

Knitters Knews

NOTES FROM ROBERTA

MEETING NOTES: * Next meeting is May 18 as the following Monday is Memorial Day. * Come early and have lunch. Make reservations the Thursday before the meeting. Be at the lunch at 11:30. * Ruthanna Bryan is a member of the Community Action Committee for the Pomerado/Palomar Hospitals. They started BACK YARD FRUIT PROJECT. If you have a surplus of fruit or vegetables from your garden, please call Ruthanna. The food will be donated to seniors and children. * More scarves were sent to the Red Scarf Project coordinator. It is suggested that we attach a note with future scarves, labeling the work from the San Diego Knitter's Guild. * Knit Picks has a Knit One/Give One project. Check the website at www.knitpicks.com

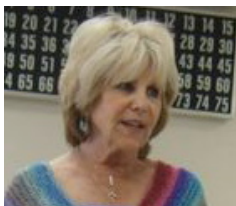
PROGRAM: YAHOO FOR YARNING FOR YOU!!!

Debra from Yarning For You shared many tips, techniques, patterns, samples with us. The shop sells needles, yarns, patterns and accessories. Debra showed us many finished samples and had kits for those samples available for sale. She had a raffle for those who signed up for the website. The winners were: Flora Kuritsky, Pat Prasher, Ruthanna Bryan, Audrey Trinity, and Arlene Pollock. Debra also suggested that we all visit the local yarn shops. She also talked about the Hats for Soldiers project. Last year our Guild sent 27 hats. During the past 2 years, Yarning for You has collected over 4000 hats. Patterns for the hats were provided. After Debra finished, she invited us to the tables that held the kits and we had our checkbooks ready.

Yarning For You has been in San Marcos for 5 years. It is located across the street from Restaurant Row on San Marcos Blvd. (going west, look for Penny Lane Pub on your left, pull into the parking lot and the shop is right behind the Pub). The Shop is open Tuesday-Sat., 10-5 PM Activities: Diva's Book Club meets once a month, 4th Wednesday of the month, Knitter's Anonymous meets 2nd Wed evening of the month Knitter's Anonymous, different group, meets 1st Wed. of the month. Check website for details: www.yarningforyou.com. Many like Yarning for You are full service with lessons, on-the-spot help/suggestions and other activities.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: SUMMERTIME KNITTING

Our usual warm, sunny wonderful weather is finally here. I am thinking of a summer sweater with light weight yarn, but not cotton. Cotton has too many problems for my taste and there are some wonderful light weight yarns available. The first Monday of the month is the North Coast Knitters Guild. After hearing so many rave reports and the encouragement of Diane Lott, Flora Kuritsky and Ruby Townsend I attended the May meeting. So many wonderful friendly woman knitters. Instead of paying \$5.00 to be a guest, I paid \$20.00 and joined. I would like to encourage all of our members to visit other knitting guilds. Quite a few of SDKG members



already belong to NCKG. This year is skipping along so fast. It is time to think of knitting projects for the holidays. Surprise!!! The Poway Senior Center cleaned out that storage room and found our Styrofoam balls. I am not sure how many. So put your best creative mojo to work and decorate a ball. I loved the ones from The Grove, using left over yarn, ribbon and embellishments. You can knit or just wrap the yarn on the balls, using dots of glue when needed. We did talk about selling decorated balls for a fund raiser, but maybe let's just decorate one, bring it to a meeting for ideas for the future. Our summer luncheon is just around the corner, any suggestions, please talk to Diane Lott. Hope to see you May 18th and remember to make reservations for lunch the Thursday before and come at 11:30a.m. Maggie Whitson, president

English vs Continental

I really learned to knit when I was in Jr. Hi. and the angora cuffs for socks was popular. We knitted them on double point needles, and using the American style. Then years later in the classes I took from Sears we did the American style. [Maggie](#)

I knit the American/English style that my mother taught me. However, I never could master throwing the yarn over the needle like she showed me. My fingers were slammed in a metal window in a factory when I was young, so they aren't as agile as I would like them to be. [Jackie](#)

I knit the English/American way. I have tried to knit the Continental way, but have not been successful at that. [Charlene](#)

I'm very excited about learning the Continental style of knitting. I am a crocheter who doesn't like knitting because I was taught the American method when I was a Girl Scout Brownie. I never did finish the second slipper!! Crocheting to me works up so much faster and there is no wasted movement. If I could accomplish that by using my left hand I might actually begin knitting something! [Wendy](#)

I would be happy to show how I knit and have been knitting, since I was 8. I tried other methods, but the "brain" is trained for the "Continental" and it hard to untrain those cells. Besides, I am very comfortable and quite used to my "old" habits. I do admire other techniques and whatever one if comfortable with, GO WITH IT. [Flora](#)

I use the English/American knitting method. My mother taught me to knit this way when I was about 7 yrs. old. March 30, 2009 is the day I learned that it had a name, and that there is a distinctly different method used by others. [Marty](#)

APRIL SHOW AND TELL

(Thanks to Roberta Houston)

