



San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild

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Number 190 – June 2013

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, June 4, 2013; 12:30- 3:00 pm
San Dieguito United Methodist Church
170 Calle Magdalena
Encinitas, CA 92024

Program- Sandy Smith, “Gadgets, Gizmos, Tips and Tricks”



Presidents’ Letter

We are going to have a very special program at the June Guild meeting. Guild member Sandy Smith will present a program called, *Gadgets, Gizmos, Tips and Tricks*. These are the tools we need to get our projects going, knitted up, and finished with less stress and more comfort, less angst and more beauty. These are the notions we need to move our knitting to another—higher—level.

These gizmos, gadgets, tips and tricks are special because they are information wanted and needed but not often or always obtained. As knitters, we usually try to follow directions and make things come out right. This is true for our knitting, especially when we are making garments and aim to get a great fit.

Is it the right size? Do the sleeves stop where our arms stop? Does the hat, the socks, the gloves, go on and stay on? Does the sweater, skirt, shawl or scarf drape where we want it to?

It is also true for other aspects of our lives. Many of us strive, if not for perfection, then for a job well done. Getting *there* is the challenge. What helps is to have clues and guides to do a good job in life and in knitting. We have teachers and mentors who help us. We can consult books, the internet and friends. People who share their wisdom with us, help move us towards our goals. The spice in this mix of help is the “inside information”, the gadgets, gizmos, tips and tricks learned and gathered from experience.

As knitters we are fortunate to be part of a Guild with members who share their insider information. Join us for this program at the June 4 meeting and learn how to get closer to perfection.

Sheila Kirschenbaum
Stacy Smith



Remaining 2013 Meeting Schedule

- June 4** Sandy Smith – Gadgets, Gizmos, Tips and Tricks.
- July 2** POT LUCK Social and Knit-In;
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 Weisenberger - Cocoknits
Trunk Show
October 9 workshop
- 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.**

June Program

Our program for the June meeting will feature our own Sandra Smith, researcher extraordinaire. She will be giving us the fruit of her research, showing us lots of ideas for Gadgets, Gizmos, Tips and Tricks to make our knitting easier and more fun!



July 2 Annual Pot Luck and Bazaar

It's almost that time again...the meeting everyone loves...good food, time to knit and visit. The doors will open at 12:30, and we'll be waiting to fill the tables with the delicious dishes you bring. The Guild supplies water and dessert, so please prepare (or buy) a dish to share and come join us and get the summer off to a great start.

Hope to see you there!
Joyce Raymer, Pot Luck Coordinator

The Guild would like to give the opportunity to any fellow members with items to sell to have a booth at the July potluck to share their wares. Please contact Anna Walden at awalden@me.com or 619-733-1691 to participate.

Stash Sale- September Meeting

We are "open" for donation business. Your Stash Sale Committee is busy working in the background to prepare for the September yarn melee! We have some great ideas planned, but it does all hinge on *your* donations.



No amount of yarn is really too small to donate. OK, maybe your thumbs are too little; but even a few yards will be welcomed to make up our "Collage Packs" for knitting up beautiful free-form color and texture. Start hauling it all in, we're ready!

Claudia Carlson,
Stash Sale Chair

Minutes from the May Meeting

Sheila Kirschenbaum, President, opened the meeting. Three guests were introduced.

Programs: Anna Walden announced that the June 4 meeting would feature “Gadgets, Gizmos, Tips & Tricks” by member Sandy Smith.

Newsletters: The newsletter has up to date information and now contains paid advertising. If your newsletter does not arrive by the first of the month please contact Mar Gee Farr.

San Diego County Fair: Mary Brown reported that the last day to enter is May 8 and drop offs will be accepted on May 20 or 21. Volunteer days for our guild are June 11-14. Contact Mary for openings. Volunteers will get free admission for the day at the fair and free parking at Horse Park on Via de la Valle.

Holiday Luncheon: Marilyn Anderson Straumfjord discussed plans for the fashion show. Categories will include accessories, children’s items, blankets, throws, afghans, as well as garments created by members.

Members Teaching Members: Sue Tavaglione requested members to submit notes on what they have learned from workshops. Teachers of workshops receive pay based on \$10/hr/participant. Colleen Davis will be teaching Swing Knitting on May 30. A felting class will be given in July. A plaid workshop for dressing bears in plaids is planned as part of the guild’s philanthropy project. Let Sue know if you are interested in a specific workshop or would like to teach or hostess one. Check the web site for updates on events.

