



Next General Meeting: July 5, 2016 • 12:30-3:00 pm
Morgan Run Club & Resort • 5690 Cancha de Golf, Rancho Santa Fe, CA

Upcoming Guild Programs

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JULY 5: Karen des Jardins, "Crowdsourcing Your Craft: How to Become a Better Knitter"

We knit for many reasons--but adding frustration to our lives should not be one of them. The world around us is full of ideas and tools that can help us become better and more effective knitters. Join us July 5 at Morgan Run when Karen des Jardins will gather the best of those tips and tools in "Crowdsourcing Your Craft: How to Become a Better Knitter."



Crowdsourcing is the process of obtaining services, ideas or content by soliciting contributions from a large group of people, especially an online community. Karen will apply that process to knitting and bring us some new approaches to some old problems. She'll show us notions, shortcuts, tips and tricks that will make your knitting easier and more fun.

Karen des Jardins is a knitting teacher and designer and the vice president of our Guild. Teaching knitting was one of her first paid jobs while she was still in high school. She has a degree in mechanical engineering and worked a number of years as a manufacturing engineer, figuring out better ways for assemblers to put computers together. This background paired with a love for all things yarn has given her a unique understanding of how to adapt knitting processes to best fit her students' needs.

Do you have a special knitting secret that you'd like to share? Is there a knitting notion in your bag you can't live without? Or a knitting tip that has saved you grief? If so, please contact Karen. Let's crowdsource our craft and share all the collective knitting knowledge we've gathered.

AUGUST 2: Annual Summer Social--with a Twist



Traditionally, the Guild has held a summer meeting in July or August where we kick back and share some fun time together. While we were meeting at the church, we usually held a potluck luncheon.

This year, because we're meeting at Morgan Run, the summer meeting will be a bit different. Tuesday, August 2, we'll meet at Morgan Run, but instead of a potluck, we'll let Morgan Run do all the work. They'll provide us with coffee, cold drinks, and delicious desserts. The cost will come out of the fee we're already paying. So it will be free to you!

What shall we do while we're enjoying these treats--besides knit and chat, of course? We thought it would be fun to have a fashion show that's a bit longer than our usual Show and Share.

For a theme for this fashion show, we've decided to pay tribute to our member Ellen Hesterman, who passed away a year ago in August 2014. She left the Guild a generous legacy that will help fund the Guild's programs for years to come.

Ellen was an enthusiastic knitter whose knitting focused on shawls, vivid color, and textured yarns combined in amazing ways. Even if you didn't know Ellen, you probably have a shawl, a colorful project, or a fabulous stash buster you would like to show off. If you've been reluctant to strut your stuff in the Show and Share at a regular meeting, the August meeting will be a fun and easy way to get started sharing your knitting with the Guild.

We'll need a head count for Morgan Run so we're asking you to sign up for the August meeting. There will be a sign-up sheet at the July meeting or you can send me an e-mail. If you would like to participate in the fashion show, we would appreciate your signing up for that also.

Join us August 2 for a relaxing summer afternoon of tasty desserts and even tastier knitting.

2016 Programs

- July 5** **Karen des Jardins**
Crowdsourcing Your Craft:
How to Become a Better Knitter
- August 2** **Annual Summer Social**
- September 6** **Annual Guild Stash Sale**
- October 4** **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.

“The number one reason knitters knit is because they are so smart that they need knitting to make boring things interesting. Knitters are so compellingly clever that they simply can’t tolerate boredom. It takes more to engage and entertain this kind of human, and they need an outlet or they get into trouble.”

Stephanie Pearl-McPhee

President’s Message

I was in Colorado for the Estes Park Wool Market last week. This annual fiber event showcases animals and their fiber, as well as offering a robust marketplace for all kinds of fiber-related goods. The town of Estes Park sits at the entrance to Rocky Mountain National Park (7523 ft. elev.) and is home to wildlife of all kinds. I observed elk, deer, a bear, and even nesting great horned owls. Inside the fairgrounds, there were alpaca, angora goats, paco vicuña, angora rabbits, llama, and many breeds of sheep. My friend Christine was along for the trip; it was her first time in Colorado. She is an animal lover and spent almost all her day in the two large barns.



