



# San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild

San Diego, California - [www.ncknit.com](http://www.ncknit.com)

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## Next Meeting:

**February 5, 2013, 12:30 pm.**

**San Dieguito United Methodist Church**

**170 Calle Magdalena**

**Encinitas, CA 92024**

**Program- Cia Bullemer-Trunk Show**



## President's Letter

Welcome to a new year of knitting adventures. We are thrilled to be co-presidents of the San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild. Many talented people have worked over the years (and continue to work) to create a vibrant and growing knitting community. We hope to continue these efforts to enliven and expand the knitters guild.

One superb guide to our knitting community is the guild's website: [www.ncknit.com](http://www.ncknit.com). Webmasters Linda Erlich, Mar Gee Farr and Barbara Levin assemble and post all kinds of information useful to guild members. Find the names and address of local yarn shops. See photos from the Holiday Luncheon Fashion Show. Donate some knitting time to a guild philanthropy project. Learn what's going on (and what went on) at guild meetings.

A highlight of each guild meeting is the formal program---experienced knitters sharing their expertise on knitting yarns, knitting patterns, knitting techniques, travelling with knitting, and fashion shows of knitted art, objects and

garments. A fabulous year of guild programs has been planned by Anna Walden, one of the guild's Program Chairs. Visiting designers and talented members will present stimulating programs that inspire us to try something new or think about our knitting in a new way. We are delighted this month, to welcome former guild member Cia Bullemer. Cia, Design Director for Plymouth Yarn Company, will inspire us with a Plymouth Yarn Trunk Show.

A highlight of our knitting community is our Members Teaching Members (MTM) workshops. Our talented members share techniques and patterns in the intimate environment of guild members' homes. On the guild's website, find up-to-date information about upcoming MTM workshops, coordinated this year by Sue Tavaglione. Sign up for the MTM led by Colleen Davis on Mitered Squares Using Swing Knitting Techniques or the MTM led by Sara Stolz on the popular Six Square Origami-style Sweater.

There is more on the website about our knitting community. Take a look. Discover. Be inspired. Share it with the knitting community at a guild meeting or a sub-group meeting. And keep knitting.

Sheila Kirschenbaum  
Stacy Smith  
Co-Presidents



## 2013 Meeting Schedule

**February 5** Cia Bullemer –  
Plymouth Yarn Trunk Show



**November 5** Sally Melville – Why We Do What We Do.  
November 6 and 7 workshops.

**December 2** Holiday Luncheon and Fashion Show

**\*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

**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 Luters – 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)  
Bombs Away!  
Presentation on Public Art by guest  
Artist Crochet Grenade

**September 3** Annual Stash Sale  
Stash Sale Challenge

**\*October 8** Julie Weisner – Cocoknits Trunk  
Show



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 13<sup>th</sup> through May 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.lacasademaria.org)

Jo-Ellen Gould

## 2013 Executive Board

Co-Presidents:	Stacy Smith Sheila Kirschenbaum
Vice President:	Patt Miller
Programs:	Anna Walden Diane Seaberg
Co-Secretaries:	Sandy Yayanos Barbara Pearson
Treasurer:	Diana Rathbun

## 2013 Committee Chairwomen and Coordinators

Del Mar Fair:	Kathy Christensen
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Stash Sale:	Claudia Carlson
Webmasters:	Linda Erlich Mar Gee Farr Barbara Levin

## Members Teaching Members

Members Teaching Members Workshops, or MTM, will start on February 28 with Colleen Davis teaching “Mitered Squares using Swing

Knitting Techniques.” The class will be from 1-4 p.m. and cost \$30.

Sara Stolz’s workshop, “Six-Square Concept Sweater” will be offered for the third time and is almost full. The date for this is yet to be determined.

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

## Minutes from November Meeting



President Mar Gee Farr called the meeting to order and welcomed current members and four new members to the guild. Seven guests were introduced and welcomed.

Members were reminded that dues expired January 31 and are \$20/yr. Member’s dues must be paid by March to be listed in the directory.

Bookmarks listing future speakers were given to everyone. The February 5 meeting will feature Cia Bullemer with a new Plymouth Yarn Trunk Show.

