



# San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild

*Celebrating 20 years of Strands in the Sand  
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**General Meeting: Oct. 10 • 1:30-3:30 pm • Doors open @ 1:00 pm**

San Dieguito United Methodist Church, 170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas, CA

**Programs, Carol Myers & Karen des Jardins,**  
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## October 10: Myra Wood

### Living a Creative Life

Myra Wood is the guest speaker for our October 10 meeting. Prepare to have fun! Myra's energizing program will get your creative juices flowing with all kinds of exercises and advice to inspire you creatively. Read more on the Guild's website under [Knitters News](#).



Myra Wood is an internationally known fiber artist, designer, author, and teacher. She teaches a wide range of classes in knitting, crochet, embroidery, and beading specializing in all things creative. Myra is the author of **Knit in New Directions**, **Creative Crochet Lace** and **Crazy Lace** along with an abundance of published patterns in books and magazines. Myra's been a guest instructor on numerous episodes of knitting shows and will be teaching at Stitches West 2018. Visit Myra's [website](#) and see her pattern designs on [Ravelry](#)!

### **Last chance in 2017 to attend a Guild workshop!**

Register now for a workshop with Myra Wood. Click on a workshop for class description, supply list, homework, etc. on the Guild's website.

• Oct 11 9:00 am – 12:00 pm [Workshop 1](#):  
Pattern Free Possibilities.

- Oct 11 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm [Workshop 2](#):  
Knitting with Beads, Every Which Way But Loose.
- Oct 12 9:00 am – 12:00 pm [Workshop 3](#):  
Crazy as Pi.
- Oct 12 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm, [Workshop 4](#):  
A Different Angle

## November 7: Michelle Montjoy

..our last speaker in 2017!

You can look forward to Michelle Montjoy's program at the November meeting. Michelle's topic is "**Knitting. Together. A Community**". Michelle will discuss her recent projects: *River* (at Oceanside Museum of Art) and *DomesticACTION* (at Art Produce



Gallery, San Diego). For these projects, she used oversized knitting looms and thrift store T-shirts to connect communities while making room-sized knitted art installations. Michelle will talk about how she uses the functions of domestic craft and creativity as agents for uniting communities. There will even be an opportunity for members to try out one of her knitting looms.

## 2017 General Meeting Schedule

- 10-Oct: Myra Wood, *Living a Creative Life*
- 7-Nov: Michelle Montjoy, *River: A Community Art Project*
- 4-Dec: Holiday Luncheon and Fashion Show

## President's Message

by **Mary Brown and Laura Brubaker - Co-Presidents**  
[President@SanDiegoKnitters.com](mailto:President@SanDiegoKnitters.com)



Laura Brubaker

Thank you to all who made the Stash Sale an ENORMOUS success. That includes those who donated, volunteered and those who purchased new treasures. We had a terrific turnout and everyone seemed to have loads of fun scouring through the different tables of stash. Not only did we have fun, but we also raised

\$3,400! This is a huge addition to our budget for the outstanding speakers and guests we bring to the guild. Do not forget, October's meeting is the SECOND Tuesday, October 10. You won't want to miss our exceptional guest speaker/designer Myra Wood.  
~ Laura Brubaker, Co-President



Mary Brown

### ***A member asks:***

A question arose about the teaching fees paid to our guest speakers. The speakers are paid a flat fee per workshop; fees are not based on the number of members who attend a workshop. In other words, whether five members or 20 members attend a workshop, the speaker is paid a fixed fee.

## Minutes - General Meeting Tuesday, September 5, 2017

by **Mary Van Orsdol, Secretary**  
[Secretary@SanDiegoKnitters.com](mailto:Secretary@SanDiegoKnitters.com)

Vice President Linda Hart opened the meeting at 1:30 pm. Linda welcomed members and guests to the Stash Sale. She provided a brief introduction to the work of the guild to guests and expressed thanks to all the volunteers, led first by Bobbie Brunson and then by Co-President Laura Brubaker, who worked on the sale. Linda led a brief business meeting with reports from the following:

**Philanthropy:** Eileen Adler announced that the last knit-along will be held on Wednesday, October 18 (check the newsletter and website for details). The group will work on a scarf. Eileen reported that over 60 pairs of softies were donated within the past month.

