send us updates and suggestions.

We need your feedback so this site properly showcases our meetings and the creative talent among our members. Please send your questions and suggestions to me via e-mail liz.knapp.louise@gmail.com or to Guild Webmaster Sheila Kirschenbaum sandiegoknitter@gmail.com.

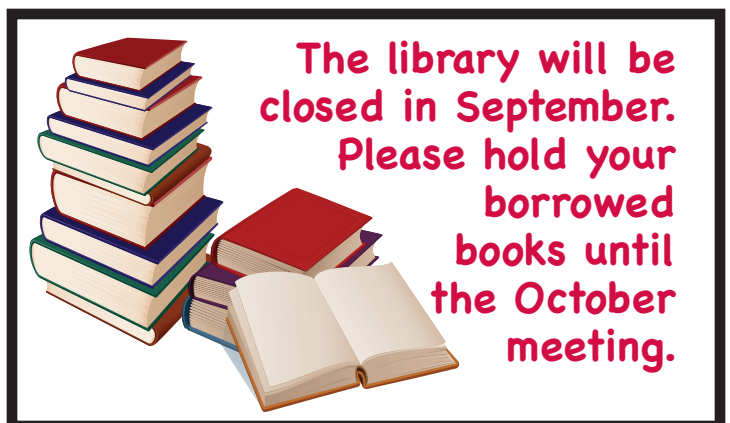
See you at the Stash Sale!

Liz Knapp

Share a Knit with the Guild

By: Eileen Adler

I called Arlene Shaposhnick, our Philanthropy Chair, posing the idea of Share a Knit with the Guild. Without a moment's hesitation, she said "Yes!" Coco's Restaurant welcomed us into their meeting room on August 11, and there before us were bags and bags of yarn nestled snugly in clear plastic bags - a glorious and colorful centerpiece. To knit "Blocks by Design," we learned several techniques: the knitted and cable cast on methods, how to add a new color, and how to weave in ends. Working at different speeds, some of us reached Row 23 sooner than others and, as quickly, we became peer tutors, helping each other through the pattern. We ended the morning with enough yarn to complete our scarves, new tools for our knitting toolbox, and many new friends. Working alongside Arlene has been a complete joy - thank you! My heartfelt thanks to all the women who attended our first Share a Knit event and now you can enjoy the pattern as well. And yes, if you're wondering, it was Arlene who prepared the "centerpiece" that we enjoyed throughout the morning.



Philanthropy

By, Arlene Shaposhnick & Jeanette Ollivier

Many thanks to Eileen Adler for hosting our first and very successful Share a Knit. It was a wonderland of colorful yarns, many new skills were learned and it was enjoyed by all. Keep an eye out for future Share a Knits and come join in the fun.

When I received the hats and scarves that were donated in August, I was filled with emotion...

yes "farklemt" again. The hats and scarves were so beautiful:

magnificent colors, incredible patterns, so many of them (see photo)! Thanks each and every one of you who donated to our charities. I can assure you the recipients will be filled with joy and so thankful that a stranger took the time to do this for them.



Please remember our Philanthropy Opportunity Drawing will be at the November meeting. Keep knitting...for each item you donate you will have a chance at one of our wonderful Thank You gifts. Five items donated = five chances. We will be collecting items from now thru the opening of the November meeting. Good luck!

Operation Gratitude hats and scarves must be turned in at the September meeting for mid-September shipping. We are collecting warm hats and scarves for the homeless kids and need to deliver them before the cold weather kicks in. Chemo hats can be for kids thru adults in soft non itchy yarns and long enough to cover the entire head. If you want more information about our charities please visit our new website: www.SanDiegoKnitters.com. If you need yarn, instructions, kits or have any questions or comments please contact me.

My two-year term as Philanthropy chair will be open in December. We are looking for one person or two people who like working together. The term will be one year until the new Board is installed in January 2017. Contact me for more information arlene@shaposhnick.com.

Retreat Update

By: June Bartczak, Retreat Coordinator

Participation at our Annual Winter Retreat to Vina de Lestonnac in Temecula, from January 18-21, 2016, has already been reserved by five members. The setting is lovely and the food is delicious. This year the total cost for a single is \$422. For a double it's \$322 per person. These prices are \$17 more than last year.

To join us, make your deposit check out to SDNCKG. Deposits required are \$100 for a double and \$150 for a single room. Deposits are due by the November meeting and the final payment is due by the January 2016 meeting. You may make your deposit at the next meeting or send it to me at 157 Via Monte d'Oro, Redondo Beach, CA 90277.

