



San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild

*Celebrating 20 years of Strands in the Sand
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NEW TIME and LOCATION:

General Meeting on March 7th • 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,
Programs@SanDiegoKnitters.com

March 7 KATHY HEPBURN and DENISE PINNELL: *Polymer Clay and Yarn: A Perfect and Functional Union of Knitting and Polymer Art*

Polymer clay, a versatile art medium, brings the FUN to functional closures and adornments for knitwear and woven wraps. Members of the San Diego Polymer Clay Guild, [Kathy Hepburn and Denise Pinnell](#) will share their enthusiasm for creating with polymer. Both prize winners for their polymer creations at the San Diego Fair, they bring their unique perspectives to working with polymer. Prepare to be amazed as you learn about the diverse and growing artistry in this medium and consider opportunities to add polymer clay to your creative talents in knitting and crochet.

Join their hands-on workshops at the Holiday Inn Express, 1661 Villa Cardiff Dr., Cardiff. The workshop descriptions, fees, and location map are available at our [website page](#).

Kathy and Denise are teaching two hands-on workshops on Wednesday, March 8.

Denise teaches the [9:00 am – 12:00 pm workshop](#)

on Creating Custom Buttons.

Kathy teaches the [1:00 pm – 4:00 pm workshop](#) on Holding it All Together; Creating Unique Shawl Pins.

To learn more about Kathy, [click here](#).

To learn more about Denise, [click here](#).

April 4 ROMI HILL: *New Lace Knitting: Designs for Wide Open Spaces* "When it comes to stunning lace knitting, there are few names more synonymous with the craft than Romi Hill." Her creations are beautiful, artful, and sophisticated. Knitwear designer Rosemary (Romi) Hill will talk about the incredible versatility of lace: how stitch patterns change in different weights of yarn, and how little details make a lace project truly elegant, whether it is for every day or special occasion.

A lifelong crafter and knitter, she is inspired by natural surroundings and her designs have an organic flow. Her work has appeared in publications such as *Vogue Knitting*, *Interweave Knits*, *Knitscene* and *Twist Collective*, and in numerous books. Romi's book ***New Lace Knitting*** features timeless patterns for garments and accessories.

Romi will teach four workshops and YOUR VOTE is needed ([see top of page 2](#)).

Register for her classes today and submit your vote to programs@sandiegoknitters.com



#1 Lace & Cable Surgery In this workshop, not only will we discuss techniques to avoid mishaps, but also participants will learn how to rip a section of lace (or lace and cable) back and knit it up row by row without having to rip the entire project out. Students will be given charted knitting homework to be prepared prior to the class: 2 lace swatches with mistakes (or a lace swatch and a cable swatch with mistakes), to be operated upon during class!

#2 Devilish Details beautiful and successful project always comes down to the details! In this class, students will learn techniques used in "New Lace Knitting" (Interweave, 2015) projects, plus others, including: Kitchener cast on and bind off, provisional crochet cast on to knitting needle, 3-needle bind off, I-cord bind off, knitted on lace edging bind off, grafting, picking up stitches, Russian join, spit splice, joining top of shoulder seams invisibly, and placing beads with a crochet hook. We'll be swatching all of the different techniques.

#3 Knitted Jewelry: Introduction to knitting and crocheting with wire. In this class, students will swatch using different needles and hooks and make a necklace out of their swatches! Materials: wire, beads, double pointed knitting needles. Materials fee applies for wire swatch kit. Swatch with wire and make your swatches into a Mess-up Necklace (pattern from Rosemary Hill's book Elements of Style: Knit & Crochet Jewelry with Wire, Fiber, Felt & Beads).

