



# San Diego North Coast Knitters Guild

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General Meeting: Tuesday, June 5 ♦ 1:15-3:15 pm

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

## It's finally here! Annual Stash Sale and Fundraiser

Date: June 5, 2018

We have collected over 500 pounds of yarn!

- 900+ labeled bags containing multiple skeins of the same yarn and color
- Several 16-gallon bags filled with single skeins and/or small balls to choose your own
- Fiber for spinning and cones of yarn
- Lots of knitting needles, crochet hooks, notions, project bags, yarn looms, etc.
- Books and patterns
- Beautiful finished objects: sweaters, scarves, and shawls

### Important notes:

- Cash or checks only.
- Bring your own totes and shopping bags.
- No early entry; please give us time to set up.
- Limited seating available, we need the space for the stash! Please excuse the inconvenience.
- Bring your friends to shop and support the Guild.



Hats off to our Stash Sale Coordinator Bobbie Brunson and her team of dedicated volunteers!

**Note new meeting time!**  
**Doors open 12:45 p.m.**  
**Meeting starts 1:15 p.m.**

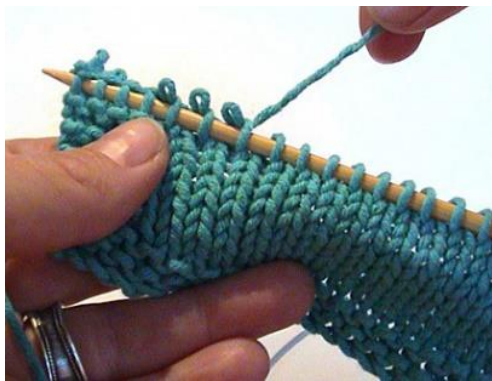
## Potluck Luncheon, July 10

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Bring a dish to share to our annual potluck meeting held the second Tuesday of July, the 10th. For fun, this will be a Frog, Finish, or Fix event. If you have projects that have been sitting unfinished, bring them to the July meeting and get the satisfaction of Guild member support as you frog (i.e., rip out the work), finish, or fix them. If you are unsure what to do with a UFO (unfinished object), the potluck is the perfect time to crowdsource an answer!



### Found after last meeting!

A woman's gray vest. Cozy style; left on chair at the May guild meeting. Contact Carol Myers.

## President's Message

Mary Brown & Laura Brubaker, Co-Presidents

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May 15: This past week I was impressed by the strength of our volunteer force, most of which happens behind the scenes. Laura and I get up once a month to lead our meetings and we handle board meetings and issues as they occur. However, behind us are many volunteers who keep our Guild running well. What occurred this week that made me consider our volunteers was stash sale organization. For a few hours, I met others at Bobbie Brunson's home to help her in organizing the sale. I was impressed, not only by Bobbie whose organizational skills are exceptional, but by everyone in attendance who worked diligently to help get the sale together. A lot went on before our arrival, but the assistance of other Guild members was invaluable. The same goes for all our volunteers. Some work year after year to do tasks that most of us don't even think about such as secretary and treasurer duties. Additionally, we have all our committee chairs who perform either a once-a-year task or something ongoing each month. Where would we be without them?

At this time of year, we begin thinking about the next two-year leadership period. We already have some people who have volunteered for various positions. However, there are still needs in a variety of areas. We would love to have your help for the period January 2019 – December 2020. Please talk with me or Laura Brubaker if you'd like to run for a position. Even if you don't feel comfortable in a leadership role, consider assisting someone. Everyone's help is important.

We have a terrific Guild and we want it to continue with vigor. I sat on the sidelines for a long time with my first volunteer effort being the Fair. It's rewarding. I'm sure you'll be happy you volunteered.

Mary Brown, Co-President

## Programs, Carol Myers & Karen des Jardins, [Programs@SanDiegoKnitters.com](mailto:Programs@SanDiegoKnitters.com)

### August 7, 2018 Program:

#### Barry Klein

In August the guild welcomes the incredible Barry Klein with his show and tell presentation titled "Knitting in a New Direction". Barry will bring several samples to illustrate how yarn fibers, textures and construction contribute to the success of hand-knitted garments. He'll talk about knitwear and how we look at fit on the body versus accessories that don't need to fit. True to his designer's point of view, he'll also discuss segments knitwear that create blocks of color and details which produce garments that endure over time. For more information, go to the [guild's website](#).

