



*Programs, Carol*

Knitwear designer Laura Aylor will take us with her on a journey into the world of knit design in a presentation entitled, *The Accidental Designer*. She'll share her design insights and how she became



Laura is a former computer programmer/analyst who gave it all up to raise her two kids. Although born in North Dakota and raised in Virginia, Laura spends as much of the summer as possible in colder climates like Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. She learned to knit as a child but an early sweater attempt ended in disaster and the needles were put aside for about 15 years until a portable hobby was needed. Laura now enjoys designing and knitting

Laura will lead four workshops for Guild members on February 7 and February 8. Your 2018 dues **MUST** be paid in order to attend.

## Workshop #1 -- Wednesday, February 7

9:00 am – 12:00 Noon --- **TD4S** --- Top-Down, Seamless, Simultaneous, Set-in Sleeves method of sweater construction is an easy, proven method to ensure your sweater underarms will fit you. Get more information [HERE](#).

## Workshop #2 -- Wednesday, February 7

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm --- **The Faberge Shawl** --- Learn all the techniques used in the Fabergé shawl (horizontal braid, beading, slipped stitch overlay, textured eyelets). Practice all the techniques needed to create your own stunning Faberge Shawl. See details and a supply list at the Guild's [website](#).

## Workshop #3 -- Thursday, February 8

9:00 am – 12:00 Noon --- **Knit Smart** --- This workshop is all about how to make sweaters you'll love and wear because they fit. For more info click [HERE](#).

## Workshop #4 --Thursday, February 8

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm --- **The Art of Picking Up Stitches** --- Learn the tricks to achieving a smooth, perfect pick-up line in any situation. See more information on the Guild [website](#).

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**Reminder — doors open at 1pm. Please allow us time to set up.**

## March 6: Susan Lazear "Fashion Trends: From Sustainability to Innovation"

Fashion is moving in many directions, from sustainability to smart textiles. Sustainability is a philosophy which encompasses being kind to our earth and minimizing human impact on our environment. In fashion this translates to organic fibers, recycling, slow fashion, upcycling, zero waste design, and better production decisions.

Susan Lazear is a Professor of Fashion at Mesa College in San Diego where she teaches various fashion courses including textiles, ethnic and historic costume, and pattern design. Susan designs wearable art, unusual fine art crafts and is a computer graphic artist.

## April 3: Irina Anikeeva "Knitting Traditions of Eastern Europe"

Irina will talk about the origins of knitting in eastern European countries and the resulting influences of those cultures. Irina will lead two workshops on Wednesday, April 4. Workshop titles will be announced soon and registration will open on February 6.



Heather Walpole of EweEwe Yarns has generously offered a discount code for her beautiful Split Complement wrap for all Guild Members. The code is NCKG and is valid through 2/28/2018. The code can be used on Ravelry and her website, <https://www.eweewe.com>. Heather has also given Guild Members a 10% discount off anything on her website (includes yarn and patterns). The code for the website discount is LOVE2KNIT.

## San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild General Information

Membership in the Guild is open to everyone regardless of your craft. Membership expires January 31. Dues are \$25 annually. Here is a printable [membership form](#).

Send all articles for the newsletter by the 15th of the month to: [Newsletter@sandiegoknitters.com](mailto:Newsletter@sandiegoknitters.com). Short articles relating to knitting or crocheting 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 Membership

*Nancy Nevin, Membership Chair*  
[Membership@SanDiegoKnitters.com](mailto:Membership@SanDiegoKnitters.com)

- Guild membership year is February 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019. Dues are still \$25.
- A new membership form is on the Guild website and in this newsletter.
- Please print out the form at home.
- Bring the completed form with \$25 cash (exact change appreciated) or a check (payable to SDNCKG) to the next meeting.

OR

Mail the completed form and cash/check to:  
Nancy Nevin

13373 Grandvia Point  
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- Blank forms will only be available at the meeting for new members.

**A new directory will be printed in March and distributed at the April Guild meeting.**

# Minutes - General Meeting

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

*Katherine Ball, standing in for Secretary*  
[Secretary@SanDiegoKnitters.com](mailto:Secretary@SanDiegoKnitters.com)

Co-President Laura Brubaker called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. She welcomed two new members and one guest. She then introduced Tina Rounsavell who introduced guest speaker Heather Walpole. Heather spoke about the creation and evolution of her yarn company, Ewe Ewe Yarns and introduced her new "Split Compliment Wrap" pattern and special offer for Guild members. Discount code: NCKG valid until 2/28/2018. After the presentation, Co-President Laura Brubaker conducted the business meeting.

**Programs:** Co-Chair Carol Myers announced that Laura Aylor, "The Accidental Designer" will speak at the February 6, 2018 meeting. Laura will conduct **workshops on February 7 - 8 at Temple Solel**. Classes are open to paid members only.

**Retreats:** Chair June Bartczak announced the January retreat sold out and the May retreat may have space available. Reservations are being accepted for the August retreat in Temecula.

**Philanthropy:** Co-President Laura Brubaker introduced Ginny Newton as the new Philanthropy Chair.

**Holiday Luncheon/Fashion Show:** Chair Willa Cather announced that the opportunity drawing was better than ever and thanks to all who worked and/or donated to the event.

