



San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild

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Next Meeting:

January 8, 2013, 12:30 pm.

San Dieguito United Methodist Church

170 Calle Magdalena

Encinitas, CA 92024

Program- Colleen Davis

as Co-Presidents, will continue with the traditions set forth by our Founders, Colleen Davis and Phyllis Bates, while taking us to new challenges.

Mar Gee Farr

President



President's Letter

Happy New Year Everyone!

As we ring in the New Year we will also be changing Board Officers and Committee Chairs.

I would especially like to thank my Executive Board, **Willia Cather** for taking over our meetings when I wasn't able to be there; **Carolyn Balkwell** for her outstanding job arranging our programs and workshops; **Maureen Ruskstalis**, Secretary extraordinaire, for taking such copious meeting notes and **Kathy Christensen** for wearing many hats: Treasurer, Del Mar Fair and Membership coordinator. Hopefully Kathy will have a little more time this year as she will no longer be the treasurer. You all have been a joy to work with.

I would also like to thank all the committee chairs for the exceptional things they have done during the last two years, and all of the members of our Guild for entrusting me to lead the group. My experiences as President have truly broadened my perspective on life, time and volunteering. I know that Stacy Smith and Sheila Kirschenbaum,

2013 Meeting Schedule

- *January 8** Colleen Davis – Influences from German Designers including Swing Knitting.
- February 5** Cia Bullemer – Plymouth Yarn Trunk Show
- March 5** Ilisha Helfman – Jazz Knitting: Intentional Pooling with Hand Painted Yarn
March 6 – workshops.
- April 2** In-House Fashion Show: Knitting for the Children in our Lives.
- May 7** Ginger Lutters – An Overview of Modular Knitting.
May 8 & 9 workshops.
- June 4** Sandy Smith – Gadgets, Gizmos, Tips and Tricks.
- July 2** POT LUCK Social and Knit-In With Guild Members' Bazaar
- *August 13** Marcy Kraft – (Yarn) BombsAway!
Presentation on Public Art by guest Artist Crochet Grenade
- September 3** Annual Stash Sale
Stash Sale Challenge

- *October 8** Julie Weisner – Cocoknits Trunk Show
- November 5** Sally Melville – Why We Do What We Do.
November 6 and 7th workshops.
- December 2** Holiday Luncheon and Fashion Show

***January, August & October meetings are scheduled for the **second** Tuesday of the month due to holiday and rental conflicts. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS ACCORDINGLY.**

La Casa de Maria Retreat

It is time to be thinking about our La Casa de Maria retreat in May.

We are booked for 4 days and 3 nights from May 13th through May 16th, 2013, and are now accepting reservation deposits.

The total cost is \$440.50 for a single room and \$359.50 for a double room (12 meals included.) To hold your spot please send your nonrefundable deposit of \$300.00 for a single room or \$150.00 each for a double to our new retreat chair:

June Bartczak
157 Via Monte d'Oro
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

If you haven't been on this pleasant and relaxing trip sign up and find out what you have been missing. La Casa is located just outside Santa Barbara in Montecito. Besides knitting and visiting with friends, there is plenty of good food and opportunities for hiking, swimming and even a massage. You may drive or take the Amtrak. The La Casa web site is: www.lacasademaria.org



For those of you signed up for the Vina de Lestonnac retreat, don't forget the final payment (\$316.00 for a single and \$244 each for a double) is due at the January 8th meeting.

Jo-Ellen Gould
Retreat Chair
858 947-5167
jmgould@san.rr.com

Thank you for helping with the Holiday Luncheon and Fashion Show:

Thank you, all who donated their ideas, time and creative talents in all of the beautiful items collected for the opportunity drawing: Agnes Gale, Betty Gregory, Phyllis Bates, The Black Sheep, Sara Stolz, Liz Knapp, Linda Erlich, Barbara Levin, Strands and Stitches, Claudia Carlson, Stacy Smith, Carolyn Balkwell, Mary Barranger, Jan Davis, Ann Dumanis, Zita Gardner, Nancy Nevin, Barbara Pearson, Enid Schwartz, Dendy Talbot, The AKG Group, Alec Lazarevic, Laura Brubaker, Willa Cather, Mar Gee Farr, and all the members who made squares for the Afghan Challenge.