The spring retreat at Casa de Maria will be May 23- 26, 2016 and more information will come in early 2016.

TKGA News

If you're wondering if the Master's Program is something you should explore, TKGA Executive Director Arenda Holladay offers some insight. "The criteria by which the Master Knitting Committee evaluates knitted work is that of the professional hand knitting industry. The standards for the industry are very specific and evaluation of a candidate's work addresses the areas where the work does not meet those standards. The members of the Masters Committee are volunteers and... they take their responsibilities very seriously. They want to be sure the Master Knitter candidates who earn the coveted Master Knitter designations finish the program with a superb understanding of and ability to create knitting that will be a testament to their master level ability. Though a rigorous program, those who attain the title of Master Knitter are universally proud of their accomplishment and the regard accorded to them in the knitting world and they claim that the hard work is well worth the outcome."

Guild Q & A

Q: Does my donation of yarn and other items to our Guild qualify as a charitable donation that I can claim on my income tax return? Can the Guild give me a receipt for my donations?

A: Although we are a non-profit, we do not meet the eligibility requirements that would allow us to provide a receipt of donations. We are not a 501(c)3 organization.

Q: Why do I need a password to access the newsletter? Will I still get an e-mail with the link when it is online?

A: Yes, you will still get an e-mail when the newsletter is ready. The password is given only to paid members and will change every year. Because it is a benefit of membership, you won't be able to view it online or download it unless your dues are current. If you forget the password, simply ask us. Prior years' issues are available to anyone.

Q: Why are there so few photographs on the new website when knitting is such a visual craft?

A: The new website is a "responsive" design. This means that it can be viewed on any size screen without any part of the page content being outside of the screen. Many of us use mobile phones and tablets, so we designed the new site for maximum viewing on any device.

Q: I'm on the fence about volunteering for a coordinator position. How can I help out some more without committing myself?

A: Talk with the current coordinator to see what the job entails. How much time is required? Does a seasonal position suit you better than a year-round one? We often need assistants, subs and stand-ins. Many jobs are well-suited to assistants or co-chairs, so feel free to ask where you can serve.

Guild Notes

- We regret to inform you that longtime member and friend Ellen Hesterman passed away on August 4. She had been in hospice care since a recurrence of a previous illness. A memorial service and burial were held in Arizona, where her family resides. Her spirit and love of knitting will carry on with our memories of her.

- Open Invitation to the Extended Board Meeting. All members are welcome to attend this quarterly meeting on Thursday, August 27 at 10:00 am. The location is the San Diego County Credit Union's Community Room, 501 N El Camino Real in Encinitas. Contact Vice President Karen des Jardins for directions kdesjardins@juno.com.

- We have several open positions on the board: County Fair Coordinator and Philanthropy Coordinator. Both are one-year terms. Prospective volunteers are encouraged to attend the Board Meeting on August 27th.

San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild General Information

Membership in the Guild is open to everyone, regardless of your craft. Membership expires for all members on January 31. Dues are \$25 annually. Here is a printable [membership form](#).

Send all submissions by the 15th of the month to: liz.knapp.louise@gmail.com Short articles relating to knitting in general, and the San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild in particular, are encouraged.

Notices and announcements of a commercial nature may be placed as paid advertisements. Send an email to the above email address for rates and more information.

Guild Sub Groups:

- ✿ AKG Group: It is called AKG, Advanced Knitters Group. Meets every Friday at 9:00 am at Old California Coffee Shop, Restaurant Row, San Marcos. Contact: Phyl Bates, 760-828-8286.

- ✿ Knit@Nite Group: Meets the first Wednesday at 6:00 pm at the Jewish Community Center in UTC. Contact Linda Erlich: 858-759-9509, and check the schedule on the Guild's [website](#).

- ✿ The RN group of the Guild has been on hiatus for some months now. Time for a revival. Are there Carlsbad knitters, Encinitas, Oceanside women who want to meet again? Location in Carlsbad and days times to be considered. More days to meet during a month was a suggestion last time. Email or phone me if anyone else wants to meet again in a smaller setting. Contact Gwen Nelson at jngn@roadrunner.com or phone 760-720-5420 with your interest/suggestions.

- ✿ I-15 Group: Meets every second and fourth Wednesday at 9:00 am at Panera in Carmel Mountain Ranch. Contact: Mimi Sevimli, 858-722-8128.

- ✿ PA Group: PA Group knits "Practically Anything." Meets every Monday from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at Panera in Solana Beach. Contact: Jean Moore, 858-587-9054.