I was drawn to the marketplace, where I browsed for more than three hours and saw a lot of lovely yarn. Thank goodness I live in a warm climate, or I would have purchased much more than I did! There was a lot of fiber for sale too. You could buy entire fleeces from award-winning breeders, or batts of combed, carded and dyed fiber ready for spinning. There were many locally-produced or locally-dyed yarns, and plenty of notions, patterns and tools of our crafts.

The early part of our trip was spent in Denver, where we visited Open Knitting Night at Fancy Tiger Crafts. We were warmly welcomed and of course, filled our knitting bags with purchases. We also took in the textile exhibit at the Denver Art Museum.

I encourage you to seek out knitting and craft experiences when you travel. Whether you’re spending a weekend in LA or taking a 10-day knitting cruise, try to carve out some time to pick up your needles and knit a while. Use your knitting to relax and sit quietly after a busy day of sightseeing. Knit in the passenger seat, in the airport, or on a plane. Connect with locals and other travelers who are curious. Your finished projects, like mine, will forever be a souvenir and a reminder of memories you created on that trip.

For a peek at my photos, visit my [Facebook album](#).

See you in July!



Minutes

from the Meeting on June, 2016

By: Phyllis Bates, Secretary

Vice President Karen des Jardins opened the meeting and introduced Program Chair Tina Rounsavell. She explained the arrangements for the August meeting which has traditionally been a potluck lunch and knitting session. Instead, this time the staff at Morgan Run will furnish coffee, tea, and dessert for our group at no extra fee for individual attendees. Members are asked not to bring food. This program will honor Ellen Hesterman, a charter member who died recently and left the organization funds to assist with future special events. Members are asked to bring for show knitted items that reflect Ellen's style in bright and colorful knitted shawls and scarves. Details about reservations and the show will be included in future newsletters and on our website.

Tina then presented MarGee Farr who showed "Embellished Knits" with slides and a table array of examples, many of her own work. These were trimmed with embroidery, beads, felt flowers. Some of the techniques will be the subject of her workshop.

Karen then began the business session with a request for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee as terms of the current officers will expire at the end of the year. Karen will be the presenter of the July program, "Crowd Sourcing Your Knitting" which will deal with tools and techniques.

The winners of the San Diego County Fair prizes were present and were introduced: Lee Pierce for Best Workmanship and Irina Anikeeva for Best Original Design. Each won \$50 and a year's membership as well as ribbons. Tickets to the Fair were distributed to those who will serve at the demonstration tables on three days at the Fair. Members who were willing to add garments to show at the table were invited to do so.

Members Teaching Members sessions scheduled for the future include Spinning Cotton Fibers by Karen Bochinski and a Crocheted Ribbon Bracelet by Eileen Adler. A show of hands indicated that there were members who were interested in a beginning crochet class with emphasis on crochet techniques for finishing knitted edges, etc.

The annual stash sale will occur in September. Donations can be made at meetings, at Yarning for You, or by calling Chairman Lynn Koch for special arrangements.

The newly released Knit Picks Aura 2016 Spring Collection pattern booklet was shown by member Irina Anikeeva. Irina's Solana Cardigan appears on the cover. The Show and Share Session followed.

Members Teaching Members

By: Sue Tavaglione ~ sjtava@sbcglobal.net

Eileen Adler teaches our next MTM class:

Crochet Ribbon Candy Bracelet

When: Wednesday, July 27 from 10:00 to 12:30

Where: Peggy Redler's home in Carlsbad

This little project is packed with techniques: chain, single, and double crochet, and knitted

I-cord. Materials include 15 yards of DK to light knitting worsted weight yarn, Crochet Hook size 5/F, needles US 3 (3 mm), US 4 (3.25mm), or US 5 (3.5mm) double pointed needles. Notions include a tapestry needle, one large bead and three size 6 "E" beads.

