



Next General Meeting: May 6, 2016 • 12:30-3:00 pm
Morgan Run Club & Resort • 5690 Cancha de Golf, Rancho Santa Fe, CA

Upcoming Guild Programs

By: Tina Rounsavell,
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MAY 3: Patty Lyons “Oops I Accidentally 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 her [website](#).

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, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- “Patty's Knitting Bag of Tricks” Wednesday, May 4, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- “Customizing Sweater Patterns” Thursday, May 5, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- “Stop Turning: Knitting and Purling Backwards” Thursday, May 5, 1:00 pm to 4:00 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.

Note that workshops will NOT take place at Morgan's Run. All workshops will be held at the church in room 9/10.

JUNE 7: Mar Gee Farr, “Embellishing and Accessorizing Your Knitting”

Do your knitting projects need some extra pizzazz? Join us at the May meeting when member Mar Gee Farr will present different ways to embellish your knitting using a variety of yarns, beads, ribbons, embroidery and appliqué. She'll show us all kinds of materials that can be used to add a fabulous look to knitting projects of all kinds.

Once you've been inspired by Mar Gee's gorgeous embellishments, you can try them for yourself at her workshop Wednesday, June 8.

Mar Gee has a background in art. In addition to knitting, she likes to entertain, garden, stitch, and do other creative projects. She loves to embellish her home with ordinary found items. She has worked



with Mary Engelbreit, and her work has been published in several of Engelbreit's books. Mar Gee was featured in Home Companion Magazine and Mary Emmerling's Country Home Program on HGTV.

Mar Gee owned a garden shop for 15 years before moving to California with her husband in 2002. She joined the SDNCKG in 2007 and has been involved in various Board and committee positions ever since. She served as Guild president in 2011 and 2012.

Mar Gee will offer a workshop, "Embellishing and Accessorizing Your Knitting" on Wednesday, June 8, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. The cost is \$30. We'll take sign-ups at the May and June meetings. You can also contact her by [email](#) and she will save you a spot.



Note that the workshop will take place at the church in room 9/10, NOT at Morgan's Run.

2016 Programs

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How to Become a Better Knitter |
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| 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

The National Needlearts Association (TNNA) Survey results were released last month. I'm not surprised to read that socks, sweaters and shawls are the categories with the greatest growth since 2012. The projects that once seemed unachievable to many of us are now within reach. We may have started slowly with simple scarves, but our skills have grown along with our stash. With encouragement from each other and lots of knitting help in our sub-groups, we are becoming better, more confident knitters.



Classes are being offered everywhere you turn: local yarn shops, conventions and retreats, and in Guilds like ours. Not only do we learn from the pros like our guest speakers, but we also have much to learn from each other. If you've ever mastered a skill that you were once afraid to try, YOU are the most enthusiastic teacher there is. Consider sharing your knitting achievements with others by teaching a Members Teaching Members class.

We also celebrate our achievements and get encouragement each month during Show and Share. Some of you may have never brought a finished project to a meeting, fearing that your work was "not good enough" or not worthy of praise. We've all been there and understand how you feel. Keep knitting, keep learning, and keep growing.

May is our first month at Morgan Run. Guild members are invited to have lunch at the club restaurant before the meeting, so consider carpooling with friends and make a day of it. Check the website for directions and I'll see you there!

Liz

Library

By: Brigit Pitcarin and Scarrain Gomes ~
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From May to December, if you want to sign out a book, please check the website for your title, e-mail the librarians and we will have your book for you at the following meeting.

Minutes

from the Meeting on April 5, 2016

By: Phyllis Bates, Secretary

President Liz Knapp called the meeting to order and welcomed new members and guests. Vice President Karen des Jardins, standing in for Tina Rounsavell, introduced Lorna Miser, the speaker for the program. Lorna told of her experiences in dyeing yarns and forming a business as a result. Her newest venture is Zombie Yarns.

Liz Knapp called upon various committee heads for announcements and reports:

1. Zita Gardner, membership, reported 298 members for 2016.

2. Mar Gee Farr was distributing the new Membership Directories and reminded the group that the general meetings for the rest of the year would be held at the Morgan Run Country Club and always on the first Tuesday of the month. Workshops will continue at the usual classroom site on the church grounds.