2017 General Meeting Schedule

- 7-Mar: Kathy Hepburn and Denise Pinnell, **Polymer Clay and Yarn: A Perfect and FUNCTIONal Union of Knitting and Polymer Art**
- 4-Apr: Romi Hill, **New Lace Knitting: Designs for Wide Open Spaces**
- 2-May: Ursula Almeida, **Be Bold, Be Fearless, Be Creative**
- 6-Jun: Faina Goberstein, **Every Design Has a Story**
- 11-Jul: Annual Potluck Luncheon
- 1-Aug: Claudia Carlson, **Color Confidence**
- 5-Sep: Annual Guild Stash Sale
- 3-Oct: Myra Wood, **Living a Creative Life**
- 7-Nov: Michelle Montjoy, **River: A Community Art Project**
- 4-Dec: Holiday Luncheon and Fashion Show

Workshop #4: YOUR VOTE is needed.

Romi will **repeat one** of these two workshops on Thursday morning, April 6.

Vote for a repeat of

- ☐ Workshop #1 – Lace & Cable Surgery
OR ☐ Workshop #2 – Devilish Details.

What's your vote?

Please email: programs@sandiegoknitters.com

Snail Mail: Carol Myers

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President's Message

by **Mary Brown and Laura Brubaker**

President President@SanDiegoKnitters.com

Thanks to everyone: old members, new members, and guests. It's always great to see the room full, so full in fact that we had to go looking for extra chairs. For me, it was pretty overwhelming to see all of you out there – a sea of lovely knitters. Laura and I look forward to the next two years and hope you will too.

I was very excited about having Lorilee Beltman speak to us. I was very taken by her technique and wished that I had signed up in time to learn more about vertically stranded knitting. Laura attended, and I hope that those of you who also went learned a great technique. It was also fun for me to model one of her skirts.

I will miss you all in March, as I will be on a 30-day cruise from San Diego down the western coast of Mexico, Central America, and South America to Pisco (just south of Lima) and back to San Diego.

During my trip, I hope to see knitted pieces from these wonderful places and other beautiful textiles too. I plan to acquire some during this trip. I will see you at the April meeting. Meanwhile, Laura, my very capable co-president, will lead you all. I am sorry to miss the wonderful presentation on polymer clay but am looking forward to what I will learn in these interesting places.

Mary



Mary Brown



Laura Brubaker

Minutes - General Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017

by Mary Van Orsdol, Secretary
Secretary@SanDiegoKnitters.com

Co-President Mary Brown opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. After greeting new members and guests, Mary introduced Program Co-Chair Karen des Jardins.

Karen des Jardins announced some changes to the classes offered by Romi Hill on April 5. The Silversmith Bath Set class is being replaced with Lace and Cable Surgery, so there will be two classes offered in Lace and Cable Surgery. Karen also reminded everyone that the classes in February and March are being held at the Holiday Inn Express and not at the Church. She encouraged members to sign up for classes. She then introduced speaker Lorilee Beltman who spoke about "Colors that Climb: Vertically Stranded Color Work." Lorilee presented a brief introduction to the technique of vertically stranded color work and lots of creative, colorful ways to incorporate the technique into a variety of projects.

Co-President Mary Brown conducted the business portion of the meeting. She began by announcing that the Guild needs a volunteer to head the Stash Sale. Anyone who is interested in this position should contact either Mary Brown or Laura Brubaker.

Membership Chair Nancy Nevin reported that the Guild membership year is February 1, 2017, through January 31, 2018. In order for your name to appear in the 2017 directory, you must submit your dues by the March meeting. Nancy announced Irina Anikeeva received a complementary membership to the Guild as an award from the San Diego County Fair at the Del Mar Fair Grounds. Phyllis Bates and Coleen Davis also receive complementary memberships because they are the founding members.