Mar Gee thanked everyone who worked on the December 3 Fashion Show and Luncheon. This included photographer, reservationist, those who donated items for the raffle and Polinsky Center and many more, making the event a big success.

June Bartczak announced small price changes for the May 13-16 retreat at La Casa Maria. Deposits are \$300 for a double and \$150 for a single. Deposits are non-refundable.

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Carolyn Balkwell is the new philanthropy chair. She will be selecting this year’s project for the guild.

Anna Walden discussed the February program and then introduced Colleen Davis, today’s speaker, whose program was “Influences from German Designers Including Swing Knitting.”

Show and Share featured many lovely knits.

Mar Gee called the new slate of Executive Board members to the front of the room where they were then voted into office. These were:

Co-Presidents: Stacy Smith and Sheila Kirschenbaum

Vice President: Patt Miller

Secretaries: Sandy Yayanos and Barbara Pearson

Treasurer: Diana Rathbun

Co-Program Chairs: Anna Walden and Diane Seaberg

Sandy Yayanos  
Secretary



Barbara also made a scarf of Gossamer from Karabella, garter stitched until she ran out of yarn.

Barbara’s Irish Moss Shawl by “Very Busy Monkey” is in green Chinese cashmere, a DK weight instead of fingering, for a larger shawl.



## January Sharing



Barbara Levin knitted an Origami Pullover in burgundy Wool Bamboo from Classic Elite.

Carolyn Simpson knitted a Striped Snake from a Ravelry pattern, using odds and ends of yarn.







Thea Lazarevic made a baby blanket using “Maria’s pattern” and booties with a yellow Wendy yarn, 50% cotton, 50% merino on #5 needles.



Jan Davis made a “Guernsey Wrap”, a Jared Flood pattern, in grey Berroco Vintage yarn.



Thea also knitted a “Citron Shawl” from Ravelry using Fame yarn.

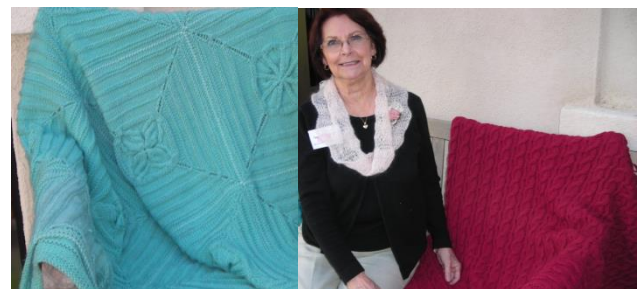
Jan also knitted a Fair Isle cowl, “Hanna”, using Lion Brand Wool Ease yarn.



Sue Tavaglione knitted two afghans using Plymouth Encore yarn, 75% acrylic, 25% wool. The Reversible Cable is cranberry and the Sculptured Squares, a discontinued pattern from Leisure Arts, is aqua.



Linda Gumtz knitted a cardigan of her own pattern in Lion Brand yarn, “Licorice”.





Melody Wagner made a wrapper from Colleen Davis' Wrapper class, using some of her stash.



Cheryl Clark made the "2012 Fall Mystery Shawl" in Malabrigo Polar Gray lace yarn. She added size 08 seed beads.

Willa Cather knitted a stole, "Moonfleet", using Unique Sheep's Eos yarn in the Tuscany colorway. The UK's Unique Sheep specializes in Gradiance

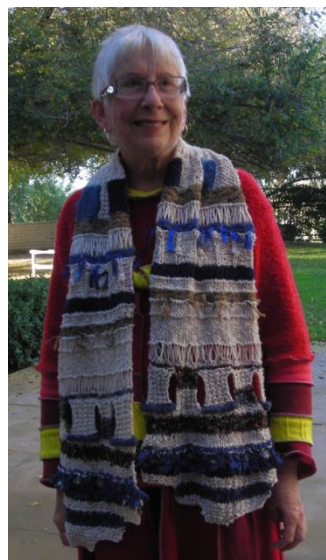
colourways - yarn sold in sets of skeins, designed to "gradually shift from one colour to the next". The laceweight yarn is 50% merino, 50% tussah silk.