Barry Klein was voted one of the Top 10 Men who Knit/Design throughout history. As the Trendsetter Group owner/designer, Barry has been knitting for 40 years. For the past 25 years he has worked as an industry teacher, giving lectures and teaching knitting classes throughout the world. He loves to share his love of yarn and everything that can be done with it. Read more about Barry at the [Trendsetter Yarns](#) website.



#### Art at the Airport

Local textile artist Michelle Montjoy, who was our guest speaker last November, has a new exhibit at the San Diego International Airport called "Figure of Speech.". Travelers will find her loom-knit sculptures suspended from the ceiling at [Terminal 2 East, Food Court](#). Perhaps a T-shirt that you donated is worked into the exhibit!

**WORKSHOPS with Barry Klein are open for Registration.** Details to come on the website in June!

Register by signing up at a guild meeting or send an email to [Programs@SanDiegoKnitters.com](mailto:Programs@SanDiegoKnitters.com). Be sure to include your name and the name of the workshop. Payment is requested at time of registration.

### Complete from the Neck Down: Easy, Fun & Fashionable

**Wednesday, August 8, 9 am – Noon**

There are so many ways to fit a sweater, but when you want it simple + easy + really fun, let's start from the top! We will have many neck-down samples that will show just how easy, just how fun and just how fashionable this style of knitwear can be. We will learn the techniques and how to put it all together. For those who want adventure, we'll discuss tips and tools, so you can design your own.



### The Shape of Things to Come

**Wednesday, August 8, 1 pm – 4 pm**

In every case where we use a knitting pattern, we are subject to the fashion in which the designer created it. There are many hidden secrets that you can use to fine tune a garment for better fit in shoulders, caps, necklines, sleeve and, of course, body shaping. We'll take time to review and discuss each of these areas. Then, we'll work on learning the secrets to perfect each of them.





# Minutes - General Meeting

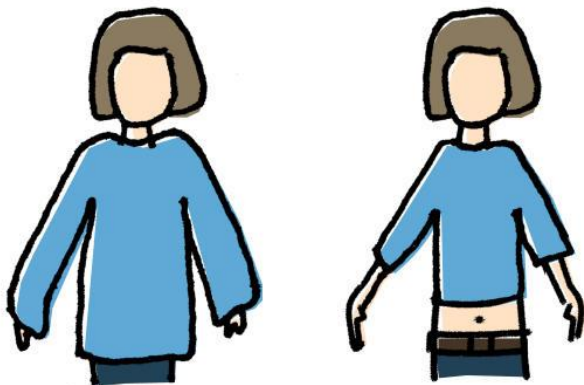
Mary Van Orsdol, Secretary  
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Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Co-President Mary Brown called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm. Mary welcomed everyone to the May general meeting and introduced guests and new members. She then introduced Programs Co-Chair Karen des Jardins.

Programs Co-Chair Karen des Jardins introduced speaker Zinzi Edmundson. Zinzi spoke about "Making Knit Wit: The Hows and Whys of Starting a Niche Craft Magazine." Zinzi told about learning to knit from her grandmother and learning about fabric and design from her mother. These influences plus her early career experiences in the print magazine world coalesced and motivated her to create the indie magazine Knit Wit. Knit Wit is a high-end magazine, beautifully produced to celebrate "the dynamic world of fiber art and crafts—a publication by and for the next generation of fiber fiends."

After the presentation, Co-President Mary Brown conducted the business meeting.



[Read this interesting article](#) about how gauge varies among knitters, and why swatching is crucial if you want your garment to fit!

**Philanthropy:** Chair Ginny Newton thanked everyone who attended the first "knit a square" event last week. She received a donation of hundreds of crocheted medallions. She has packaged them into packets of twenty medallions and is looking for volunteers to join them together for what eventually will become a blanket. She reported that she has yarn and patterns on the back table for volunteers to take and make up scarves and hats.

**Bust Buddies:** Eileen Adler reported that she now has about seven dozen bust buddies and would like to have another seven dozen to distribute at various events in Orange and San Diego counties.