Pam Warner showed a Six Hour baby sweater with a picot edge, using Sensations yarn (size 8 needles) from Joann's, and a Red Heart acrylic yarn scarf with size 10 needles. **Mary Whitehead** showed MULTIPLE baby blankets, using 600 yards of Sensations yarn from Joann's (now \$6.50). She also showed booties and more swirly hats for babies. **Arlene Pollock** made Eileen Adler's Garter Ridge top, with Cascade Luna noting when you run out of yarn for a project, it's not the end of the world. Get a different dye lot of the same color and knit alternate rows of old yarn and the new yarn to prevent difference in color. **Ellen Spellman** showed a shawllette made of Jojoland Melody yarn, pattern from www.knitty.com. **Pat Prasher** showed two child's sweaters, acrylic and fun fur, size 7 needles. **Jackie Franke** showed a crocodile purse self lined of merino yarn from a kit and a felted cowgirl hat from a hat book. **Lynn Keeler** showed 2 hats made of worsted yarn from her stash. **Marty Salkin** showed a lace shawl made of sock weight yarn, size 10 needles. **Maggie Whitson** used a combination of yarns to make a jacket on size 8 needles. **Yvonne** used several shades of leftover browns to crochet a vest. **Ruby Townsend** modeled a white sport-weight sparkle yarn sweater with crocheted collar and modesty inset from an old pattern book, using rib, St St and crochet lace stitches. **Barbara Nicholls** showed 2 baby surprise jacket made of Opal 6 ply and the other Lion Brand baby yarn from the patterns of Elizabeth Zimmerman, done in a garter stitch. The first of Opal yarn was shown before the shoulders were sewn-the second was ready to wear.



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Pam Atencio

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Show and Tell:

Pam Warner



I would love to learn the Continental/German style. While watching E. Zimmerman's video, *A Knitter's Glossary*, I seem to recall that she said that the reason for the two styles is because English women preferred not to knit as German women did (based on the enmity of the 2 countries in WWI & WWII.) [bjnicholls](#)

I learned English (throw), but soon discovered that Continental was faster and since I already crocheted, holding the yarn in my left hand made sense. Recently I started doing 2 color work using both methods ... one color in each hand, took some practice, but it really improved my stranded knitting. [Sue](#)

I was taught by a Dutch lady who made me use the American as she thought it made the work more even. I'd like to try Continental again. [Candice](#)

I learned to knit in fourth grade, when my whole class was taught by our teacher. Our project was to knit 4 inch squares for afghans for wounded WWII veterans. Our teacher read to us while we (boys and girls) pumped out an infinite number of squares. I don't know the name of the technique I use...I do know that MANY people have asked me why I knit the way I do, but I end up with the same product. [Roberta](#)

I hate to tell you that I do NOT know what stitch I do. I only know the names "pick" or "wrap". I learned how to knit the "pick" style from a girl friend that had just been shown by a new co-worker in 1961. [Virginia](#)

Someone must explain *English/American or Continental/German* styles to me and then maybe I will know. I knit the way my mother knitted! [Mary](#)

My mother, who came from Germany, knit Continental style but I didn't learn from her. I learned from the Coats and Clark (I think!) book called "How to Book". Of course, it taught the American styled of knitting. I wonder if anyone has successfully changed from one style to the other? I know the Continental style is faster but I've heard it doesn't produce as even a knit as the American style of knitting. [Arlene](#)

San Diego Knitting Guild
1:00 p.m.
Fourth Monday of Month

**Weingart Senior Center
Poway CA**

Directions: Interstate # 5 to
Poway Road. East to Civic Center
Drive. Turn left on Civic Center Drive,
then right at end of road and left into
parking lot.

From north: Exit Interstate # 15
Camino Del Norte to Poway Road. East
on Civic Center Drive, turn right on
Civic Center Drive, then right at end of
road and left into parking lot.

Bring a Friend

Guests are Always Welcome!!

Website: sdknitters.com

Email: drlott@cox.net

\$4 LUNCHEON
Come to guild EARLY (11:30 am)
and JOIN US for
LUNCH at Weingart Senior Center.
PLEASE!! Call for reservations!
Call the Thursday before Guild
Meeting!!
1-858-748-6094 X318



**Reminder: If you are NOT a member
of the Poway Senior Center, you are asked
to DONATE \$1.00 EACH MONTH for the
use of the meeting room. Thank you.**



*** MAY 18 date change ***

"Fiber Theory" -- Liz Knapp

JUNE 22

Program: Each One, Teach One

Knit with a fiber or stitch never
knit with before. Then share out
what you have learned. GREAT
Prizes !!

JULY 14 Luncheon

location to be announced

AUGUST 24

Program: TBA

SEPTEMBER 28

Program: TBA

OCTOBER 26

Program: Silent Auction

NOVEMBER 16 * date change *

Program: TBA

DECEMBER 8 Holiday Luncheon

**DR. DIANE LOTT
2161 CLEMATIS STREET
SAN DIEGO, CA 92105**

**Remember:
Each One, Teach One
June Meeting**

**Happy Birthday: Maggie
Whitson, Mary Somerset,
Candice McClung**