Thank You Amy Sheridan for taking reservations and her helpers Sandy Stapel and Joyce McCarthy. Nancy Muschek for passing on her fabulous "Reservation System", Gwen Nelson, Joyce Raymer, Jean Moore and Kathy Christiansen for selling drawing tickets, Diana Rathbun for organizing the Fashion Show, Mary Beth Hull for taking over on show day, Linda Erlich for narrating the Fashion Show, Myra Lehmann for taking pictures of the models and coordinating our Polinsky Center drop-off of donated animals, and to Laura Brubaker for helping at the Club!

I appreciated the contributions made by all of you!

Mar Gee Farr

Members Teaching Members

If any of you have a skill or technique you would like to share with other members, or learn from another member, please contact Sue Tavaglione, the MTM coordinator for 2013:

sjtava@sbcglobal.net, (951)684-3252

Minutes from November Meeting



President Mar Gee Farr welcomed all members and introduced guests. There will be no general meeting in December, as we will be having our Holiday luncheon.

Reservations for our luncheon are in the forms section of the Guild's website, and the reservation deadline is November 30.

The Fashion Show and Luncheon doors open at 10:30 a.m. December 3. Come early and view the items donated for the opportunity drawing and reserve a seat. Every year members make knitted animals to be seen at the luncheon and Myra Lehmann delivers them to the Polinsky Center.

Please email Diana Rathbun before November 26th with a description of the item you will be modeling at the Luncheon.

Mar Gee reminded members that since our January meeting will be New Year's Day, the meeting will be on the following Tuesday, January 8th.

The following are the 2013-2014 Executive Officers and Committee Chairs/Coordinators. Co-Presidents: Stacy Smith and Sheila Kirshenbaum; Vice President: Pat Miller; Co-Secretaries: Sandy Yayanos and Barbara Pearson; Treasurer: Diana Rathbun; Co-Program Chairs: Anna Walden and Diane Seaberg.

Mar Gee stated that we still have Photographer and Pot Luck Coordinator positions to fill.

Mar Gee asked if anyone has garage space for a few months to store the stash yarns for our upcoming 2013 Stash Sale.

Gwen Nelson, our Librarian, announced that the library has many new donations of books that are now available to all members.

Laura Brubaker reported that Sara Stolz's MTM class for the Origami style sweater has been filled. Sara will have a third class next year. Please sign up for that class at the front desk.

Kathy Christensen stated that May 8th, 2013, is the deadline to sign up for the Del Mar Fair knitting event. Also, we need two people to be co-chairs for that event.

Carolyn Balkwell introduced our guest speaker, Marilyn Burnside, from Foxy Knits. Marilyn is an online retailer of Koigu yarns.

Respectfully Submitted
Maureen Rukstalis

San Diego North Coast 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 Web Site 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 the check to: Kathy Christensen, Treasurer SD-NCKG, 4625 Los Alamos Way, #D, Oceanside, CA 92057.

Contact Information:

Newsletter Contact

Barbara McCroskey Please send information to me by the 15th.



Website Contacts

Linda Erlich – lerlich555@aol.com

Mar Gee Farr – margee15@cox.net

Barbara Levin – Barbara.Levin@me.com

Local yarn shops are encouraged to check their listings and provide updates to our Web Masters. We would also like to hear about trunk shows and special guest teachers at your shops – we'll put them on the website and in the newsletter.

Members' Notes

One of our members, Rose Sogge, passed away suddenly in November. If you wish to honor her memory, in lieu of flowers please send a small donation in Rose's name to:

Seaside Center for Spiritual Living
1613 Lake Drive
Encinitas, CA 92024
(760) 753-5786

Yarn Shop Closing

The Yarn Lady shop in Laguna Hills is closing due to illness in the family. If you have any gift cards or store credits, bring them in. Phone contact: 949-770-7809



Eugenio Zampighi-Italian 1859-1944





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-** It is called the AKG Group, Advanced Knitters Group, 9am every Fri, Old California Coffee Shop, Restaurant Row, San Marcos. Contact: Phyllis Bates 760-828-8286.
- **Knit@Nite Group-** 6pm, 1st Wed Jewish Community Center. Contact: Linda Erlich, 858-759-9509 but check the schedule on the website to confirm dates.
- **I-15 Group-** 9am to 11am, 2nd and 4th Wed, Panera Bread in Carmel Mountain Ranch. Contact: Mimi Sevimli 858-722-8128.
- **PA Group-** 1:00pm to 3:00pm- every Monday at Panera in Liberty Station. Contact: Jean Moore 858-587-9054. It's called the PA group, which means we knit practically anything and is open to practically anybody.
- **RN Group-** RN stands for "Rather Normal", and the group meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month from 10:00am to noon, at the Encinitas Senior Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive- cross street is Balour). Contact: Gwen Nelson 760-720-5420.

