

Next General Meeting: April 5, 2016 • 12:30-3:00 pm San Dieguito United Methodist Church • 170 Calle Magdalena Encinitas, CA 92024

Upcoming Guild Programs

By: Tina Rounsavell, Program Chair ~ <u>Programs@sandiegoknitters.com</u>

APRIL 5: Lorna Miser, "Lorna Dyes Again"

In more than 25 years in the yarn industry, Lorna

Miser has had to adjust to changes of many kinds. At the April 5 meeting she'll speak about her background in dyeing and design, how she started Lorna's Laces at a young age and why in 2003 she chose to sell it. Since then she has written four knitting



books and designed for every known yarn company and publisher in the yarn industry. Now she has new plans for getting back to her roots of dyeing. She has more colors, yarns and projects to create!

Learn more about Lorna on her website:

http://lornamiserdesigns.com

Lorna will be teaching three workshops while she is here. All workshops will be held at the church in room 9/10.

• On Wednesday, April 6, she will offer "Tips for Knitting with Hand-Dyed Yarn," a full-day workshop from 9 am to 4 pm. Get lots of easy ideas for using hand-dyed yarns in ways that will show them off at their best. \$50

• Thursday, April 7, Lorna will present "Knit a Random on Purpose Scarf, Shawl, or Poncho" from 9 am to noon. Learn 10 different ways to knit random colors (or stitch patterns) without freaking out your inner perfectionist. \$30

• From 1 pm to 4 pm, Lorna will present "Cords, Ties & Braids." Practice many different types of ties or cords to use for hoodies, waistbands, booties, purse handles, and more. \$30

The cost for the full-day workshop is \$50. The half-day workshops are \$30 each. Contact me at <u>Programs@SanDiegoKnitters.com</u> and I'll save you a spot. We'll also take sign-ups at the meeting.

MAY 3: Patty Lyons "Oops I Accidently Knit a Dress: Tales of Lies, Denial and Heartbreak

It's happened to all of us. We don't get what we expect; we don't get what we dreamed of. We feel let down, we feel tricked, and we feel lied to . . . by our gauge swatch. Find out how to make your gauge swatch tell you the truth. In this funny and informative visual presentation Patty Lyons will take us from



gauge tragedy to triumph. Never be a gauge victim again!

Patty Lyons is a nationally recognized knitting teacher and technique expert who is known for teaching the "why"--not just the "how." She specializes in sweater design and sharing her love of the much-maligned subjects of gauge and blocking.

Patty teaches at guilds and knitting shows around the country, and her popular classes can also be found online at Interweave, Annie's and Craftsy, where her "Improve Your Knitting Class" was named Craftsy's most popular class of 2013. Patty is excited about her newest DVDs with Interweave: "Knitting Bag of Tricks," "Advanced Fixes in Knitting" and "An Introduction to Color Knitting."

Patty's designs and knitting skill articles have been widely published in knitting magazines, and her designs have also been included in pattern collections from Classic Elite, Noro, Cascade, Tahki Stacy Charles and Kollage Yarns.

Learn more about Patty at <u>http://pattylyons.com</u> Patty will teach four workshops during her visit to the Guild. For complete details, see our website.

• "Reading Between the Lines: What Your Sweater Pattern Doesn't Tell You" Wednesday, May 4, 9 am to 12 pm

• "Patty's Knitting Bag of Tricks"Wednesday, May 4, 1 pm to 4 pm

• "Customizing Sweater Patterns" Thursday, May 5, 9 am to 12 pm

• "Stop Turning: Knitting and Purling Backwards" Thursday, May 5, 1 pm to 4 pm

The cost for each workshop is \$30. We'll take sign-ups at the April and May meetings. You can also contact me at **Programs@SanDiegoKnitters.com** and I'll save you a spot.

2016 Programs

April 5	Lorna Miser Lorna Dyes Again
May 2	Patty Lyons Oops: I Accidentally Knit a Dress (and Other Tragedies of Gauge)
June 7	Mar Gee Farr Embellishing and Accessorizing Your Knitting
July 12	Karen des Jardins Crowdsourcing Your Craft: How to Become a Better Knitter
August 2	Annual Summer Potluck Luncheon
September 6	Annual Guild Stash Sale
October 11	Linda Hart How Knitting Changes Lives
November 1	Carson Demers Bringing Comfort Back to Knitting: My Ergonomic Journey

December 5 Holiday Luncheon and Fashion Show

Dates subject to change.

President's Message

Nothing has been quite so exciting in my position as President, as seeing our members turn out in full force for the March meeting. When new members were asked to stand and be recognized, there must have been close to twenty women on their feet. Welcome!