Philanthropy Chair Eileen Adler reported that Liz Walters, owner of Needlecraft Cottage, made a generous donation of yarn which is enough to knit about 50 pairs of Softies. Eileen has been invited by the High Tide Purlers knitting guild in Laguna Beach to be a guest speaker in June to talk about Softies! Philanthropy is accepting soft, comfy hats, scarves, and headbands for men, women, and children, in addition to Softies. "If you wish to participate, this is completely voluntary. Come to our table to get your yarn." The next free SAK (Share-A-Knit) event is Thursday, April 13, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The group will be knitting a Mini Color Splash Scarf, a two-tone color pattern that is fun to knit; check the Guild website for details. Eileen thanked Lois Chaddock, Susan Schock, Cary Sullivan, Rebecca Johnson,

and Marva Ross for knitting Softies in January and February. She also thanked Marva Ross for storing all of the donations until they are delivered and Arlene Shaposhnick who test knits.

Library Co-Chair Scarrain Gomes reported that she and Co-Chair Brigit Pitcairn have instituted a new arrangement for the library collection with new categories. They hope this will facilitate browsing and selecting books. Also, there is a nice selection of giveaway magazines.

Retreats Chair June Bartczak had no current report but advised members to check the website and newsletter for announcements.

Members Teaching Members Workshop Chair Karen Bochinski reported that the Guild needs additional teachers for member-suggested classes. She encouraged members who would like to teach classes to submit the "MTM Teacher Form" which is available on the Guild website (Calendar>MTM Workshops). Karen introduced MTM teacher Mary Fallet who described her class "Yarn Wrapped Branches" scheduled for February 13 and MTM teacher Colleen Davis who described her class "Swing Knitting 101" scheduled for February 16. Check the newsletter or website for details.

Program Co-Chair Carol Myers conducted the raffle. Barbara Levin and Nancy Paris each won a Craftsy Class donated by speaker Lorilee Beltman. Daphne Lee won a free class at Vogue Knitting Live Las Vegas, Sheila Rodbell won a free "Viva Las Vegas" day tripper package to Vogue Knitting Live Las Vegas, and Kim McIntyre won a three-day "Lucky Streak" Vogue Knitting Live Las Vegas package.

Co-President Laura Brubaker was the master-of-ceremony for Show & Share; Stacy Mann photographed the models and their projects. Co-President Mary Brown adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:30 p.m.



Philanthropy

by Eileen Adler, Philanthropy Chair
Philanthropy@SanDiegoKnitters.com

Our coat rack is reflecting yarn-bombing signs of our donations! Thank you one and all. February proved to be a very rewarding month: 9 pairs of Softies, 22 scarves, 4 headbands, 3 cowls, 2 hats, and 2 blankets for a grand total of 42 items, almost 50% more than last month. My goal is 1,000 items and we will make it with your continued generosity. As a special thank you to everyone who donates throughout the year, we will enter your name into the grand prize drawing scheduled for November - a YarnIt. You don't want to miss out on this wonderful gift

Our first free SAK – Share-A-Knit class is Thursday, April 13, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Solana Beach Library, 157 Stevens Avenue, Solana Beach, CA. Please park in the lower parking lot or on the street to leave the upper parking lot spaces available for the short-term or physically handicapped library patrons. We will be knitting MINI COLOR SPLASH SCARF, a two-tone slip-stitch color-work pattern. Materials include two colors of knitting worsted weight yarn, from 200 to 300 yards total, US size 10 (6mm) or 10.5 (6.5mm), and a tapestry needle for weaving in ends. The colors look best when contrasted.

Congratulations to our Softies SAK winners: Lois Chaddock, Susan Schock, Cary Sullivan (two SAKs!), Rebecca Johnson, and Marva Ross. Thank you Marcia Rosenberg and Kim McIntyre for providing the beautiful array of Softies SAKs. Three pairs of Softies equals one Softies SAK . . . and speaking of Softies, bigger is better, so please follow the pattern until each needle has at least 28 stitches before commencing the back shaping. The bigger ones are used as "bust buddies" for women who play sports. It turns out that Softies are very versatile. Yarn for Softies will always be free but please find the free pattern on our website or on [Ravelry](https://www.ravelry.com). Thank you!