3. June Bertczak reminded those who were planning to attend the May Knitting Retreat that the final payment was due.

4. The librarians have removed the books from the church storage room to private storage places. Directions for borrowing and returning books are posted on the SDNCKG website.

5. Sue Tavaglione said she would arrange for MTM crocheting sessions if members were interested and would announce details soon.

6. Eileen Adler noted that the Share-a-Knit sessions have resulted in six dozen Knitted Knockers for Scripps Polster Center for Breast Cancer. Knitting directions are posted on the website.

7. Janet White, the new philanthropy chair, prepared a list of items that could be knitted for charities. She asked that the knitter roll and tie these individual items with a ribbon as a gift.

- a. Becky's House - scarves for abused women.
- b. Emilie Nares Foundation - soft hats to cover entire head for child Cancer patients.
- c. San Diego Youth Services Storefront - scarves and hats (due in September and October).
- d. Rachel's Women's Center - scarves and hats for holiday distribution also cosmetics, toiletries, etc.

8. The May program will include the general meeting presentation and four workshops by Patty Lyons.

9. The annual stash sale is planned for September.

10. Carol Myers, the County Fair Coordinator, has arranged for three days of demonstrations at the Fair,

June 16, 19, and 23. She said that arrangements for the guild's awards would be for the Best Workmanship and Most Creative Design.

There were 139 persons attending this meeting. It was adjourned and the Show and Share Session followed.

Philanthropy

by Janet White, Philanthropy Chairman
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I have chosen the following organizations for the Guild's donations this year:

Becky's House, a shelter for women and children escaping domestic violence; The Emilio Nares Foundation, supporting children undergoing chemotherapy; San Diego Youth Services, supporting homeless teenagers; and Rachel's Women's Center, supporting homeless women and children.

Our May donation will be sent to Becky's House. My goal is to have 80 lightweight, fun scarves to send to the women at Becky's for Mother's Day. If you plan to participate, please roll each item individually and place a ribbon around it. If we have extra scarves, I will send them to another location.

My next deliveries will be in September. We'll need warm hats, gloves, scarves and blankets for homeless teens. In December, I will deliver holiday gifts. These can be hand knitted or purchased items, individually wrapped with a ribbon. There is a need for ongoing gifts of very soft, full coverage hats for the children and teens undergoing chemo; and anything, new or used, that you would like me to deliver to Rachel's.

I know this seems like a lot, so please contact me if you any questions or if you would like to schedule a time for me to do a "pick-up." Thank you for the lovely donations that you have given so far.

Retreat Update

By: June Bartczak, Retreat Coordinator ~
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We currently have 15 participants for our May 23-26 Retreat at Casa de Maria in Montecito, near Santa Barbara. There are no more rooms available. The final payment of \$300.00 for everyone not already paid is due by the time of the May meeting. 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 Diana Rathbun, our Treasurer, at the May meeting. Some like 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.

Share-A-Knit March 10, 2016 Knitted Knockers

By: Eileen Adler & Arlene Shaposhnick

SAK agenda for Thursday, April 7th: deliver our six dozen knitted knockers to Polster Scripps Breast Cancer Center and we awoke to rain! For a fleeting moment, we considered canceling, and then immediately, thought "NO!" Arlene and I met and packaged the beautiful knitted knockers so lovingly donated to SAK – each pair in its own clear plastic bag, tied with pink yarn along with our new tag:



We met Beverly and the look of pure elation on her face said it all. Beverly mentioned that she saw a patient just that morning that would have loved having a pair . . . and then quietly said, "She'll be back again."



The need continues and we will continue collecting them along with Black Sheep and Needlecraft Cottage. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of woman going through the ordeal of breast cancer. The pattern is available on our web site. Arlene and I are so thankful for the support you have given to this latest SAK campaign.