Just a reminder: It is the time of year we renew our membership in the Guild. Please use the form on the last page of the newsletter and renew by the end of January to be included in the Directory.

Knitting on the Net

Burkeheart Baby Hat

Resembles Hershey's kiss. Worsted yarn on 8 needles. Newborn size.

<http://heartacheandhomearts.blogspot.com/2012/12/kiss-hat-pattern.html>



Onda su onda set

Hat and matching cowl from Aran weight yarn on #7 needles. Adult and child sizes.

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/onda-su-onda-set>



Bella Botanica Shawl

Written for 3 sizes and 3 yarns weights and includes instructions for option beads and/or nupps.

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



My Dear, a deer trophy

Knitted with Aran weight yarn, felted and stuffed.

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/my-dear---a-deer-trophy>



Verde al Sol

Written in both Spanish and English, this crescent shawl is probably a good beginning lace project.

<http://www.abuelitayarns.com/Verde%20al%20sol%20WEB.pdf>



22 Little Clouds

This shawlette is knit with dk weight yarn and includes a small ruffle. Because it's knit from side to side, you can adjust the size based on how much yarn you have.

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/22-little-clouds>



Audrey's First Day

This top down cardigan is knit with worsted weight yarn in sizes ranging from 2T to 10 years.

http://petitepurls.com/Fall2010/fall2010_p_audreysfirst.html



Yang

This Stephen West Cowl is knit with super bulky yarn on #13 needles.

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



Pick a Pocket Cozy

This sleeve for your morning cup of coffee includes a small pocket for sugar packets or whatever.

<http://www.simplynotable.com/2011/pick-a-pocket-cozies/>



Wayside Lace Cardigan

This drapery lace cardigan is basically a rectangle with sleeves knit with #4 needles.

<http://www.skacelfiberstudio.com/storage/waysidelacecardigan.pdf>



Syncopation Socks

This size 12 men's sock pattern is a great resource. Every round is written out on a chart. This makes for a long pattern but a great resource for your first socks. The heel is the popular Fleegle which means you never have to pick up stitches.

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/syncopation-socks>



Gift Cardigans

Knit this small bag for a gift card in minutes and use it for a cell phone holder later. Be sure to see the project notes on Ravelry for tips.

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/gift-cardigans>



Knitting Tips and Tricks

Tiny Bobbins

We have a great tip. The members of her knitting group use the little plastic bread bag closures as bobbins (see the blue closure below) for the long tails they leave when casting on. They use the tails later for seaming the garments they are knitting. They complained that the bobbins often come loose. Phyllis doesn't have that problem. She uses a different style of closure -- see the white closure below.



Phyllis gets her closures at the Albertson's bakery but they may be available elsewhere as well.

Zippers

No one enjoys putting a zipper in a sweater and some of us won't knit sweaters with zippers for that very reason. From the blog Skein Theory comes a great idea using blocking wires to make it much easier. Take a look at this well written tutorial.

<http://www.skeintheory.com/zipper.html>



If you have a tip you would like to share, contact Sandy Smith, sksmith@san.rr.com

November Sharing

Josephine Barkhausen made a kimono coat in multicolor Koigu yarn, joining 1", 2", and 4" squares.



Tricia Thompson knitted a Fairisle cardigan of her own pattern in gray and multicolors, mostly Crystal Palace Bamboo Silk yarn.

Ellen Hestermen used approximately 500



yards of Noro Silkgarden for this Wingspan Shawl, knitted on #7 needles. She followed the directions for the "holey" version of the free pattern on Ravelry, since the holes covered up the gaps from turning the short rows.

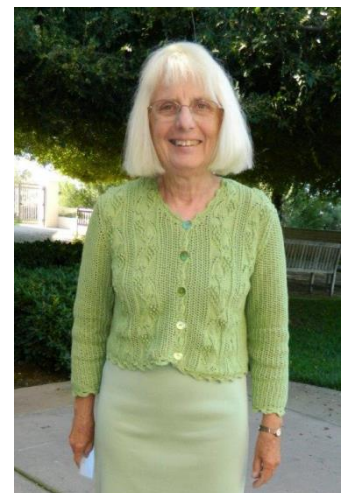


Kathy Christensen made a beaded scarf from a kit with one skein of Koigu yarn.