Tuition: \$25.00; class is open to all Guild members but you must register in advance.

Please enjoy these web sites:

Crochet Chain: http://crochet.about.com/od/learnrocrocheet/ss/Chain_Stitch.htm#step1

Single crochet: <http://www.crochetguru.com/single-crochet-stitch.html>

Double crochet: <http://crochet.about.com/od/crochetstitches/tp/How-to-Make-a-Double-Crochet-Stitch.htm>

I-Cord: <https://www.stitchdiva.com/tutorials/knitting/i-cord>



Stash Sale

By: Lynn Koch ~

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Stash sale donations are being accepted at the June Guild meeting on July 5th, at Yarning For You in San Marcos, and at the homes of Guild members Lynn Koch and Marva Ross. Gently used knitting books, knitting bags, needles, notions, and of course yarn are gratefully accepted. Please bring your items in secured bags or boxes. If you have a very large donation or cannot make it to any of the drop off locations, please contact Lynn Koch to arrange a time for pickup or delivery.



San Diego County Fair

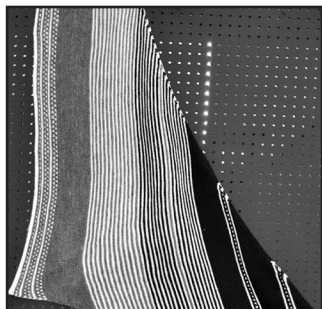
By: Carol Myers ~ CountyFair@SanDiegoKnitters.com

Thank you to all the volunteers who worked at the Guild's display table this year! And, many thanks to all the members who helped me with ideas and activities and to all the member designers who lent their beautiful hand-knits to pretty-up the display table.

Please see photos of our booth on the website. Being the chairperson of this event was a lot of fun and a good experience! Congratulations to the winners of the 2016 prizes awarded by the Guild. Each award is worth a \$50 cash prize and a one year guild membership. Some of the judges' comments are below.

Best Workmanship: Lee Pierce of Lakeside, CA for the Drachenfels Shawl

In her shawl, Lee elevated the humble garter stitch to a work of art. She had perfectly even gauge and smooth garter stitch edges, even when carrying contrasting-colored yarns. She managed to avoid the dreaded lumpy garter edges that face every knitter, from beginner to advanced. Simple, and simply exquisite knitting incorporating multi-color stripes.



Best Original Design:
Irina Anikeeva, San Marcos, CA (current Guild member) - Women's long-sleeved cardigan with cable and lace pattern. The intricate cable design was symmetrically placed on both front and back of the

sweater. The yarn was a very good choice to feature cable detail. Several finishing touches added to the appeal of this piece, including a fine ribbed border, neckline, front edging and cuffs. This design can be modified for shaping to customize the fit for every knitter.

Website Tip of the Month

By: Sheila Kirschenbaum, Webmaster ~
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Library

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Do you have a library book buried at the bottom of your knitting bag? There's never a fine for overdue books at the Guild! Please remember to return your books at the next meeting. While the library is being housed offsite, if you want to sign out a book, please e-mail the librarians at Librarian@sandiegoknitters.com and we will have your book for you at the following meeting.

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 [membership form](#).

Send all submissions by the 15th of the month to: President@SanDiegoKnitters.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: 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 [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.



Some samplings of embellishments that Mar Gee Farr showed during her program presentation at the June Guild meeting.

Nominating Committee

The term of Guild's current officers expires in January. New officers will be installed in January. The Guild needs 2-3 members to serve on the Nominating Committee. We are looking for members who know other members and are willing to talk with those who you may haven't met before. You will be asked to identify prospective Board members to serve as President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The Coordinator positions will be open as well: Members Teaching Members, Stash Sale, Library, County Fair, and more. Current coordinators are welcome to continue serving in their positions for another term, so those of you gifted in the art of persuasion may have a very easy job, indeed. The time commitment for the Nominating Committee short one - approximately August to November. If you are curious or interested in being on the Nominating Committee, please contact Liz Knapp president@sandiegoknitters.com or Karen des Jardins vicepresident@sandiegoknitters.com.