**Stash Sale:** Chair Bobbie Brunson announced that yarn donations for the June 5, 2018 sale are now being accepted.

**Library:** Co-Chair Scarrain Gomes requested that all library books be returned and that members be sure to cross their names off the check-out list upon returning books. She and Bridget will be gone for the February meeting, but someone will be manning the library. Scarrain briefly reviewed 3 new knitting books for the library.

**Members Teaching Members:** Chair Karen Bochinski announced that she would be teaching a wool dyeing class on 21, 2018 at 11:00 am. The cost

will be \$50 and includes the yarn. In April or May, Rosie Halvorson will teach a Thrumming class.

MarGee Farr conducted Show & Share. Co-President Laura Brubaker adjourned meeting at 3:00 pm.

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## 2018 Programs

**6-Feb: Laura Aylor, The Accidental Designer**

**7, 8-Feb:** Workshops with Laura Aylor

**6-Mar: Susan Lazear, Fashion Trends: From Sustainability to Innovation**

**3-Apr: Irina Anikeeva, Knitting Traditions of Eastern Europe**

**4-Apr:** Workshops with Irina Anikeeva

**1-May: Zinzi Edmundson, The Making of KnitWit, a Niche Craft Magazine**

**5-Jun:** Stash Sale

**10-Jul:** Potluck Luncheon (second Tuesday)

**7-Aug: Barry Klein, Fashion Trends from Trendsetter**

**8-Aug:** Workshops with Barry Klein

**4-Sept: Lily Chin, Outside the Box – Going Beyond Standard Knitting**

**5,6- Sept:** Workshops with Lily Chin

**2-Oct: Timothy Hinchliff, Yarn Painting-a Folk Art Tradition**

**6-Nov: Susan B. Anderson, Stash Changing Moments**

**7,8-Nov:** Workshops with Susan B. Anderson

**3-Dec:** Holiday Luncheon and Fashion Show

The Guild's new program schedule features top-notch professionals and promises lots of excitement and knitting inspiration in 2018!

**Mark your calendars:** Exclusive workshops are in store for our members by Laura Aylor, Irina Anikeeva, Barry Klein, Lily Chin and Susan B. Anderson. Save the dates on your calendars now.

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**WORKSHOPS:** 2018 Workshop Registrations are open two months in advance for any workshop. Register by emailing [programs@sandiegoknitters.com](mailto:programs@sandiegoknitters.com) or sign up at a meeting. Payment is requested when you register: mail your check or pay by cash or check at a meeting. Registration is guaranteed upon confirmation of payment received. Go to the Guild's [website](#) for details about each workshop including location, cost, description, supply list, etc.

## Philanthropy

*Ginny Newton, Philanthropy Chair*  
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From Eileen Adler: We have a new philanthropy chair: Ginny Newton. It takes a village and we can do our part: knit for philanthropy, "chair" the table before or after the meetings, store knitted items at your home, make deliveries. Every little bit helps and makes this more fun. Ginny knows she can count on me – hope she can count on you, too.

I will continue as the Softies chair; what an experience this has been! To date, we have donated 300 pairs of Softies – what a difference these make in the lives of women living with breast cancer. Three pairs earn you a Softies SAK, and with each pair, your name is entered into the big opportunity drawing in November. This year our big prize is a wooden swift yarn winder – something every knitter should have. I agree with Muhammad Ali: "Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth."

## Stash Sale

*Bobbie Brunson, Stash Sale Chair*  
[StashSale@SanDiegoKnitters.com](mailto:StashSale@SanDiegoKnitters.com)

Thank you for your tremendous support of the Stash Sale last September. The sale was a great success. As you know the Stash Sale is a major fundraiser for the guild and supports programs and guest workshops.

Starting this year, the annual Stash Sale will be held in the spring. This year's date is June 5, 2018. It's time to start collecting donations for the annual Stash Sale. Bring your donations to our monthly meetings through May. You may donate anything yarn-related: yarn, books, magazines, knitting needles, crochet hooks, notions, accessories, patterns, kits, UFOs and finished objects, fiber and spinning-related items. With your continued support, we look forward to another super, spectacular stash sale!

## New standards from the Craft Yarn Council

The publishers; fiber, needle, and hook manufacturers; and yarn members of the Craft Yarn Council have worked together to set up a series of guidelines and symbols to bring uniformity to yarn, needle and hook labeling, and to patterns, whether they appear in books, magazines, leaflets, or on yarn labels. The goal is to make it easier for industry manufacturers, publishers and designers to prepare consumer-friendly products and for consumers to select the right materials for a project and complete it successfully. Included are:

- a uniform list of crochet and knit abbreviations
- guidelines for ranking the skill level of crochet and knit patterns
- measuring, fit, and sizing guidelines for babies, children, women, and men
- categories of yarn, gauge ranges, and recommended needle and hook sizes
- categories of yarn by weight, gauge ranges and recommended needle and hook sizes
- millimeter and U.S. size ranges for hooks and needles
- graphic symbols for skill levels and yarn weights
- chart symbols for knit and crochet
- understanding yarn label information
- tips on reading knit and crochet patterns
- guidelines for industry designers
- FAQs

Downloadable Guidelines PDF as well as the Knit Chart Symbols, how to read a pattern, and much more are available here:

<https://www.craftyarnCouncil.com/standards.html>

Please return all books to the Library in February. If you can't attend the meeting, have someone return your books for you. Our thanks to Gwen Nelson, who is Acting Librarian this month.