Member Marva Ross told us about an app she uses on her cell phone and tablet. “Knitting and Crochet Buddy” features a row counter, repeat counter, displays your pattern on the project page, has needle and hook charts, and more. It is available for Apple and Android devices for free but paying a onetime charge of \$3.79 gives you some extra features and no ads. This [promo video](#) on YouTube tells you a bit more.



Are you struggling with visible color changes when knitting stripes in the round? Learn how to fix that in this video from Berroco: [How-to: Knit Jogless Stripes](#).

Learn all about how your needles interact with your yarn in this in-depth [article](#) from Knitters Review.



Get the most out of Knitting with Variegated Yarn thanks to the tips and examples in a marvelous [blog post](#) from Skein.

Looking for a discontinued yarn? This [website](#) buys discontinued yarn from shops and manufacturers, and sells it online (often at discounted prices).

The [Taffy Leaf Scarf](#) by BeSweet is an easy pattern that uses only 100 yds of worsted weight yarn. What a great idea for stashbusting!



The [Sayonara](#) from Skacel is a dolman sleeve pattern that is knit in two pieces and lends itself to custom shaping to fit and flatter your figure.

The [Pretty Enough Pullover](#) (below) uses 440 yds each of two contrasting colors of cotton/bamboo/silk blend yarn, perfect for our climate. Or, consider the possibilities for your sock yarn stash, knit in a loose gauge! Ravelry photo courtesy of Skyhooked.



Show and Share August 11 (Check out more photos on [Ravelry](#))



June Bartczak took a Sivia Harding workshop and used her “Edging, Body and Lace” overall pattern. She added Barbara Walker’s lace openwork edging (from Book 2, page 368) and beads. Yarn is Anzula Cricket.



Barbara Levin knit the adorable “Little Ancolie” baby sweater using Madelinetosh DK. The pattern designer is Nadia Crétin-Léchenne and the wonderful buttons are from

Common Threads in Encinitas. You can see Barbara’s project notes on [Ravelry](#).

Mary Brown’s sweater was an intuitive design. She made the pieces to fit as needed, changing the design at her whim. She used various fingering and sock yarns to great effect with techniques like freeform knitting, mitered squares and short rows.



Ellen Magee modeled a fantastic cotton blouse that she modified with crochet and embroidery. The original blouse had short sleeves but Ellen added crochet panels to connect a longer sleeve. She then added length to the top by crocheting a deep edging in the same stitch. Finally, she added decorative embroidery on the cuffs and neckline to pull it all together.



Jan Davis was inspired on a visit to the Lion Brand Studio in NYC. She bought some Lion Brand Super Merino yarn and started knitting her hat years ago. She recently

finished the “Pemberly Tam” shown here.



Nathine Nelson wore her “Sea Turtle” poncho, from the book “rustic Modern Crochet by Yumiko Alexander. She used Yarn Country Linen yarn. The designer was in San Diego for the Knit and Crochet Show last month. For more information about the pattern, click [here](#).

Show and Share Augusts 2015 (Check out more photos on [Ravelry](#))



Sheila Rodbell used two bulky yarns and size 10 needles to create her version of Laura Linneman's "LaLa's Simple Shawl" The pattern is free on Ravelry. You can see Sheila's notes and more photos [here](#).

Marilyn Ralph wore a sweater her mother knit for her 40 years ago. The fit is excellent and the design is timeless. Marilyn is proud to say (with a wink) that it is 100% polyester.



Virginia Wilson modified a pattern from Winter 2010 KnitScene magazine. She used a cotton blend DK Berroco yarn to knit her own version of the "[Mette-Marit Pullover](#)" from Mercedes Tarasovich-Clark.



Sue Tavaglione showed a necklace she designed for the Two-Ball Challenge of the Riverside Guild (photo on left). She knit with beads and felted the fabric, then added silver for the finished necklace. Using the same two skeins of yarn, she

added embroidery to the collar and cuff of a store-bought sweater (photo on right).



Upcoming Events

September 17-20 SAN DIEGO YARN CRAWL features new yarn shops, classes, prizes and more. Shops from Chula Vista to Julian are participating. Visit the [website](#) for all the information you need to plan your treasure hunt!



October 3-4 VISTA FIBER ARTS FIESTA is a gathering of artists and guilds representing the fiber arts. Join spinners, weavers, felters and of course, knitters at this free event. Parking is \$5. More information visit their [website](#).

October 9-11 NEWTON'S FALL FIBER FESTIVAL in Anaheim includes the famous parking lot sale and seminar market (free admission), and classes for hand and machine knitters. Visit Newton's [website](#).

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