Stephen West and StevenBe entertained us all with their lively, colorful and creative presentation. My favorite part was when members who wore their own Westknits designs were encouraged to show them and be photographed with Stephen. Be sure to visit the website and see the pictures. A hearty Thank You to Tina and all the volunteers who made it so successful and FUN!

We have lots of exciting things coming up, including the San Diego County Fair and Stash Sale. Make the most of your guild membership by getting involved and meeting other knitters. We have much to share with, and learn from each other!

A few reminders for you:

We have one more month in our current meeting location. We'll have our large general meetings at Morgan Run on the first Tuesday of the month; however all workshops will be held at San Dieguito church in rooms 9/10.

We will move the library to its offsite location so bring your books back in April.

The Membership Directory will be ready and handed out in April. Plan to attend and claim your copy.

See you in April!

Beginning in May we will be meeting at Morgan Run while San Dieguito United Methodist Church remodels its campus. NOTE: Workshops will still be held at the Church in Room 9/10.

Color Play the Flip 'N' Wear Way Reviewed in Pictures with Stephen & Steven















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Thank You

By: Tina Rounsavell, Program Chair ~ <u>*Programs@SanDiegoKnitters.com*</u>

Stephen West and StevenBe's fabulous visit to the Guild would not have happened without the help of a lot of Guild members. A big Flip 'N Wear thankyou goes to:

• Liz Knapp, for all her help and support.

• Diana Rathbun, for fetching lunches for the speakers and keeping the books.

• Karen des Jardins, for planning and troubleshooting.

• Mar Gee Farr, for creating the wonderful signs, name tags, and wristbands, for renting the extra chairs, and for providing baskets to display all that fabulous yarn.

• Zita Gardner and Susan Bowers for handling membership.

• Rachel Le Vine, for being an excellent sound tech.

• Carol Myers and Yarning for You, for providing the clothes rack.

• Phyl Bates, Carol Myers, and Nancy Nevin for making the wristband table work smoothly.



• Barbara Levin and Sara Stolz, for working "security" at the doors.

• Mira Cole of Baah Yarn, for donating the colorful mini skeins for the workshops.

• Sheila Kirschenbaum, for sending out e-mail blasts and keeping the information on the website current.

We had two wonderful days with Stephen and Steven. StevenBe writes that they loved their visit with our Guild. Thanks so much to everyone who made it such a success.

Minutes

from the Meeting on March 1, 2016

By: Phyllis Bates, Secretary

Prior to the call to order, members followed a procedure set up by the Program Committee to give wristbands to attendees for seating. This one-time arrangement was used because of the popularity of the speakers and the need to conform to the capacity regulations set by the fire department.

Liz Knapp called the meeting to order and presented most of the announcements to the group:

1. Two new board members are Janet White who will handle the Philanthropy Committee and Lynn Koch who will lead the Stash Sale.

2. Deposits for the next guild knitting retreat are due at this time.

3. The guild library will be housed temporarily off site and those who wish to borrow books will find details on the website soon.

4. A Share a Knit program for Knitted Knockers will be held March 10 at the Solana Beach library at 9:30 am. Members who need help with using double pointed needles will be accommodated.

5. While the San Dieguito Methodist Church facilities are being rehabilitated, the main meetings beginning in May will be held at Morgan Run Country Club.

6. Lorna Miser will present the general program and a series of classes in April at the usuallLocation. Reservations are currently being accepted for classes.

Tina Rounsavell introduced Stephen West and StevenBe who showed sample garments made from their patterns and yarns.

Library

By: Brigit Pitcarin and Scarrain Gomes ~ *Librarian@SanDiegoKnitters.com*

The library books will be stored offsite beginning in May. **All library books must be returned at the April meeting**. There will be a box in the meeting room for returns. From May to December, if you want to sign out a book, please e-mail the librarians at <u>Librarian@SanDiegoKnitters.com</u> and we will have your book for you at the following meeting.

Website Tip of the Month

By: Sheila Kirschenbaum, Webmaster ~ <u>Webmaster@SanDiegoKnitters.com</u>



Philanthropy

by Janet White, Philanthropy Chairman <u>Philanthropy@SanDiegoKnitters.com</u>

Thank you all for the lovely donations I've received so far this year. And a huge thank you to Arlene Shaposhnick for assisting me with planning the organizations we will donate to this year:

Handmade Especially For You distributes "comfort" scarves to shelters for abused women. Knitted and crocheted scarves are donated to more than 60 shelters in California including Becky's House and Rachel's Shelter, both in San Diego, and the Women's Resource Center in Oceanside.

Oz San Diego serves teens that are experiencing school and family difficulties and those who have run away from abusive homes or are homeless. Located in Oceanside, Oz focuses on youth strengths and the development of coping, communication and life skills. Donated knitted hats and scarves become treasured gifts for some of the 350 to 500 homeless teens in San Diego County

The Emilio Nares Foundation was started by the parents of Emilio Nares after his heartbreaking illness and death. Our involvement in this organization will be to knit hats for the many children in San Diego undergoing chemo treatments. Please keep the hats soft and knit them to cover the entire head.

