



San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild

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Next Meeting:

Tuesday, September 2: 12:30-3:00 pm
San Dieguito United Methodist Church
170 Calle Magdalena
Encinitas, CA 92024

Program: Annual Stash Sale

Presidents' Letter



Co-Presidents Stacy and Sheila

What does it take to run the Guild? The Guild, like every non-profit organization, needs both money and volunteers to run well.

As for volunteers—kind and generous members who are willing to support the Guild with their time, energy and thoughtfulness—the Nominating Committee is now seeking to fill the slate of Board Officers, Chairs and Coordinators for 2015. (See inside for how you can volunteer.)

The Guild also needs dollars to operate. Even though the Guild is an all-volunteer organization and no salaries are paid, every dollar is essential. Money is needed for nearly everything. We pay for facilities we rent for Guild meetings and events whether a regular Tuesday meeting, a workshop or a help session. We pay honoraria to our speakers.

When teachers come from out-of-town, the Guild pays for transportation, housing and meal expenses. We pay printing costs for workshops, for the informative Programming bookmarks, and for the useful Annual Directory. We pay fees for the Guild website. And digital projectors for programs, new books for the library, and many programs all cost money, too. It's an impressive range. And it costs.

How, you may wonder, does the Guild support all of this? Where does the money come from? Three major sources fund nearly all Guild activities. Guild dues are the largest source. The Opportunity Drawing at the annual Holiday Luncheon generates revenue (over and above the cost of the Luncheon which is covered by ticket sales). And the third source is this month's program...the annual Stash Sale.

The Stash Sale is a model of generosity. Members take time to clean out their stashes. Members donate yarn. For three months, an all-volunteer crew sorts yarn, packs skeins, balls and half-finished projects into bags, and sets sales prices. And finally, at the Stash Sale, members shop. Everyone who participates, whether by donating, sorting or buying, supports the Guild.

As bargain hunters ourselves, we know the thrill of getting a fantastic deal. What could be better than getting a fantastic deal on yarn? The Stash Sale will be the place to select from an amazing selection of yarns and purchase at the very best prices. We also know what it's like to have our own overflowing stash. "I don't really need this," we may think while shopping. But the Guild needs you, your magnanimity, your charitableness, your goodwill, your bigheartedness. Have fun, be generous, and shop freely at the Stash Sale because while you get to take home the yarn you buy, your Guild is also a beneficiary.

We thank you for supporting the Guild,

Sheila Kirschenbaum
Stacy Smith

Remaining 2014 Meeting Schedule

September

2 **Annual Guild Stash Sale**

October (* Meeting on 2nd Tuesday)

14 **Robin Page:** Pagewood Farm Trunk Show

14 **Workshop:** Embellishing Your Own Yarns
(workshop after meeting)

November

4 **Richard Nares, Emilio Nares Foundation:**
Philanthropy: Hats and Heroes

December (* Luncheon on 1st Monday)

1 **Holiday Luncheon and Fashion Show**



Guild Programs

September Program: Stash Sale

By: Claudia Carlson, Stash Sale Coordinator

Come one, come all to get your share of fabulous designer yarn at deep discounted prices! Support the Guild by purchasing yarn! Stash Sale will begin immediately after the 1:00 pm Guild business meeting. Doors open 12:30 pm. Shopping bags will be provided for your convenience. Cash or checks only.

October Program: Robin Page: Pagewood Farm Trunk Show

*By: Anna Walden and Diane Seaberg,
Program Co-Chairs*

Robin Page will present a Pagewood Farm Trunk Show. Robin is the owner and creative force behind Pagewood Farm Trunk Show. Pagewood Farm grew from Robin's spinning and knitting hobby into a nationally respected hand-dyed yarn manufacturer. Studying under master dyers, Robin developed her own unique dye style and applied it to both hand spun and milled yarns and fibers.

More recently, she has expanded her unique dye style to other fiber areas. Her new products are proudly sold at Mood Fabrics (of Project Runway fame) and she is expanding into hand-dyed lace, notions, and fabrics through her new Ani Jo Textiles (named after her treasured granddaughter).

Robin will be staying after the Guild meeting to teach a class the same afternoon for us on embellishing your own yarn by adding other fibers, needle felting and other techniques. Sign up for Robin's workshop at the September Guild meeting or contact Anna.

Minutes of the SDNCKG Meeting June 3, 2014

Patt Miller, Vice President, called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests. She thanked Zita Gardner and Carolyn Balkwell for mentoring the Help Session earlier today. The next Help Session will be November 11 from noon to 3:00 pm with Sage Advisor Marie Fisher.