## Members Teaching Members

Karen Bochinski, MTM Chair

[MTMWorkshops@SanDiegoKnitters.com](mailto:MTMWorkshops@SanDiegoKnitters.com)



### Hey, Let's Learn to Dye Wool!

**Wed., Feb. 21** from 11 am until you are done. Your fee includes all tools, fiber and materials. You'll leave class with a skein of your very own hand-painted wool and a skein of your own kettle-dyed wool. **Cost is \$50**, payable to Karen Bochinski at the Feb. meeting.

Location is San Marcos. Bring your own lunch. Class is limited to five students (must be Guild member in good standing). Wear clothes you can get dye on and be ready for some physical activity in this creative class. Contact Karen for more information.

◆ [Knitting as Therapy](#) article about an Israeli woman who fled Europe during the Holocaust, and now knits sweaters for German children.

◆ We know how important knitting groups are; [UCLA's knitting group](#) was [featured in this article in the college newspaper](#).

*Two articles about boys & men who knit:*

◆ <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/men-boys-knitting-up-a-storm/>

◆ <https://quartz.qz.com/1154260/dudes-why-arent-you-knitting/>

## Knitting on the Net

**Stranded colorwork** – it's everywhere you look! Fall and Winter issues of Interweave Knits, Vogue Knitting, on Ravelry, and this blog post from Berroco

["How to Choose Colors for Fair Isle or Stranded Colorwork Knitting"](#)



[Queen of Hearts Socks from DROPS Design](#)

◆ For those who have new babies coming in 2018:



[Kite Bunting](#)



[Newborn Booties](#)

◆ Two shawls because they're so addictive to knit:



[Marcelle Wrap from LittleChurch](#) (left)

[Noro Woven Stitch Shawl](#) (below)



# Membership

Nancy Nevin, Membership Chair  
[Membership@SanDiegoKnitters.com](mailto:Membership@SanDiegoKnitters.com)

Thank you to all members who have renewed their 2018 dues. All workshops, including MTM, are limited to members in good standing. Welcome to Darlene Collom and Cynthia Cook, winners of the Guild-sponsored awards at the 2017 San Diego County Fair.

## January 2018

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## Show & Share



Colleen Davis wears a **Duster** of her own design, left. She used garter stitch wedges and left the ends on the public side as a design element. Below is her **Tunic**, which uses swing knitting techniques and double stitch stockinette in black between color blocks.



Above, Maria Hoham models her **Striped Bass Shawl**, knit with Cascade Pure Alpaca. Above right, she wears the [Metalouse Shawl](#), a free pattern from Stephen West. She used Noro Shiraito and Cascade Pure Alpaca.



Say hello to Karen Bochinski's adorable creations, above. (Left to right) **Martin the House Elf**, **Stink-en Cute Yedi for Bed**, and **Sven Scandinavian** sit among four **Wintery Trees**. You can see more photos on her [Ravelry page](#).



Vivianne Vancio designed and created a stylish felted wool hat and embellished it with fabric.





Laura Brubaker is wearing her **Crossroads** top by designer Yumiko Alexander. Laura used DanDoh Cotton Fine yarn. More info on [Ravelry](#).



Dawn Frank knit a Stephen West shawl, **Clockwork**. She used two colors of Luminosa, a blend of viscose, alpaca and wool.



Stacy Mann knit the **Colorful Wedges Baby Blanket** with Bamboo Pop, a cotton/bamboo blend. She added an I-cord border. The pattern is free from [Purl Soho](#).



Marianne Attoun modeled her **Trufa Shawl** by Corrina Ferguson, left. She used Manos del Uruguay Serena alpaca yarn.

Sydnie Wauson's newest beaded lace shawl is **Calendula**, a Mystery KAL, right. Sydnie's notes and more photos are [here](#).







## 2018 Membership Form

February 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019

Membership dues for NEW and RENEWING members are \$25 when joining before September 1, 2018.

Membership dues for NEW and RENEWING members are \$35 after September 1- which includes remainder of 2018 and ALL of 2019.

Dues must be current to attend Workshops, Subgroups, Retreats, and Members Teaching Members classes; use the Guild library; and receive the Newsletter.

Bring **completed form** and a \$25.00 cash (exact change please) or a \$25 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

Please take the time to complete the form clearly to avoid confusion.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*

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

\*\* Very important! Please print clearly!

Check applicable box below:

- ☐ I am a RENEWING MEMBER with no changes from 2017.
- ☐ I am a RENEWING MEMBER with changes below.
- ☐ I am a NEW MEMBER. My information is below.

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ravelry ID: (optional)** \_\_\_\_\_

Paid memberships received after the Guild meeting on March 6 will not be included in the 2018 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/>