Show & Share June (check out more photos on [Ravelry](#))



Colleen Davis used more than fifty different yarns of various fibers to make her sunny yellow, chartreuse and turquoise cardigan. Her original design used short rows in different stitch patterns and a crocheted edge for stability.

Eileen Adler modeled a cardigan with embellishments at the collar and button band. She also wore several examples of her crochet Candy Ribbon Bracelet. She is teaching a class to make the bracelet. See details in the newsletter and on the website.



Irina Anikeeva brought another original design, the Cesaria Top. She used Knit Picks Shine (cotton/Tencel) for this summer top. It is worked seamlessly in one piece and uses increases and decreases to shape the shoulders and hem.

Karen des Jardins designed and crocheted an infant sweater to submit to the Craft Yarn Council for her Crochet Teacher Certification.

She used Premier Yarns Isaac's Colorways Merino Blend yarn. See more [photos here](#).



Laura Brubaker knit an ingenious table runner with Maggie Jackson Linen yarn and other yarns made for Maggie's projects. What a

great inspiration for smaller quantities of our stash yarns!

Lorraine Meyers' cardigan uses different widths of ribbing at the yoke, cuffs and hem, set against a reverse stockinette background. The end result looks complicated but really isn't, and the fit is superb.



Mar Gee Farr knit the Stephen West pattern [Vertices Unite](#) and added her own embellishments. It is a really great use of garter stitch with lots of interesting variations to keep the knitting from ever getting boring.

Show & Share June (check out more photos on [Ravelry](#))



Guild co-founder **Phyl Bates** knit a baby jacket in Cotton/acrylic blend yarn. The stitch pattern and unique shaping add sophistication to this pattern.

Susan Ludwig knit a Stephen West pattern, the Doodler, using Baah Yarns in several colors. She added subtle embellishments by carrying a silver metallic sewing thread along with her yarn, and by crocheting a bit of eyelash yarn at the outer edge. The top edge has a large cable motif in blue.



Sydney Wauson continues her skilled lace and bead knitting in this Mystery Knitalong (MKAL) shawl. The pattern is Udaberri by designer Ardilanak. Sydney used yarn she purchased in Maui, a blend of Superwash wool & nylon, in a colorway called Bougainvillea Blossom., and calls her scarf "Spring Bling". See her notes [here](#).

Thea Lazarevic modeled her Cabernet Flamé top and matching shawl. Both were knit in Casablanca yarn, a cotton/linen/acrylic blend from Brunswick Yarns. The also showed her Peonies in Lace sleeveless top (below), which was knit in Rowan Cotton Glacé. Both sweaters were from Knitter's Magazine Spring 2013; you can see the pattern details on [Ravelry](#).



Willa Cather made a cowl in linen stitch using Blue Moon Fiber Arts Socks that Rock Lightweight Superwash Merino yarn in the Sprinkles colorway. The pattern is a Rockin' Socks Club exclusive called [Morphology](#).





① [Bookmark Birds](#) are ingenious! The ribbon marks your place in the pages and the bird sits atop the book on the shelf.

② [Cotton Market Bag](#) from Plymouth Yarn Design Studiom good for farmer's market or beach.

③ [Rosetta](#) by Anniken Allis is an allover lace short-sleeve top that is perfect for our climate.

④ [Travel Socks](#) by Diane Lyles use 150 yds of DK yarn and US 5 needles.



⑤ [The Traveling Companion Shawl](#) is a top down square shaped shawl suitable for beginner lace knitters. There is a triangular version as well.

✓ - To sleep well, one should knit before bedtime. Read about it [here](#).

✓ - Review of [100% Organic Yarns](#) from Knitting Daily.

✓ - How to knit jogless stripes in the round! Check out this [video tutorial](#).

Guild Directory New Members

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