**Programs:** Co-Chair Carol Myers announced that the October program will feature Myra Wood who will talk about "Living a Creative Life." Myra Wood will lead four workshops (check the newsletter and website for details).

Vice-President Linda Hart described how the Stash Sale was set up including the arrangement of yarns, notions, and books and magazines. She then closed the business portion of the meeting and opened the sale.

**THANKYOU, Bobbie Brunson,**  
for bringing new ideas to our Stash Sale.  
**YOU made the difference between an**  
average Stash Sale and a  
Stupendous Stash Sale!

## Holiday Luncheon

by **Willa Cather, Chairman**  
[HolidayLuncheon@SanDiegoKnitters.com](mailto:HolidayLuncheon@SanDiegoKnitters.com)

Join us on Monday, December 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Morgan Run Club & Resort. Buy your ticket early; last year we sold out! Tickets are \$30 for lunch, fashion show, and "fun" fundraiser baskets. The reservation form is in the newsletter on page 6 and on the website.

Willa needs a volunteer to act as Fashion Show Coordinator. Please text or call her at 657-203-9904 if you are interested and/or have any questions. The role involves a single day of preparation and a few hours working with the models on the actual day of the show. This is a terrific way to be involved with all the fanfare of the season!



## Philanthropy

by Eileen Adler, Philanthropy Chair  
[Philanthropy@SanDiegoKnitters.com](mailto:Philanthropy@SanDiegoKnitters.com)

**SAK NEWS – Wed., Oct 18, 10am – 12pm at Solana Beach Library.** “Doubly Delicious” – both

versions - are a blend of alternating blocks of garter stitch and double knitting blocks, but despite what it appears, there is no



purling in this pattern – it's all knitted and so much fun! Please bring materials: knitting worsted weight yarn, about 300 yards, and size US size 10.5 (6.5mm) knitting needles. The finished size is 5" wide by 60" or until you run out of yarn. Please RSVP: [ShareAKnit@sandiegoknitters.com](mailto:ShareAKnit@sandiegoknitters.com)

**RACE FOR THE CURE - Sunday, Nov 5 in Balboa Park.** I will attend Race for the Cure on Sunday, November 5th in Balboa Park where I will have Softies available to share. [More info here](#).

On Saturday, August 12th, I attended the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Survivor Celebration Banquet in Orange County with Michelle Bolden and Winter Tatum who generously offered to drive. About 200 guests were in attendance and we all were moved by the amazing stories of these amazing survivors. I brought along many pairs of Softies and delighted in how excited the guests were in receiving them

**SOFTIES NEWS** - While we will always accept Softies at all guild meetings, the Solana Beach Library (157 Stevens Ave, Solana Beach, CA) has graciously offered to accept Softies donations through November 4 and will keep the Softies bag at the front desk. Click [here](#) for their library hours.

One poignant comment from one of our knitters who attended our Second Annual Splash Party: "I believe I am reaching success in knitting the 1st Softie and I am hooked." I am so thankful for the generosity the Guild has shown by knitting Softies. The Softies pattern is on the [Guild website](#).



**We are looking for an interim Philanthropy Chair for 2018. If interested, please contact [President@SanDiegoKnitters.com](mailto:President@SanDiegoKnitters.com)**

## Members Teaching Members

by Karen Bochinski  
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**Fabric Necklace Workshop, taught by Colleen Davis**

Colleen will have a free demonstration on making fabric (and I-cord) necklaces using scraps of floral, graphic, polka dot or striped fabrics. She will have a dozen designs for you to contemplate. You will leave with a list of supplies and basic sewing instructions for the necklace design of your choice. The second class (two weeks later,



for \$20 fee) is a 2-hour workshop to finish your necklaces. Colleen will give you ideas for embellishing with yarn.

- Date: Demo

October 19 (free); hands-on class November 2 (\$20)

- Time: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

- Location: home of Lou Wanna Katz, Leucadia

- Skill Level: Basic

sewing skills. You will be sewing tubes in which piping will be threaded through.