Retreat News: June Bartczak gave updates on the retreats. The newsletter contains all of the necessary information for attendees. The Casa de Maria retreat will be rescheduled to prevent a conflict with the Guild meeting in June.

Stash Sale: Claudia Carlson thanked members for their donations for the September 2 Stash Sale. This year only yarn will be sold and yarns in small quantities will be packaged to make personal selection easier. Payment may be made by cash or check.

Nominating Committee: Sandy Yayanos encouraged members to volunteer for a position on the executive board or for one of the numerous other committee jobs. Contact her or Barbara Pearson if you would like to volunteer or make a suggestion for the new board that starts in January. Most positions are for two years.

Philanthropy: Arlene Shaposhnick gave a description of the three organizations that the guild supports. Tête-à-Tête needs soft hats for chemo patients, Operation Gratitude needs warm, dark neutral toned hats and scarves for the military, and the Oz Program would like hats and scarves for homeless children. She will provide some yarn and patterns if needed.

Holiday Luncheon: Mar Gee Farr reminded members to turn in swatches for the afghan that will be in the opportunity drawing at the December 1 fashion show and luncheon at the September 2 meeting. Swatches need to be 4 inches wide and multiples of 4 inches long.

Members Teaching Members: Sue Tavaglione said the Marie Studer workshop in September is full. Marie may be willing to give another workshop if there is enough interest. Let Sue know what workshops you would like.

Programs: Anna Walden said there were still a few openings for the Susan Lazear workshops. Next month will feature Robin Page who will present the "Pagewood Farm Trunk Show" followed by a workshop on "Embellishing Your Own Yarn."

Today's Program: Anna Walden introduced Susan Lazear who discussed fashion design in her presentation "East Meets West."

Show and Share: Barbara Levin conducted a showing of member's creations.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Yayanos

BE A VOLUNTEER!

The Nominating Committee continues their search for supportive and generous volunteers. They are looking for a few people who are ready to step up to be an active Guild member. Will you consider volunteering to be a Coordinator, Chair or Board member next year?

Do you take great photographs? Do you enjoy planning events or classes? Do you have a love of books, of yarn, of teaching? Do you enjoy meeting new people or helping out-of-town guests? Your skills, talents and enthusiasm will keep the Guild going. Beginning January 2015 there will be openings in many positions that make this Guild a wonderful organization for San Diego knitters.

All positions require your interest. Some are for single events, some are occasional and some are on-going throughout the year. Even if you are fortunate enough to travel and unable to attend all Guild meetings, you can help. Even if the position you are interested in appears to be filled, let us know you'd like to help. Here's how:

Send your name and position(s) of interest to the Chairs of the Nominating Committee: Sandy Yayanos (cycads@sbcglobal.net) and Barbara Pearson (baredpear@aol.com). Call them for more information. Talk to current Chairs and Coordinators and Board members.

The Guild is an all-volunteer organization. It continues to provide entertaining and educational programs, workshops, events and more because of its fabulous volunteers. Become one.

Philanthropy

By: Arlene Shaposhnick, Philanthropy Chair

A Million Thanks This Month . . .

Thanks to all of you who have been so generous and knitted hats and scarves for our charities.

This month we shipped 85 knitted items consisting of hats and scarves to Operation Gratitude. Our hats and scarves are sent to those in the military



Above: Some of the hats and scarves knitted for our charities

deployed to many different locations around the world and are truly appreciated by those receiving them. If you haven't already done so, please go on their website and read some of the heartwarming thank-you notes sent from every corner of the world. Please remember the military specifies that hats and scarves be knit from subdued colored yarn like navy, olive, brown, black, maroon etc. All items must have the fiber content attached and they ask that you write a small note of encouragement, if you wish...our tags are perfect for this. More information about Operation Gratitude can be found on the Guild [website](#), and the Operation Gratitude [website](#).

We have donated 103 beautiful hats to Tête-à-Tête Hats for distribution to hospitals and cancer centers throughout San Diego. Hats are in constant need and should be knit out of softer yarns due to the sensitivity of patients undergoing chemotherapy. The need is great; please keep knitting; we deliver hats all year. For more information about Tête-À-Tête Hats go to the Guild website or Tête-À-Tête-hats.blogspot.com.

We are collecting hats and scarves for the YMCA Oz Shelter to be distributed to homeless teens all over San Diego. Please remember there are between 350 and 500 kids living on our streets at any given time. The Oz program helps as many as possible with safer alternatives, structure, safe housing and counseling but they can't accommodate all of these

CHILDREN. These are our children living on the street. I would like to have hats and scarves ready to give to them before the cold weather sets in. Remember nights here in San Diego can drop to 40 degrees or lower. Please help. For more information on the Oz Program go to the Guild [website](#) or the YMCA [website](#).