Claudia Carlson knitted gauntlets from her original Anguloj pattern and three kinds of yarn: fuzzy, ribbon and textured. Claudia is on Ravelry and Etsy: Fiber to Fabric Magic.



Karen des Jardins made a ribbed shrug with Trendsetter yarn. It is knitted in two parts, using German short rows, and pieced corners for the collar. Her slippers were knitted with Lamb's Pride Worsted with Fun Fur trim, added before felting.



Josephine Barkhausen knitted an Irish shawl that began as a wallhanging from a Maggie Jackson workshop. The yarn is linen and cotton.





Josephine also made this lovely beaded shawl using 100% Tencel yarn from Just Our Yarns.



Linda Erlich knitted this Jared Flood shawl, "Leaves of Grass". The yarn is Malabrigo "Finito".



Linda also made the "Dog Star Filigree" scarf/shawl in Knitwhits Freia Handpaint Ombre' lace yarn.

Not pictured- Scarrain Gomes' knitted Bolero Vest in 2-stranded Plymouth yarn.

## Knitting on the Net

### Diving In Shawl

Fingering weight on #6 needles but can be adapted to any weight yarn with appropriate changes to needle size.



<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/diving-in-recipe>

### Tuhu Cardigan

A Jane Ellison pattern with bust sizes ranging from 33" to 45", this is knit with DK weight yarn

<http://www.janeellison.co.uk/singapore-patterns/91-tuhu-cardigan.html>



### The Man Slouch

Knit in the round with sport weight yarn on #4 needles. No guarantee that the recipient will resemble the model when he dons the hat.



<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/the-man-slouch>

### Jeweled X

This cowl/scarf is knit from side to side and grafted into a ring. The "X" includes beads. Knit with lace weight doubled or sport/dk yarn.



<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/jeweled-x>

## Cable Needle Holder



Tired of losing that cable needle? Knit yourself a ring to keep it at hand:

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/cable-needle-holder--a-knit-ring>

## Downton Hat

Based on a WWI vintage hat and knit in DK weight yarn, this hat is sized for baby, toddler, child, teen/small adult, medium adult, large adult.

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



## Belly Flip Sack

This baby bag is sized for newborn and 3 month babies and is knit with bulky yarn on #10 needles.

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/belly-flip-sack>



## Echo Flowers Shawl

Knit with lace weight yarn on #5 needles, this pattern is written for both shawlette and shawl sizes. Check out the notes from the over 2,000 projects listed on Ravelry.

<http://nyansera.se/echoflower/echoflowers.pdf>



## Knitting Tip and Tricks

An occasional feature in the monthly newsletter which includes useful knitting information. The emphasis is on on truly new and/or unusual. If you have any tips, please email them to [sksmith@san.rr.com](mailto:sksmith@san.rr.com).

## Winter Hands?

Are your dry winter hands making you and your knitting unhappy? Go to the kitchen and grab your vegetable oil and some granulated sugar. Cup one hand and pour a dime-sized pool of oil into it. Sprinkle with a teaspoon or so of granulated sugar. Rub the oil/sugar mixture thoroughly into your hands. Then give your hands a gentle wash to remove the oily residue and return to your knitting. You've just exfoliated your hands and your yarn will once again glide through your fingers.



## Do I have enough yarn for a scarf? An afghan?

You'd like to knit a scarf which is 7" wide and 60" long or a 40" square afghan.

You want to know how much yarn that will take? Go to the Diet Diary knitting calculator. You'll enter your stitch and row gauge and the desired dimensions of the project and the calculator will tell you how much yarn you need in either stockinette or broken rib. See the notes at the bottom of the web page for estimating yardage for the popular Clapotis shawl. <http://www.thedietchdiary.com/knittingfiend/tools/EstimatingYardageRectangles.html>







## 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## San Diego Knitting Guild

### General Information:



Our Co-Presidents are Sheila Kirschenbaum and Stacy Smith. 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: SD North Coast Knitters Guild  
c/o Kathy Christensen, Membership Chair  
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)

Mar Gee Farr – [margee15@cox.net](mailto:margee15@cox.net)

Barbara Levin – [Barbara.Levin@me.com](mailto: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.

Reminder:

**Have you renewed your membership?**



## 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, Membership Chair  
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