Members Teaching Members

by Karen Bochinski
MTMWorkshops@sandiegoknitters.com

Swing Knitting a Mitered Square You will be knitting a "funky" mitered square using swing knitting techniques. You must already know how to knit short rows. Colleen Davis, Instructor

Thurs., March 23
12:30 pm – 3:30 pm in Encinitas

\$30 payable to the instructor. Class limited to six students.

For more information:
ColleenDavis911@SBCglobal.net



* **TEACHERS WANTED** *

Do you enjoy teaching? Do you have skills you want to share with other knitters? Do you want to make new friends with your teaching skills? Guild members want to learn these skills! Please contact Karen Bochinski MTMWorkshops@SanDiegoKnitters.com

- ◆ Basic Crochet for knitters
- ◆ How to read a chart and to create a chart
- ◆ Fitting knitted garments
- ◆ Different Cast on and Cast offs
- ◆ Knitting fitted sleeves top down
- ◆ Finishing
- ◆ Fair isle Knitting
- ◆ Mitered Squares
- ◆ Mobius Knitting
- ◆ Socks
- ◆ Seaming Set in Sleeves

Lost & Found

Andrea Lemke left her white windbreaker at the February meeting. If you found it, please contact Andrea at 760-451-9708 or aelemke@yahoo.com

A burgundy and black tote bag from the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railway was found on the bench outside our meeting room after the January meeting. The owner can claim it at the March meeting.

County Fair

by: Jan Davis CountyFair@SanDiegoKnitters.com

Hello Ladies! It's not too early to be thinking about the San Diego County Fair this summer. We have confirmed dates for our booth on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday June 27, 28 and 29. The fair theme this year is **"Where the West is Fun"**.

If you have worked at our booth before or if you are a newbie like me and you're interested in volunteering to staff the demo booth, I need to hear from you very soon. We need four volunteers per shift (morning or afternoon) to demonstrate knitting, answer questions about knitting, and represent the Guild. We have plenty of items to decorate the booth but I can use your help. Working together, we'll have the best year yet! Thanks to Lois Craddock and Laura Brubaker who have already stepped up.

Please send an email or call me at 619-890-5901. I hope to hear from many of you soon!

Membership

by Nancy Nevin, *Membership*

Chair Membership@SanDiegoKnitters.com

◆ Guild membership year is February 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018. Dues are still \$25.

◆ A new membership form is on the last page of this newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their 2017 Guild dues. Our deadline has been extended to the March 7th Meeting. Any renewals received after that date will not be included in the new 2017 Membership Directory. You may also mail your renewal or new membership dues along with your completed membership to:

Nancy Nevin
13373 Grandvia Point
San Diego, CA 92130

Joining in January:

Dottie Pusi
Sandra Dalager
Jane Valentine
Brenda Horowitz
Tammy Gildersleeve
Nancy Bryant
Kathy Pyle
Lacey Koch

Joining in February

Gretchen Massey
Chris Schroeder
Mary Anderson
Randi Hatch
Nadia Merk
Valerie O'Grady
Kim Hochman
Lisa Parker
Lynn Allen
Iris E. Strom

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.



Show & Share February (Check out more photos on [Ravelry](#))



Colleen Davis used short rows in various stash yarns for her one-of-a-kind **Pink Surfboards Cardigan**. (left) She used intarsia blocks of more than 150 yarns to create vertical and horizontal bands of color in the **Window Pane Pullover**. (below)



Josephine Barkhausen's **Gypsy sweater** was knit in 100% wool using intarsia for the motifs. What an outstanding job! The pattern is from *World Knits*.



Karen Bochinski modeled her **Triple Treat Skirt** by Ellen Sonnenschein. She used the free pattern as a template and added her own lace designs. She also brought a **WIP, the Flax Light Top** from Tin Can Knits. Karen has made this free pattern her go-to-template for top-down seamless sweaters and this time she used Knit Picks Lindy Chain yarn, a lightweight blend of linen and cotton.



Julie Alvar showed her **Lindisfarne Wrap** by designer Lucy Hague. The Celtic cables are made using twisted and slipped stitches. The fringe is made after cutting the 28-st steak. There are lots more photos and excellent tips on her [Ravelry page](#).