Thank you again, to everyone who has been knitting for our charities.

More Thanks . . .

A special thank-you goes out to Isabella Briggs and Carlina Shaposhnick, two, 14-year olds who heard about our charities and wanted to help out in some way. They proceeded to spend many hours winding yarn for Philanthropy, sorting through every box making sure they got it all. They have wound everything and anything suitable for hats and scarves. They also helped assemble bags for a Philanthropy project scheduled for the end of this year. Thank you, Isabella and Carlina. We will always have yarn and instructions available at our afternoon meetings

Please contact me arlene@shaposhnick.com with any questions or special requests.



Above: Carlina Shaposhnick and Isabella Briggs

Members Teaching Members

By: Sue Tavaglione, MTM Chair

"Thank you" all for your great response to our Members Teaching Members programs, and especially to the teaching member and the wonderful hosts.

Our "Upscale Sweaters" workshop with Marie Studer is full, yet please let me know if you are interested as an additional workshop could be possible, or if a reserving member needs to cancel it would open a space.

And we have a new workshop that Sara Stolz has offered to teach: those adorable "Birds" that she showed at the last meeting. The date, time, and number of participants is still being determined

and that will probably be around the 23rd or so of September. Sara has also offered to host. So we will get that information to you as soon as possible.

Please send any questions, etc. to sjtava@sbcglobal.net if any questions or to reserve your space.

Help Session

Mark your calendar for the last opportunity of the year! The Help Session will be held in Classroom 10 of the San Dieguito United Methodist Church.

◆ Tuesday, November 11 from noon to 3:00 pm. Time to round up any unfinished projects and get them ready for holiday gift-giving. Our Sage Advisor for this most productive get-together will be Marie Fisher.

Update on Guild Retreats

By: June Bartczak, Retreat Coordinator,

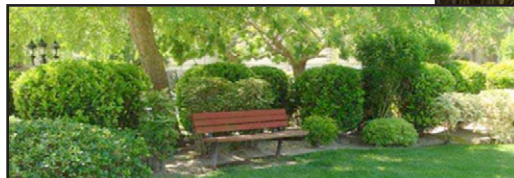
Our next San Diego North Coast Knitters Retreat is scheduled to begin January 19 at dinner, through lunch January 22, 2015. We currently have 16 members signed up. The address of La Viña de Lestonnac is 39300 De Portola Road, Temecula, CA 92592. Web: www.vinadelestonnac.com.

The knitting room is well-lighted with overhead lights and includes outdoor patio options for knitting. There are sofas and chairs available. More small tables have been promised. The sleeping rooms accommodate a maximum of three people, with two twin-sized beds and one ottoman-pull-out bed. Last year, we had one triple with no complaints! There are all-day kitchen amenities, including hot water for various teas, supplied by La Viña. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included in the total price which turns out to be the same as it was last year: \$405.00 for a single, \$305.00 for a double, and \$265.00 for a triple.

The deposit is \$100.00 per person, regardless of the type of accommodation. You may pay your deposit at a meeting (until November, 2014) or send it to the Retreat Coordinator: June Bartczak, 157 Via Monte d'Oro, Redondo Beach, CA 90277.

For 2015, our Spring Retreat will be at a new place, Mary & Joseph Retreat Center located at 5300 Crest Road, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275 from May 18 to May 21, 2015. The grounds are lovely, the views are wonderful, there's hiking on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, with trailheads nearby within walking distance, there are 3 yarn shops within a 6 mile radius, AND it's about a 2 hour drive from

the San Diego area!! The website address is www.maryjoseph.org. Prices for the three nights and nine meals are \$460.00 per person for a single and \$355.00 per person for a double. The accommodations are quite similar to those at La Casa, each room having its own bathroom; there's a communal dining room with some tables outside as well as indoors. There's no pool, but a masseuse is available on site with prior-made reservations, more information for which will



be posted in future newsletters. Deposits of

\$150.00 for a single and \$100.00 per person for a double will be accepted beginning in February 2015. Maybe dates at La Casa will mesh with our needs for the following year, we'll see.

San Diego Yarn Crawl

September 18th - 21st 2014

Stock up on yarn and supplies at the San Diego Yarn Crawl taking place September 18 to 21. The Yarn Crawl is a free self guided tour of 10 yarn stores and two alpaca farms in our area. The YarnOver truck will also be joining in the fun. It is a wonderful opportunity for knitters of all skill levels to see and purchase a variety of yarns and tools. There will be informative classes and workshops at different locations. Yarn crawlers are invited to shop for the latest yarns, enjoy special events, demonstrations, guest designers and bond with other knitters over their love of yarn and fiber arts.