Stash Sale

By: Lynn Koch ~

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Stash sale donations are being accepted at the Guild meeting on May 3, Yarning For You in San Marcos and at the home of Guild members Lynn Koch's 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

Members have started signing up to represent our Guild at the County Fair. We'll demo our craft, and greet fair-goers. Volunteers are still needed. The dates are Thursday, June 16, Sunday, June 19 and Thursday June 23. Shifts are either mornings or afternoons. A free ticket awaits each volunteer! To volunteer, contact me or sign up at the May meeting.

May 6 is the deadline for entering your hand-crafted items in the Fair. Entering the competition is one way to share our craft with the public and, by doing so, that becomes a way to inspire others. Entering is also a way to represent our Guild. We have over 300 members. Let's each seriously consider entering this year! Entry information is available at the [Fair's Home & Hobby's Exhibit](#) website page.

Go to our website to find more details about the Home and Hobby competition. An offer to you: after the fair is closed, the pick-up date is July 6. I am willing to pick-up your item on that date if you are unable to do so.

Members Teaching Members

By: Sue Tavaglione ~ sjtava@sbcglobal.net

Knit your very own JORIS! Elizabeth Primrose-Smith is hosting and teaching this hands-on workshop.

- WHEN: Wednesday, May 25 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.
- WHERE; Elizabeth's home in Fallbrook
- COST: \$30 members only, payable to Elizabeth Primrose-Smith
- MATERIALS: JORIS

pattern <http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/joris> (download from Ravelry or contact Elizabeth), any weight yarn from fingering to worsted, DPNS.

There are lots of handy tips for making JORIS, and Elizabeth will share what she's learned from making two of them herself. For more information, contact Elizabeth at 760-723-3300 or ges1936@yahoo.com



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.

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A Juried Fashion Show & Luncheon

May 21, 2016 ~ 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. ~ Cost: \$40

Luncheon Menu: Gourmet Chicken Pesto on Ciabatta Roll, Salad & Dessert
Vegetarian Option on Request ~ No Host Bar

Lots of fabulous raffle drawing prizes!

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Enter on Pacific Highway at A Street - Parking \$5.

For reservations, mail check to San Diego Creative Stitchery Guild, PO Box 84647, San Diego, CA 92138
For more information, contact Bonnie Graham at 619-298-7830 or bgraha@att.net

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

Barbara Levin modeled her Doodler Shawl from Stephen West which she knit in Miss Babs and Baah La Jolla wool yarns. She also showed a **Toddler Jacket** loosely based on an Anny blatt pattern "Manteau a Capuche Abel," knit in Madelinetosh Pashmina Worsted. Mar Gee Farr coached Barbara through the embellishments, and will be teaching how in the May workshop.



Elizabeth Primrose-Smith wore her **Hanky Tank** top that she knit in Paton's 100% Cotton yarn that sh's had in her stash for ten years. The Joan Forgione pattern is from [Knit.Purl Magazine Spring/Summer 2015](#). Elizabeth also showed **Joris**, a stuffed creature from designer Annita Wilschut. She used leftover acrylic yarn. *Learn to make Joris in a MTM class May 25 (see MTM article).*



Bobbie Brunson's Artist's Tee has a customized fit thanks to what she learned in designer Amy Herzog's "Knit to Flatter" Craftsy class. Bobbie used Knit Picks Lindy Chain, a 70% linen/30% cotton yarn. Read her notes on [Ravelry](#).



Irina Anikeeva designed the **Aviara pullover** as a seamless, bottom-up design with modified drop-shoulder sleeves. The twisted stitch cables give wonderful texture without adding bulk. Yarn used was Plucky Knitter Traveler Sport. **Irina** also showed more twisted stitch cables in her **Cambre Fingerless Mitts**, which she made in Knit Picks Stroll sock yarn.



Colleen Davis used deep purples and greens for this **Freeform Vest**. Cables and short rows make this a one-of-a-kind original design.

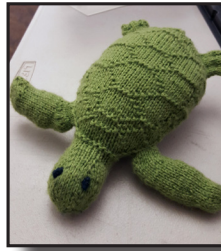


Linda Hart knit two scarves inspired by the Vertices Unite pattern by Stephen West. By using various yarns from her stash, and working only half the stitches, Linda was able to modify a large shawl pattern into more wearable scarves for herself.