- Note: Bring a mix of interesting fabrics, preferably cotton or silk. Striped cotton knits can also be used. Pick a few interesting yarns to complement the fabrics. In the first photo, the fabric was a sequined tee shirt from a thrift store. No stiff or heavy fabrics.

RSVP by e-mail: [ColleenDavis911@SBCglobal.net](mailto:ColleenDavis911@SBCglobal.net)



# Retreat News

by June Bartczak, Retreat

Coordinator [Retreats@SanDiegoKnitters.com](mailto:Retreats@SanDiegoKnitters.com)

Twenty-three members really enjoyed our first Summer Retreat in Temecula! The response was so positive that we're booked for another one in 2018. Yes, it was hot, but pleasantly so. A few of us even went for a dip in the pool. Chef Charity had a cooking class that several of our members attended and reported that they want to do that again. I am in the process of arranging just that for our January Temecula Retreat.

## Deposits for the January Temecula Retreat are as follows:

Singles: \$150.00 (total is \$430.00)

Doubles: \$100.00 (total is \$330.00)

Triples: \$ 75.00 (total is \$300.00)

Checks are payable to SDNCKG. Please pay me or Treasurer Diana Rathbun. We have 11 members signed up, with a minimum requirement of 18 participants. Reserve your spot by sending in your deposit early. Space is limited!

The spring retreat is scheduled for May 7-10, 2018 at the Mary and Joseph Retreat Center in Rancho Palos Verdes. We had to postpone our 2017 May retreat at Mary and Joseph because we didn't have enough members to meet our contract requirements. We'll need a minimum of 12 participants, and four people have already committed to going. Take a look at your calendar and try to make time to attend a Guild retreat. The location is stunning and there are several yarn shops within driving distance. Past participants will tell you that it is an enriching and fun way to get to know other members more personally. More about this, also, in future Newsletters and on the Website.

## Another Benefit for Knitting Guild

**Membership:** I have just returned home from this year's Knitting Guild Summer Retreat at Vina de L'estonnac in Temecula. As I packed my bag on the

final morning in our comfortable room and prepared to drive home, I began reflecting on the unique opportunity we all experienced while spending three days at the retreat.

As serious knitters know, knitting is an outlet for creativity, friendship, relaxation and maybe a little meditation mixed in there. Oftentimes, it is in the comfort of our own home.

Knitting in a scheduled, weekly small gathering of knitters (the Guild offers many) gives us a chance to socialize and see familiar faces outside the regular structured membership meeting, perhaps share a new pattern or share a life event. It is an opportunity to meet members who may be working and not able to attend the daytime meeting or for whom attending isn't convenient.

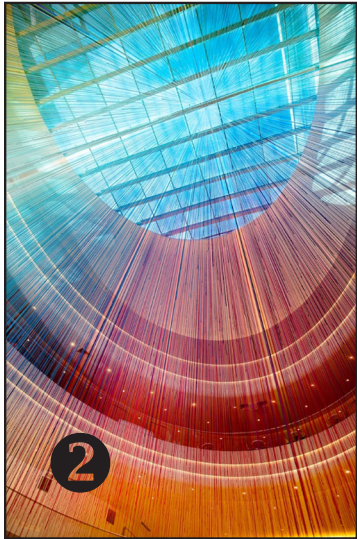
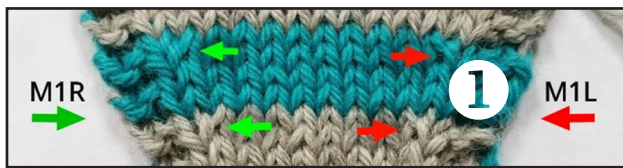
So what does a three-day knitting retreat with twenty other women offer? The first thing that comes to mind is three days of knitting without interruption from family obligations, home responsibilities, or well-meaning contact by the "outside world." Try to explain this concept to a family member, co-worker or non-knitting friend and you may be greeted by a look of confusion. But after attending three Guild retreats, I have learned there are so many additional benefits from this getaway. This time I felt like I had packed the car and run away from home. After a busy summer, August 21st couldn't arrive soon enough. We enjoyed knitting, eating, hiking, reading, napping, time for personal yoga or exercise, swimming – did I mention eating. I think it is safe to say that each of us came away rested, restored, and thankful for the time we had to develop strong ties with other members, maybe sharing a new pattern or knitting technique and establishing a new friendship. I'm looking forward to admiring those projects and seeing those new friends at the next membership meeting – and at the Winter Temecula Retreat in January 2018.