Irina Anikeeva brought another bottom-up seamless sweater design of her own, the **Brails Cardigan**. It's knit in two colors of Knit Picks Capra, a blend of 85% Merino/15% cashmere and features staghorn cables that grow from the deeply ribbed hem.



Show & Share February (Check out more photos on [Ravelry](#))

Nancy Paris did a great job on her **Cruden Fair Isle Vest**. For more photos, see her [Ravelry page](#).



Stacy Mann knit the Irish **Braid Hat** in Noro Silk Garden Sock yarn (free pattern). She also yarn-bombed her crutches!



Nathine Nelson is holding the **Leftie Shawl** by Martine Behm and wearing the **After Hours Shawl** by Knitters Brewing Co.

Sandy Yayanos' dark blue **Hooded Cable Vest** by Alice Tang is knit in Cascade Soft Spun Peruvian Highland wool Sandy got at the Stash Sale. Free pattern.



Rosie Halvorson wears a big smile in her **Edwen Pullover** from Sarah Hatton. The Rowan merino/alpaca yarn shows off the cables and ribbing at the seams and neck.

Show & Share February (Check out more photos on [Ravelry](#))

Ursula Almeida designed the **Hearts on Hearts Hat & Cowl** and the **Matilija Cowl** for stranded knitting in worsted weight yarn. Find her on [Ravelry](#). Ursula is our May speaker and will be teaching a workshop too!



Vivian Forseth modeled [Pelerine](#), a short cape knit in Merino wool from Haneke Wool Fashions. The Schoolhouse Press pattern includes lace & garter stitch versions.



Virginia Wilson modeled her [Appia Cowl](#) knit in Woolly Lizard fingering yarn. The merino/bamboo/nylon yarn was a souvenir from her trip to Moab, UT. Virginia also showed her shortened version of the reversible cabled scarf pattern [Sliding Frogs](#).



Karen des Jardins test knit the **Hearts on Hearts Cowl** in Lion Brand Amazing & Heartland yarns.



① [Reversible Chicken-or-Egg Toy](#) This favorite is back in time for Spring and Easter. Free pattern by Frankie Brown.

② [Miffy the Bunny Soft Toy.](#)

③ [Pinwheel Flowers](#) are a great way to use up yarn scraps to make brooches, decorations, even a spring garland.

④ [Toe-up Ginkgo Lace Socks.](#)

⑤ [Circuitry Unisex Beanie](#) uses the Simple Magic Loop technique.

⑥ [Feel Free V-Neck Sweater](#) is ideal for intermediate and confident beginner knitters looking for a challenge.

✓ How to Read a Lace Knitting [Chart](#).

⑦ [Elegant Lace-front Cardigan.](#)

⑧ How to [knit a chain edge](#) on garter stitch.



Membership Form

February 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018.

- Membership dues for RENEWING members are \$25, no matter when paid.
- Membership dues for NEW members are \$25 when joining by August 31.
- Dues for NEW members are \$35 when joining September through December, covering the remaining months of 2017 and all of 2018.

Bring **completed** form and \$25 cash (exact change please) or a \$25.00 check (payable to SDNCKG) to a Guild meeting or mail to:

San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild
c/o Nancy Nevin, Membership Chair
13373 Grandvia Point
San Diego, CA 92130

Name: _____
(As you would like it to appear in the Directory and on your name tag.)

I am a: ____ RENEWING Member. **PRINT legibly ONLY changes from 2016.**
____ NEW Member. *PRINT your information legibly.*

Street Address: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ ***E-mail** _____

Ravelry ID: (optional) _____

Paid memberships received after March 1 will not be included in the 2017 Directory.

Membership information may NOT be sold or used for any purpose other than official Guild communication and individual communication of a personal nature between Guild members.

This Form is available on the SDNCKG website: <http://sandiegoknitters.com/membership/>