**San Diego County Fair:** Chair Jan Davis reported that she now has the dates for the Guild's participation: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, June 27, 28, and 29, but does not yet have the times. She will be preparing the schedule and asked that volunteers sign up at the back table. She reported that details of the set-up are still in flux. Jan announced that the deadline for personal entries is May 11.

**Stash Sale:** Chair Bobbie Brunson thanked everyone who has donated yarns and other items for the stash sale. She has cataloged approximately 230,000 grams of yarn so far. She asked for volunteers and will be contacting them in the coming week to schedule times to organize the stash and to arrange for transportation of the stash to the Church. She encouraged everyone to attend the stash sale and to bring friends.

**Library:** Co-Chair Scarrain Gomes reminded everyone that the Library will not be available in June during the stash sale. She briefly reviewed several books that are new to the collection including two with patterns for men. She reported that because of space constraints, there is a need to remove some books from the library collection and that she would appreciate feedback on the value of the books that people have checked out.

**Programs:** Co-Chair Carol Myers reported that the next workshops will be with Barry Klein in August, Lily Chin in September, and Susan B. Anderson in November. She anticipates that these will be popular workshops so sign up early.

**Retreats:** Chair June Bartczak reported that the balance of the payment for the May retreat is due today.

**Potluck:** Chair Tree DeZazzo reported that the potluck is scheduled for July 10 and like last year there will be no signup, just bring a dish to share. She announced that the theme for the potluck is "Frog it, Fix it, Finish it" and encouraged everyone to bring projects that fit into these categories to share and discuss.

Mary Brown announced that Ursula's Yarn Boutique in Santa Ana is going out of business.

Barbara Levin was Master of Ceremony for the Show & Share; Stacey Mann was the photographer. Mary Brown adjourned the meeting at 2:45pm.

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## County Fair *Jan Davis, Fair Coordinator*

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A big thank you to all the members who volunteered to help at the 2018 Fair. The Home and Hobby area will look different this year and it sounds interesting! Be sure to visit and see what is planned. After several changes on the schedule, **our Guild will be featured from 12 noon to 3 pm on June 6, 14, 21, 28 and 29. Stop by and say hello!**

Something really nice that the H & H people are doing for us is providing a locked glass display cabinet. They would like to see some samples of old and new knitted items, which they are calling "Knitting, Old and New". They are interested in seeing items that were made back in our grannies' days, as well as new trends, such as "the Stevens," shawls, cowls, jewelry, etc. Also included would be old pattern books from the '40s and '50s. If you can provide any of these things, please call me and bring them to the June 5 meeting. Please make sure your items are securely labeled with your name, so I can

return them to you after the Fair. Please reach out to me if you have any questions!

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## Philanthropy *Ginny Newton, Philanthropy*

Chair [Philanthropy@SanDiegoKnitters.com](mailto:Philanthropy@SanDiegoKnitters.com)

We had a very successful Knit-A-Square Event in April: nine members participated by knitting squares to be combined into blankets. We are just two squares short of being able to provide two beautiful blankets to Project Linus. Anyone who wishes to contribute, please feel free. Any pattern can be used, so long as it isn't too "holey" and provided it is approximately 12" square and made of a washable yarn (preferably acrylic). There will be another event in July or August. Watch the newsletter and website for details.

We also collected over 50 scarves and over 55 hats this quarter for donation to the Women's Resource Centers throughout the County, and to local dialysis centers. Two of those scarves were red and were given to the organization that supports Heart Health for Women.

Thank you all. You're amazing. Keep up the good work!



## Retreats *June Bartczak, Retreat Coordinator,* [Retreats@SanDiegoKnitters.com](mailto:Retreats@SanDiegoKnitters.com)

**May Retreat:** Fifteen members and two commuters enjoyed the May retreat at the Mary and Joseph Retreat Center in beautiful Rancho Palos Verdes from May 7-10. There were no peacocks in sight, and very few peacock calls which were heard only in the distance. That was a mixed blessing. There was a beautiful quilt show which we previewed and enjoyed. Beautiful weather, hiking and knitting camaraderie was enjoyed by all!! More photos are on [the website](#).