Go to the Yarn Crawl website at sandiegoyarncrawl.com to download a complimentary passport, see the map and check the hours of the Crawl. The passports will be collected at each location at the end of the Crawl for an opportunity drawing to win yarn and craft-related prizes. Visit all locations and

your passport will be entered into a special drawing to win gift certificates which can be spent at any of the locations on the Crawl. Souvenir tote bags for the Crawl featuring the logo of each participating location will be available for purchase during the Crawl.

San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild General Information

Co-Presidents: [Sheila Kirschenbaum](#) and [Stacy Smith](#). Sheila and Stacy welcome your comments and questions. Click on our names to send us an e-mail.

Membership in the Guild is open to all knitters, regardless of skill level. Membership expires for all members on January 31. Dues are \$25 annually. A printable membership form is available on the Guild [website](#).

Newsletter

Monica Clark, Editor

Send all submissions by the 15th of the month to: SDNCKnewsletter@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](#).

✿ 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.

✿ RN Group: RN stands for "Rather Normal." This group will be disbanding for the foreseeable future. Contact: Gwen Nelson, 760-720-542.

2014 Guild Directory Updates & Corrections

By: Zita Gardner, Membership Chair

Simply clip and insert in your existing Guild Directory:



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The Guild welcomes new members:

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Dolores Hofmann
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August Show and Share

Tina Rounsavell shared "Sylvatica," a pullover designed by Robin Melanson and knit in Elsebeth Lavold Hempathy. Tina changed the pattern's boat neck to a round neck and lengthened the sleeves.



Karen des Jardins shared her 2nd place winner at the Fair, "Seed Pods", designed by Louise Tillbrook. Karen knit the socks from Falling Leaf Yarns Empyrean Sock yarn and added beads to the leg.

Karen also shared a another winner from the Fair, a "Felted Bag" loosely based on "Fulled Lopi Tote" by Adrian Bizilia and knit in Loops & Thread Horizon Tweed. Karen worked on the bag at three workshops: needle felting, felted flowers, and an MTM given by Guild member Mar Gee Farr on lining bags.

Yet another project shared by Karen was her "Josie Vest" designed by Jamie Thomas and knit in Berroco Glacé.



Amy Sheridan shared her "Feather and Fan Top" by Classic Elite Yarns and knit in Twisted Sisters Mirage, a rayon and cotton blend.



Sue Tavaglione shared a lacy sweater top from Gedifra Highlights #051" knit in Mexico and Algarve.

Sue shared an item from the riverside Knitting Guild Two Ball Challenge, knit in Nature Spun wool combined with batik fabric.



Donna Royal shared her "Make It Mitered Afghan" knit in Plymouth Yarn Boku from the November 2007 issue of *Creative Knitting and Creative Knitting all Seasons Throws*.

Donna also shared hats: the "Cozy Comfy Hat" from the Red Heart Yarn website. The navy and gray hats were knit using Red Heart Heads Up Yarn and the brown and camel hats were knit using KnitPicks Brava Bulky. The hats are knitted flat with one seam and are great for Operation Gratitude! (Sorry, photo not available)

August Show and Share



Mary Brown shared one of her Fair entries, a sweater of her own design knitted in wool, silk and cotton yarns from Noro and Sublime.



Mary also shared a Shawl/Scarf by Jane Sowersby in *Victorian Lace Today*, knit in Zen silk and cashmere.



Three pieces of jewelry designed by Mary Brown and entered in the Fair. One piece

won 2nd place in the Strung Jewelry division.



Ruby Townsend shared a "Monet Jacket" designed by Laura Bryant. Ruby knit her jacket with machine knitters yarn using three strands held together. She changed colors by changing one strand at a time.



Irina Anikeeva shared a "Dolman Cardigan" of her own design knit in Berroco alpaca, a wool and alpaca blend.

Irina also shared a "Vireo" pullover of her own design knit in a Knit Picks merino yarn. Both of Irina's patterns are available on Ravelry.



August Show and Share



Mimi Sevimili shared her "French Cancan" shawl my Atelier Mademoiselle Green. Mimi knit the shawl from two skeins of Lang Yarns Jawoll sock yarn which she bought at last year's stash sale.



Mimi shared a second shawl called "Dotted Rays" by Stephen West. The yarn is Colour Mart's 2/28 (lace weight) blend of merino silk and cashmere used tripled. "It is sooo soft," says Mimi.



And Mimi shared a third shawl, the "North Sea 4-Season Shawl" designed by Linda Lehman and knit in Fleece Artist Sea Wool, a hand-dyed blend of merino and plant fiber.