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

Liz Knapp knit **Scooter the Sea Turtle** for a friend's baby shower. She used Cleckheaton 100% Superwash DK. Her notes are [here](#).



Sue Tavaglione's Aran Isles Cardigan is from designer Diane Zangl. She used Berroco Comfort worsted yarn. Sue noted that shaping is trickier when worked in seed stitch, especially on the sleeve cap. Nevertheless, the end result is lovely!



Josephine Barkhousen knit her **Orenberg Shawl** in 100% cashmere yarn with a border of 100% wool for a peasant look.



Susan Shock found the [Pfeilraupe Shawl](#) pattern on Ravelry, where it is available for free. She used Linaza yarn (50% alpaca/25% Tencel/ 25% linen) which suits the pattern perfectly. Sue recommends reading the comments in other Ravelers' notes for helpful hints.

Marsha Wensky knit another Stephen West pattern, [Garter Goodness](#). She used several stashbuster yarns to get this striking combination: Araucania Ulmo, hemp, and Newton's cotton yarns.



Sydnie Wauson was busy with lace and beads again. Her **Winter MKAL shawl** was designed by Susanna IC. Sydnie used Fibro fibers Fingering yarn and approx. 1,200 beads! She says this is a very customizable pattern with adjustments possible at the cast on, and in the size of the lace charts.



Sara Stolz knit the Neck Down Swing Coat from Knitting Pure and Simple in color #102 of Noro Kureyon 100% wool yarn.

Vivian Forseth made the Dan Doh pattern [Jaunty](#) twice. The first one is in red (Cascade Alpaca Lace) and was knit by hand and Vivian didn't check her gauge. Then Vivian knit the pattern a second time in green (Zen Garden Serenity lace) using her knitting machine. She knit the body on the machine, then picked up stitches and worked the sleeves by hand. You can see her notes on both versions on her [Ravelry](#) page.



Tania Marshall knit a Stephen West pattern called Smooth Move. She used three different Baah yarns: Aspen, Platinum, and La Jolla, and Hazel Knits Artisan Sock yarn as well.



❶ Read about a [Allbirds, New Zealand](#) company that is making 100% wool sneakers for men and women.

Clara Parkes reviewed them in her [Knitter's Review column](#).

❷ [Puka Puka Shawl](#) from Karen Melanson is a basic triangular shawl that opens up through bound off and cast on holes. It's simple but interesting and your yarn choice will make it uniquely yours. Free on Ravelry.

❸ [Carioca](#) is a V-neck cardigan with three-quarter-length sleeves and lace trim at the cuffs and hem. Berroco designed this piece to be knit flat and



seamed together. This construction allows the knitter to modify the shaping for the most personal and flattering fit.

❹ [Chevron Baby Blanket](#) from Espace Tricot uses 750 yds of worsted weight cotton and US 9 needles. Choose a modern palette or more traditional colorways for a sure-to-please baby gift.

❺ [Stripes and Lace Tunic](#) from Kollage Yarns is a perfect pattern for San Diego's summer weather. It is knit in sport weight yarn on US #5 needles.

❻ [Making Waves Dress](#) #169-12 from DROPS Design is knit in six colors using a wave stitch. The seamless top-down construction forms a gentle A-line shape that you can try on as you knit. The DROPS BELLE yarn in the pattern is a DK weight blend of cotton, rayon and flax. Substitutions of silk, linen, hemp, bamboo or other plant-based fibers would work too.

✓ - [Tender Buttons](#) in New York City caters to the collector in all of us. Read the New York Times article about this charming button shop and add one more destination to your Big Apple bucket list.

Guild Directory New Members

By: Zita Gardner, Membership Chair membership@sandiegoknitters.com

We've again reached membership of 300 talented knitters in SDNCKG.

For those who didn't pick up their 2016 directories in April, they will be available at the Membership table at the May 3rd meeting. Please check your information right away and let me know if there are errors or omissions.



May 2016

Welcome to our NEW members:

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