**August 20-23, 2018:** Our current revised contract provides space for 23 participants and we are full. The current coordinator there is leaving as of July 20, so I'm not sure if any further revisions are available; email [Retreats@SanDiegoKnitters.com](mailto:Retreats@SanDiegoKnitters.com) if you are interested and I'll find out for you and let you know. All current participants have paid their deposits. Deposit amounts and total costs are as follows:

Accommodation	Deposit/person	Total/person
Single	\$150	\$430
Double	\$100	\$330
Triple	\$75	\$300

Final payments are due by the end of the August 7th meeting.

**January 2019:** Dates are Jan. 14-17 at Vina de Lestonnac in Temecula. We have 10 double occupancy rooms, 8 single rooms, and 2 triples. More information will be in future newsletters and on the website.

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## 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.

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## 2018 Programs

**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



## Knitting on the Net



**Clockwise from top left:** Berroco's [Diane sweater](#) is knit from side to side, then the lace stitch is added across the sleeves and neck. ✦ Have you heard of the [Fleegle Heel](#)? It's a short row heel that eliminates holes and is nice and sturdy. ✦ [Susan's Blissful Sunset](#) cardigan is free on Craftsy. ✦ The [Watermelon Baby Cardigan](#) could not be any cuter! Look on Ravelry for the matching hat. ✦ Stuffed with catnip or hanging on your Christmas tree, the [Bluebird of Happiness](#) is a great little stashbuster pattern. ✦ The [Changing Staircases](#) shawl is a one-skein project that works well with handpainted yarns ✦ We all need some mindless TV knitting so here is the [Garter Bias Blanket](#) (center).



Show and Share – for more photos, visit [our website](#).



Tania Marshall showed her Lichen Top by Dan Doh designs during May Knit@Nite. She used Marisol Umiña yarn and size 9 needles.



On a trip to NYC, Jan Davis saw this turtleneck sweater in a yarn shop. She used Cascade Eco Wool and hopes she will have the opportunity to wear her sweater, even if it is not here in San Diego.



Diane Seaberg brought her Moroccan Magique shawl to Knit@Nite. The Dragonfly Fibers kit was her first-ever purchase at Stitches West. See more of her project on Diane's [Ravelry page](#).



Colleen Davis reworked a freeform vest using many techniques: swing knitting, entrelac, tucks, and holes. She took apart the 9-section garment, rearranged the sections and added godets (triangular pieces of material to make it flared) under the armholes.



Linda Gumtz modified the SundayKnits Santa Fe cardigan pattern to make this scarf. She used assorted wool yarns from her stash to great effect.



Susan Shock knit the Analeigh Cardigan using 100% cotton yarn from the stash sale. She made her buttons in a polymer clay workshop. [More photos and details here](#). The pattern was designed by our Guild member Irina Anikeeva.



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Virginia Wilson modeled her Winterlight shawl by Meg Gadsbey. She used Miss Babs Yummy 2-Ply Toes in a gradient set of 6 colors with a total of 800 yds.



Vivianne Vancio wears the [Knit Stalker Hat](#) and the [Ex Boyfriends Scarf](#). Both patterns are free on Ravelry. Vivianne won the Cascade Lana D'Oro yarn at the Guild Luncheon!



Maria Hoham used more than 1,000 Miyuki beads and Apple Tree Knits SilkLin yarn when she designed and knit this shawl. The pattern is called Sharon's Inspiration, as the gradient yarn was a gift from Sharon. The skein is 756 yds and is dyed in a gradient.



Linda Erlich used Miss Babs Yummy 2-Ply Toes gradient set to make her version of the Denpa shawl. Lots more photos on [Linda's Ravelry page](#).



Eileen Adler (R) designed the ["It's a Wrap Parkinson's" pattern](#) to use 1,200 yds of sock to worsted yarn and US#4-8 needles. Aunrey Bubis' red wrap is knit in Malabrigo Rios and Eileen's gray wrap is Baah! La Jolla yarn. All proceeds are donated to the fight against Parkinson's disease.



Toni Wong wanted a challenging knit and found it in the Idlyn Sweater from Anna Harris. The pattern has cables, lace, and an asymmetrical hem. Toni knit hers in Merino wool.

Welcome to NEW MEMBERS who joined in May:

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