Rosie Halvorson knitted a bear and some felted slippers. The pattern and yarn for the bear is by King Kong in "Sprinkles" colorway; the yarn for the slippers is Lamb's Pride Bulky.



Carolyn Balkwell made a Lace and Vine sweater in green Misti Alpaca silk and cotton yarn. The pattern is from Sally Melville's A Gathering of Lace.





Mary Barranger knitted the Red Ripples cardigan jacket in Paton's au Natural yarn in blue.

Eileen Adler knitted this original cardigan with two yarns: Schaffhauser "Mythos" and a South African nubby wool in two shades, blue and gray. Eileen used a Feather and Fan stitch pattern: four rows of each yarn for each pattern repeat. The sleeves and body have different numbers of stitches in their fan repeats. The garment has more stitches at the bottom, tapering a bit for gentle slope up to the armholes. The tie closure gives the sweater a different flair than would buttons.



Monica Clark knitted a shrug from a Lion Brand free pattern using Moonlight Mohair, trimmed with Sensations Beautiful yarn. She changed the cuffs to crochet.



Not pictured:
Masumi Aycock's original cardigan and scarf of cashmere and ribbon.

Dorrit Framke's original baby blanket of fabric and coordinating colors of stash yarns.



Evelyn Bareño knitted a scarf of checkerboard lace in Koigu Mori, a purple colorway.

December Fashion Show

Barbara Levin

Colleen's Topper



Ellen Hesterman
Brigit Pitcairn
Sara Stolz
Laura Brubaker
Annette Friedlein



Sara Stolz

Vivian Forseth



Colleen Davis and her daughter, Sharon



Sandy Smith



Willa Cather



Amy Sheridan



Karen des Jardins



Betty Gregory



Betty Gregory



Dorrit Franke



Mary Brown



Gwen Nelson



Claudia Carlson



Jo-Ellen Gould



Tony Wong



Thea Lazarevic



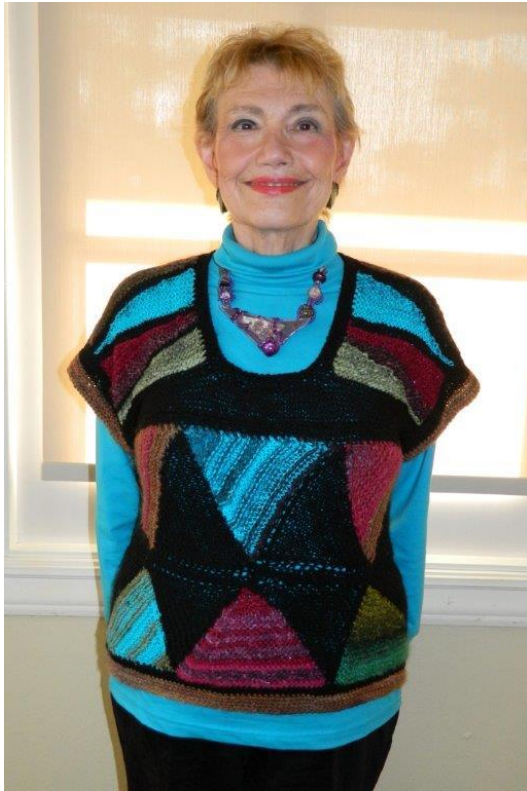
Tony Wong for Phyllis Bates



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Ellen Hesterman



Sandy Yayanos



Rosie Berkowicz



Sandy Yayanos



Lupe Smith



Barbara Levin



Kathy Christensen



Faye Metz



Thea Lazarevic



Anna Walden



Tony Wong and Mimi Sevimli



Mary Brown





San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild Annual Membership Form for 2013-2014

I am a: _____ NEW Member _____Renewing Member

Renewing Members: Please fill in name and note updates or changes.

Name: _____
(As you would like it to appear in the directory and on your nametag.)

Street Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

*E-Mail: _____

Ravelry ID: _____

Mail the completed form and check payable to SDNCKG for \$20.00 to:
SD North Coast Knitters Guild
c/o Kathy Christensen
4625 Los Alamos Way #D
Oceanside, CA 92057

*As part of our commitment to keeping our dues affordable and being environmentally aware, each month you will receive an e-mail containing a link to access the current month's Newsletter. If you do not have access to e-mail, please ask a friend or relative who might, and we will send the link to them to print for you.

No e-mail addresses will be sold or re-used for any other purpose than our Guild's. Our membership runs from February 1, 2013 to January 31, 2014. Please be sure to register before our March meeting to be included in the 2013 Membership Directory