Nancy Nevin, Membership Chairperson





# Knitting on the Net



✓ To avoid messy edges and to fix an enlarged last bind-off stitch, get tips from [this video](#) at Knitting with Suzanne.



① Making increases in striped knitting is a challenge. This [Yarn Geeks Newsletter](#) shows an alternative to KFB that will not show!

② Read about an artist whose yarn installation brings color into the country's largest shopping mall. [13,000 Strands of Yarn Cast a Shimmering Rainbow](#) inside the Mall of America.

③ [Autumn Vines Top](#) from DROPS is designed in sizes S to 3X and uses 900-1400 yds of DK weight yarn. Knit in a wool blend, it is a lovely layering piece for the cooler months.

④ [Ceridwen](#) is a Berroco shawl pattern that takes 490 yds. of sport yarn knit on US7 needles. A lace pattern is knit lengthwise, then stitches are picked up along the side of the border. Short rows are worked in garter stitch to form the body of this crescent-shaped shawl.

⑤ [Little Shell Top](#) from Classic Elite is a summery top designed for a cotton/bamboo blend sport weight yarn.

⑥ [Lindsay's Jacket](#) from Cascade Yarns is a child's hooded cardigan worked in Aran weight yarn, so it's a good project for an adventurous beginner.

⑦ [Andromeda Cardigan](#) is a knitted jacket worked in a circle of garter stitch with a leaf pattern on the back. It is a free from DROPS Design.

⑧ [Premier Cabled Socks](#) use US2 needles and a gauge of 9sts/in.



**Annual GUILD Holiday Fashion Show & Luncheon**  
**Monday December 4, 2017**  
**(Reservations MUST be received by Friday November 24, 2017)**

- Arrival:** **Please do not come before 10:30AM!**
- Drawing Tickets:** **10:30AM – 11:30AM** Our "Opportunity Drawing" items will be displayed for you to peruse & purchase tickets.
- Lunch Is Served:** **11:45AM - OPEN seating** with 10 guests per table.
- Fashion Show & Drawing:** Immediately following Lunch!
- Location:** **Morgan Run Club & Resort**  
 5690 Cancha De Golf  
 Rancho Santa Fe, California 92091
- Directions:** [www.morganrun.com](http://www.morganrun.com) Phone: (858)756-2471  
 The Club is located approximately 3 miles EAST of I-5 at the Via de la Valle EXIT or S-6.
- Menu Choices:**
- A) Salmon Caesar Salad** – Crisp Romaine lettuce w/ Parmesan cheese, crouton rusks, charbroiled salmon & classic Caesar dressing.
  - B) Chicken Salad - Delicious** signature club chicken salad on lettuce, with fruit.
- On The Table:** Bread, butter & water.
- Dessert:** Chef's surprise dessert!
- Beverages:** Coffee, tea & iced tea will be served at your table. A **CASH** bar will be available for wine, soda, juices and mixed drinks throughout the event.
- Cost:** **\$30.00 includes tax and gratuity!**

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**Send to:** Amy Sheridan 4250 Robbins Street, San Diego, CA 92122 phone:(858)455-6508  
**Write your menu choice(s) on the form & your check!**  
**Make checks payable to San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild**

**Name of Member:** \_\_\_\_\_ Menu A\_\_\_\_ Menu B\_\_\_\_

**Name of Guest(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ Menu A\_\_\_\_ Menu B\_\_\_\_  
 (If applicable)

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Direct any questions about the Luncheon or Fashion Show to Willa Cather 657-203-9904.**  
**ALL CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY November 24, 2017. Please help us by RESERVING early!**

# Guild Directory Membership Updates

by Nancy Nevin, Membership

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## August & September 2017

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