Rachel's Women's Center in Downtown San Diego. Rachel's is a drop-in day center for homeless and very low income women. I will accept new knitted items (of course) or any useful items, including cosmetics, bags, shoes, etc. Any used items appropriate for distribution to the women. Please separate the new from the used.

For those of you who cannot make it to the monthly Guild meetings, please contact me to arrange a time to have your donations picked up.

Share-A-Knit March 10, 2016 Knitted Knockers

By: Eileen Adler & Arlene Shaposhnick

The Solana Beach Library provided our SAK

(Share a Knit) group with four round tables located in a secluded corner of the building. Perfect! Arlene and I created centerpieces with completed Knitted



Knockers along with a printed pattern, polyester fiberfill stuffing, a delicious cookie (we get hungry!), and Arlene created fabulous goodie bags for each



knitter. We all felt so special – knitting for such an important cause and receiving recognition for our time well spent. Everyone worked together to get these knockers started... 6 stitches on dpn needles

- oh my! We did it and we were well on our way when the clock struck 12:00 and it was time for us to pack up and head home. Please bring your completed knockers to the guild meetings where Arlene, Janet, and Eileen will graciously accept them. Needlecraft Cottage and Black Sheep are also accepting donations. Thank you to all the knitters who were able to attend and to all of you for knitting knockers. Our next SAK event will be in September.

San Diego County Fair

By: Carol Myers ~ <u>CountyFair@SanDiegoKnitters.com</u>

It's time to start thinking about the County Fair. All Guild members are invited to participate in the Guild's San Diego County Fair activities. Once again, our Guild will be on site this summer to represent and demonstrate our craft at the Home & Hobby Exhibit. We will be demonstrating on three different days:

Thurs., June 16 Sun., June 19 Thurs., June 23 Would you like to volunteer on one of these days? If so, you'll get a free one day Fair entry pass and have lots of fun greeting attendees, demonstrating knitting, and talking about our Guild. Daily volunteer shifts

will be: 10 am to 1 pm or 1 to 4:00 pm. All you need to do is to sign up in advance and show up! You can sign up at a Guild meeting or by email at the Guild's website.

Competition: Get ready for the Fair! There is so much talent among us – we see beautiful work every month at our Show and Share - that now is the time to consider what you'll be entering in the Fair this year. Entry information is available at the <u>Fair's Home</u> <u>& Hobby's Exhibit</u> website page. You can register online to enter.

Retreat Update

By: June Bartczak, Retreat Coordinator ~ <u>Retreats@SanDiegoKnitters.com</u>

We currently have 13 members registered for the Spring Retreat at Casa de Maria in Montecito, near Santa Barbara, from May 23-26. In addition to our two right-of-first-refusal rooms, there are more rooms available as of March 7, 2016. To reserve your place, please make your non-refundable deposit as follows: Single room: \$209.55 per room/Double: \$122.55per person. Triples are also possible; if you are interested in this option, please email me at <u>bartczak.june@gmail.com</u>. Please make your check payable to SDNCKG. You may mail it to me at 157 Via Monte d'Oro, Redondo Beach, CA 90277, or give it to me or Treasurer Diana Rathbun at the April meeting. The final payment of \$300.00 for singles and doubles will be due by the May meeting.

This venue is lovely, inspiring and tranquil, with its walking paths on the grounds, its hiking trails on the grounds and beyond, and its proximity to shopping in Montecito and Santa Barbara. The sleeping rooms are all air conditioned, and the knitting rooms have been updated with improved lighting. Our knitting room assignment will depend on the number of participants attending. Some members enjoy taking the train from the San Diego area, some drive. I will send more information for those who want to go by train so that you can all meet aboard, even though you may have different starting points!

Membership

By: Zita Gardner, Membership Chair <u>Membership@SanDiegoKnitters.com</u>

As of March 13 the Guild has 297 members, with more renewals still coming in. It has been a busy couple of months and so gratifying to see the enthusiasm of our members. Thank you for all the nice comments included with your renewals or new memberships.