Library: Gwen Nelson noted there are several books that are long overdue. Please check if you have these and return them. No fines will be assessed.

Philanthropy: Scarves and hats are still needed. Some yarn and patterns are available. Contact Carolyn Balkwell for more information.

Stash Sale: Donations of yarn and related knitting items may now be made for the sale to be held on September 3. Bring donations in bags for ease in transferring and storing. Anna encouraged members to prepare to show garments made from yarns bought from the sale.

Anna Walden introduced speaker Ginger Luters. Her talk, “An Overview of Modular Knitting”, included a description of workshops she will give on May 8 and 9.

Show and Share concluded the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Yayanos

La Casa de Maria Retreat

Annette Friedlein took this picture at the recent knitting retreat at Casa de Maria in Santa Barbara. A wonderful time was had by all.



December Holiday Fashion Show Categories



We are already in the countdown for preparations for the December Fashion Show.

The categories this year are: Babies and Children; Hats, Scarfs and Gloves; Blankets and Throws; Women's Apparel; Men's Apparel; Accessories; Jewelry, etc. and Holiday decor.

The deadline for selections will be the October meeting, or the end of the month of October. Due to time constraints, there will be a limited number of items selected.

Stephanie Moseley
Marilyn Anderson Straumfjord,
Holiday Luncheon Fashion Show Coordinators.

June Sharing



Sandy Yayanos made a circular pullover from Vogue Knitting-Winter 2012-13. The yarn is Noro Cash Iroha; needles size 9.

Lisa Sorensen knitted a shawl, "Topiary", by Jared Flood. The (discontinued) yarn is Cascade's "Epiphany" of alpaca, cashmere and silk.



Lisa also made a shrug, "Pimlico", by Mel Clarke, using Baah! Worsted Merino Superwash yarn.





Claudia Carlson knitted these original “Maleolo”, or Nada Boots. The yarn is Cascade’s Pima Cotton and Tencel.



Karen des Jardins made a Gemini shell by Jane Richmond, using Malabrigo Silky Merino. She modified the sleeves with short rows. The shell can be worn with the eyelets in front or back.



Ellen Magee made a long scarf of her own design in Heritage Silk by Cascade, a merino/silk combination.

Sue Tavaglione knitted a silver grey beaded lace shawl from Vogue Winter 2005. The yarn is Malabrigo Lace, Baby Silkpac, colorway Polar Morn.



Ellen also knitted an original sweater in panels small enough to fit into her knitting basket. The yarn is Cascade’s Ultra Pima, 100% cotton.



Rosie Berkowitz made a “Wingspan” shawllette in Ty-Dy Sock yarn.



Zita Gardner knitted an adaptation of Ginger Smith's "Sine- Cosine" jacket. She used Trendsetter Iguana yarn in blues. The pattern was a short-sleeved pullover, which Zita changed to a long-sleeved jacket.



Flora Kuritsky knitted this Rigoletto scarf from Red Heart Yarn.



Dolores Rodriguez made an afghan by Debbie Abraham. The yarn is Rowan Cotton.





Linda Erlich knitted a shawl, “Derecho”, by Laura Aylor. The yarn is Harrisville 100% wool.



Sharon Dintaman made a shell of super soft cotton in brilliant yellow. She is Colleen Davis’s daughter.



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, every 2nd and 4th Wed, at Panera in Carmel Mountain Ranch. Contact: Mimi Sevimli, 858-722-8128.