Marilee Chancey shared her "Lady Violet's Dinner Gauntlets" by Kristen Ashbaugh-Helmreich, knit in Madelinetosh Victorian. This was a mystery KAL in celebration of season 3 of Downton Abbey.

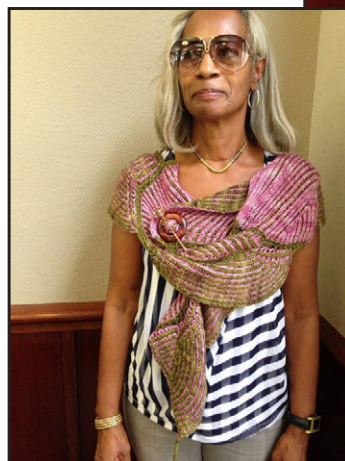


Marilee shared her felted crocheted daisy flower designed by Nancy Nelson at Common Threads. This won a blue ribbon at the Fair in crocheted felting.



Marilee also shared her felted beret, knit from stash yarn.

Gladys Nolan is modeling Claudia Carlson's own wrap design, "Folioj (Leaves)," knit in two different Madelinetosh yarns. The wrap won the Guild award for Best Original Design at the Fair this year.

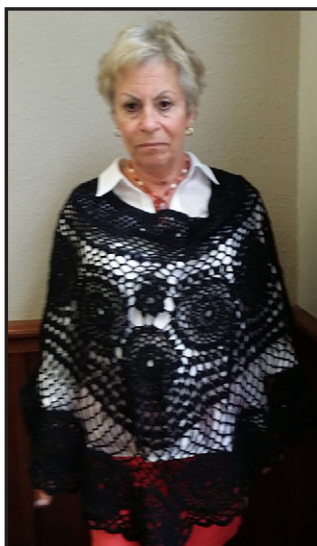


August Show and Share

Nathine Nelson shared a year's worth of knitted items!



"Vera Poncho Top" designed by Rosemary Drysdale and knit in S. Charles Collezione Enya, a cotton, ramie blend.



"Medallion Poncho" designed by Mary Maxim and knit in the Mary Maxim Crochet Cotton included in the kit.



"1 Skein Summer Shawl" by Kat Oliver and knit in Scarlet Fleece Grassy Wool merino and bamboo fingering yarn.



"Viviane Tunic" by Candice Powell and Published in S. Charles Collezione, Stardust Collection, Fall/Winter 2013. The tunic was knit in S. Charles Collezione Luna and Stella lace weight yarns. This tunic won Nathine a 1st place prize at the Fair!



"Amika Shawl-1" by Claudia Carlson it is knit with a navy boucle yarn, name of yarn is unknown.

"Caribou Dog" designed by CiD Hanscom and knit from Caribou and Simplicity, two yarns from Skacel's HiKoo line.



"Child's Ruffled Ballerina Shrug" by Ellen Rich and knit in worsted weight yarn.

"So Cozy Warmer" by Cathy Payson and knit in Red Heart Boutique Magical, and acrylic blend.



August Show and Share



"Amika Shawl-2" by Claudia Carlson. The yarn is unknown.

This pattern was found in *Vogue's 2012 Crochet Collection*. It is done in a mohair yarn bought at Common Threads.



"Oak Leaves Shawl" by Vera Sanon. It is knit with Deborah Norville's Premier Yarn, Serenity Sock Weight

"Lasso Scarf" by Kim Lui from a Frabjous Fibers kit using multiple colorways of Sari Ribbon.



Stephen & Steven Tour 2014

By: Laura Brubaker

I had the opportunity to visit Tulsa OK for the Stephen & Steven Tour 2014. What a thrill to be in the same room with these two creative geniuses. They were both so enthusiastic about knitting that it was infectious. Both Stephen and Steven were generous with their time and answered any question we threw their way. The classes were not about technique or skill; they were about opening up our creative process and "thinking" outside the box. The message I took away from the experience was that we all need to brag about our finished products and never, ever describe our work as "just" a scarf, shawl, or sweater. It is a FABULOUS scarf, shawl or sweater.



Laura Brubaker and Stephen in Tulsa, OK in July 2014

Swatch Afghan-REMINDER

If you were kind enough to volunteer to make a swatch or two for the afghan we will be featuring at the Holiday Luncheon Opportunity Drawing, our September meeting is the DEADLINE to return ALL swatches. Bring them with you to the meeting or contact Laura Brubaker or Mar Gee Farr if you are unable to return your swatch on September 2. We want to thank all of our members who took yarn and are participating; it's going to be spectacular!