The 2016 Directory will be available for you at the April 5th meeting. Be sure to pick yours up at the membership table, or ask a friend to do it if you can't attend. Please check your information right away and let me know if there are errors or omissions. Every effort was made to be accurate, but mistakes happen. Remember that the Directory is not to be used for any commercial or non-Guild use. (See the Directory for specific guidelines.) Complete information will be in the Directory, but the Guild welcomes these new or rejoining lapsed members:

Lisa Reginia Calhoun Janet Coulon Peggy Estes Cross Denise V. Eskew Gladys Hecker Lou Wanna Katz Ina Liddell Joni Low Janine Mazur Diane McKenzie Carroll O'Connor Louisa Schofield Cary S. Sullivan Lois Yamada

Name Tag Assistant Needed

I am requesting an assistant to help with the name tags. The job involves bringing four (very light but bulky) boxes of name tag trays to the monthly meeting, setting up the name tag trays before the meetings, and helping people find their name tags. At the end of the meeting, you will collect the name tags (people drop them in the basket at the door), take the four boxes home after the meeting, and prepare the name tags for the next meeting (folding the elastic into the plastic sleeve, sorting the name tags by alphabetical order and putting them back in the plastic trays).

The last task takes a few hours a month. Also, name tags need to be printed as new members join. You will work with Zita Gardner, our Membership Chair, to get new names. You also get to enter the room early to set up and get a good seat!.

I enjoy this job and especially love setting up the trays and helping members find their tags. I must miss meetings due to an illness in the family.

Please email me, Lisa Sorensen, at <u>lnps@att.net</u> or Liz Knapp (<u>President@SanDiegoKnitters.com</u>) if you can help until I am back home.

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 <u>membership form</u>.

Send all submissions by the 15th of the month to: <u>President@SanDiegoKnitters.com</u>. 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: Thea Lazarevic, 760-638-0897.

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 <u>website</u>.

 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.



World Wide Knit in Public Day! *Better living through stitching together!*

WWKIP Day is unique, in that it's the largest knitter run event in the world.

Saturday, June 18, 2016

Show & Share March (Check out more photos on Ravelry)

Ray Levin modeled a dress she knit in Candy Skein Yarns. The pattern is Cascade's "Avalon Flared Pullover," which Ray modified into a dress. Since the cabled hem mimicked pleats, she extended it into a skirt.



Lupe Smith used bulky Lopi 100% Icelandic wool to knit this "Hurry-Up Last Minute Sweater - December." The Elizabeth Zimmerman design was originally published in the Knitter's Almanac. She faced the hem with a lighter weight

smooth wool yarn for contrast and comfort.





Janet Coulon's intarsia socks are "Grace Ennis Bowling Socks #7239"

vintage pattern. The foot was knit in the round and the cuff was knit flat and seamed using mattress stitch. Although the sock pattern itself has very vague instructions, there are charted graphs for more than 40 designs for free here:



Stacy Mann's maxi-dress was knit in four different colorways of Noro Taiyo Sock yarn. Using two balls of each color allowed her to make wiser stripes. Stacy cast this on at the January retreat. She knit from the top down, trying it on often to make adjustments in the neckline and shaping. She added a hidden pocket, ribbing at the hem, and cap sleeves. A crocheted belt added the perfect touch!

Sharna Shachar knit the "Sunrise Circle Jacket" by

Kate Gilbert using Noro Silk Garden, a blend of silk/ mohair/wool. Although original pattern is in a solid color, it is stunning in self-striping yarn! See more photos on Sharna's <u>Ravelry</u> project page.



Julie Lanner is perhaps the most prolific member of the Knit@Nite sub-group. This month she showed us a pair of socks with a toe of her own design. She is wearing a crocheted jacket that was worked in panels and shaped as she went along. You can also find Julie teaching knitting at Needlecraft



knitting at Needlecraft Cottage in Pacific Beach.



• Read about the women who knit the <u>world's</u> longest scarf.

Do you Knit for Eddie? (NOTE: For best results viewing this link you need to have Flash Player installed on your computer.) Even Hugh Jackman does! "Eddie the Eagle" is the story of Eddie Edwards, the notoriously tenacious British underdog ski jumper who charmed the world at the 1988 Winter Olympics. Enter the contest to design a hat for Eddie the Eagle! The submission deadline has been extended to 4/1.

Schutting Daily offers a free eBook "Master Magic Loop Knitting." If you've always wanted to learn this method of knitting in the round, now's the time. Download the eBook for tutorials and three free patterns, including Kathleen Cubley's Faux Isle Hat.

Knit Picks' <u>Ultimate Knit Palette Blanket</u>

uses approx. 50 yds. of fingering-weight yarn for each square, and 1,150 yds. of a border color. This would be a great choice for using up sock yarn scraps or a group knitting project.

 Maharashtra Silk 'Rosebud' Lace Shawl drapes beautifully and has shaping worked into the pattern to create a great fit and easy to wear garment.

© <u>**Rippling Fans Cowl</u>** is a free pattern included in the Knit Cowl Pattern Ideas eBook from Knitting Daily. The cowl is worked in the round, making it easy to control color pooling; as a result, the finished piece very clearly resembles the original skein. I can't wait to try this pattern with my handpainted sock yarn!</u>