● **PA Group**- 1:00pm to 3:00 pm, every Monday at Panera in Solana Beach. 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 10:00am 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, sheilabaum@yahoo.com, and Stacy Smith, artmama007@gmail.com. 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. A printable membership form is available on the website, and should be mailed with a check to:

SD North Coast Knitters Guild
c/o Diana Rathbun, Interim Membership Chair
1567 Corsica Street
San Diego, CA 92111

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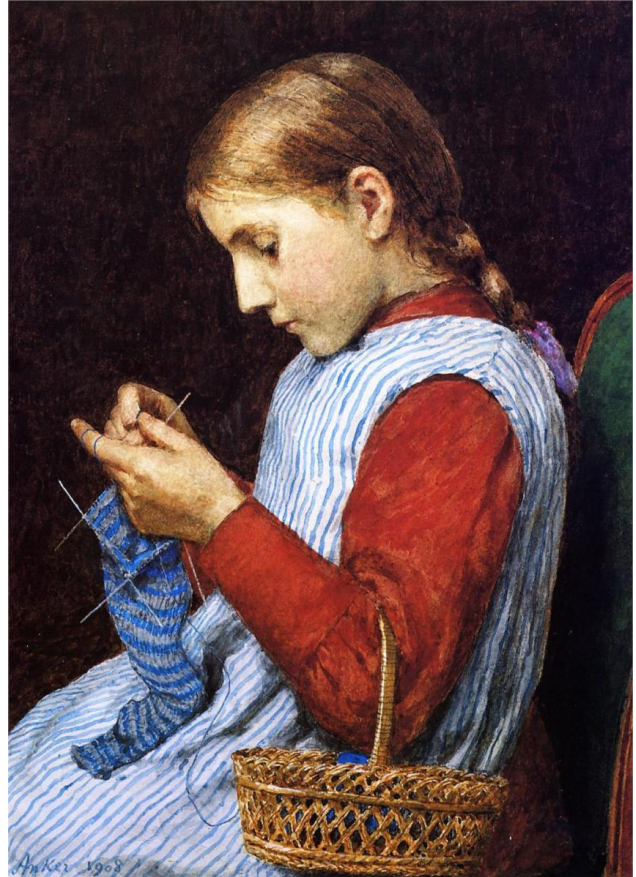
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Please send information to me by the 15th of the month for the article to appear the following month.

Website Contacts

Linda Erlich – 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.



Julian Alden Weir

Knitting on the Net

Ivy League Shawl

This triangular, multicolored shawl is knit on #10 needles with 300 to 360 yards of aran weight yarn.

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/ivy-league-shawl-2>



Seahorse

Knit with worsted weight yarn and # 4 or 5 double pointed needles. Scroll down on the page to see the link here:

<http://www.thorablog.com/knitting-patterns/>



Mary Notch Sided Cardigan

This striped cardigan is a great summer cardigan in sizes small to 3X. It's knit on #10 needles.

http://tahkistacycharles.com/t/pattern_single?products_id=1994



Kitsap Cardigan

This classic cardigan from Berroco is knit on #10 needles and has set in sleeves. It comes in bust sizes 30" tp 50".

<http://www.berroco.com/patterns/kitsap>



Tasa Bag

From Classic Elite comes this bag knit in herringbone stitch.

<http://www.classicelityarns.com/WebLetter/286/TasaBag.pdf>



Sock Yarn Patchwork Recipe

Knit from fingering weight/sock yarn on #2 needles, this is a mitered square project for all those scraps in your stash.

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/sock-yarn-patchwork-recipe>



Knitting Tips and Tricks

by Sandy Smith

Wonderful Knitting Resource

From Cia Bullemer, former Guild member, comes this tip for a wonderful knitting resource. Grab a cup of coffee because it will take you awhile to peruse the stitch pattern pictures and instructions, Use the Knit Tree to find stitch patterns by category. Check out the pattern generators for sweaters and more.

<http://knittingfool.com/Default.aspx>

Why Having A Knitted Boyfriend Is Better Than An Actual Boyfriend

Dutch artist

Noortje de

Keijzer

created her

own knitted

boyfriend.

Check out the

link for

pictures,

video and excerpts from her book. (Thanks to

Barbara Levin for this tip.).

<http://www.buzzfeed.com/alannaokun/why-having-a-knitted-boyfriend-is-better-than-an-actual-boyf>



Gadgets, Gizmos, Tips & Tricks

The June 4 meeting will include a presentation on gadgets, gizmos, tips and tricks complete with an accompanying slide show so you can actually see gadgets up close and personal.

Have anything you'd love to share with your fellow Guild members? Contact me at sksmith@san.rr.com, so I can add your tip to the slide show.

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Twisted Sisters'
Annual Sale!

When: June 1, 2013
Where: 740 Metcalf St #21
Time: Door opens at 9:30am
closes at 1:30 pm

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Regular retail stock 20% off