

Knitting Knews

Spinshuttle Studio WOW!

Instruction in Fiber Techniques by Pat Anderson (760-1014)

The amazing Pat Anderson of Spinshuttle Studio explained Eileen Adler's "spit splice" by describing wool fiber construction—the outer cuticle resembling Velcro and how they link the fibers together.

We learned that sheep come in different types (Cotswold, Columbia, Lincoln, Romney to name a few), how fibers differ among and within herds, how wool carpets wear clean, why some natural colors are not dyed ("the sheep were happy

with it") and how the adobe and ash of San Diego affect sheep's wool.

Pat's friend Diane Decker-Houser accompanied Pat and modeled this (knit of a variety of yarns and dyed with one color) vest. Spinshuttle yarn bands include the ounces, herd and sheep type, price and dye (if used).

Pat is designing a class "A Silk Purse from a Sow's Ear."

www.spinshuttlestudio.net

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Here we are and it is finally fall. The holidays are just around the corner. How many of you are knitting madly trying to finish all your knitted and crochet gifts for Christmas?

Our Christmas Luncheon is all set for the Brigantine in Poway, December 8th, which is a Tuesday. Please arrive around 11:30am, lunch will be served at noon. It is a large room with a podium and microphone. Each member in attendance will, if they choose, buy one ticket for \$5.00, and they will go home with a lovely gift. The Brigantine is right across the street from our meeting room at the senior center. We look forward to our District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis and her assistant Cyndi to be with us. We will also have a San Diego Police officer present and at this time I am trying to invite Chief Lansdale who has not

been able to be at our luncheon for a while. Any teddy bears, dressed and ready to help a child through a crisis, please bring them to the luncheon. More information on the luncheon will be revealed at our October 26th meeting.

Our guild membership is growing and we are so excited to have all our new members. We welcome you all with open arms. If any of us can be of assistance to you, please let us.

I want to encourage all of you to attend the October meeting. There is much to discuss and we need your support. Remember the Board of Directors will be meeting at noon on Oct. 26th prior to our regular meeting.

TIDBIT FROM JOYCE

I knit everywhere I have five extra minutes and always have a 'project' stashed in the car. I especially find that while sitting in a doctor's waiting room it passes time better than reading two-year old People magazines (although the juicy gossip still intrigues me). I find that knitting is always a conversation starter and since the portable projects are small, I tend toward preemie beanies. Someone always has a suggestion of a local hospital that takes donations, and while I'm not knocking that, it never piqued my interest. Replying to one of these routine questions of "where are you sending your beanies?", one day I sensed an intense interest from a fellow waiting-room guest. She was the pastor's wife of the Penesquitos Lutheran Church. They raise money locally to send a team to Honduras several times a year to work in one of the impoverished 'cardboard cities' and their local hospital. The work they do is incredible, both repairing and bringing medical and nutritional supplies to the hospital, and bringing hope to one small part of the world. As a result, I've knitted more than a hundred of the cute "swirley" beanies that Mary Whitehead was kind enough to share the pattern for and I'm sure she'd be so happy to know that the nurses in the NICU seek out their arrival among the other preemie beanies. I also knit blankets for babies and little children as some of these children are brought to the clinic or hospital wrapped in a towel or end up dying under a construction tarp due to lack of anything more suitable. I am a knitting addict and hope no one ever develops a 12-step program to 'cure' me. I love the fact that I can knit a beanie or blanket for a sick child thousands of miles away to Save the Children also me on their (continued on p 2)

SPINSHUTTLE STUDIO *INSTRUCTION IN FIBER TECHNIQUES: COMMENTS BY PAT*

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Kristin Olson is not just a shepherdess – she's my daughter and partner. She's been working with me in the studio since she was four and will be taking over Spinshuttle Studio when I am no longer able to do it. She's had a long apprenticeship and is ahead of me in some areas.

One of the most fascinating things I find about the textile arts (considered the original human art form, by the way,) is that these techniques have been passed down from mother to daughter in an unbroken chain for at least 34,000 years.

We are merely the latest generation in that chain and I am passionate about reaching as many women as I can to make sure the chain continues and advances with us.

(I'm not talking about the commercialization for money done by the men but the survival skills for the human race – and women have always been the ones practicing those skills.)

Welcome New Members

Lynne Cable 13935 Calvary Rd. Poway CA 92064 lynnecable@cox.net,

Eleonora Barson 12363 Sycamore Ridge Ct, San Diego CA 92131
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Dianne Decker-Houser 14574 High Pine St Poway, CA 92064
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Cindy Dorantes 1177 Broadway, Suite 5 Chula Vista, CA 91911
cindydorantes@gmail.com Cindy is general manager of Maria's Knitting House
above address is the business address.

Welcome Visitors: Joani Freedman, Nancy Parker, Linda Moeolo
New address: Gertrude Jockusch 4282 Balboa Ave #229 San Diego 92107



A BIG THANK YOU

Arlene Pollock has asked me to express her THANKS to all of you who answered her query about taking knitting needles on airplanes.

TIDBIT FROM JOYCE

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their preemie beanie list), I can dress teddy bears for the San Diego Police, knit squares for the Polinsky Center, knit chemo caps and prayer shawls for friends and relatives going through difficult times and give a unique baby gift to a special someone who writes back that they will be saving the gift for grandchildren! I love to KNIT!

 SEPTEMBER SHOW AND TELL COORDINATOR: PAM WARNER

Virginia Heimer's (below) shawl with end pockets was of her own pattern in acrylic using size 8 needles and seed stitch with ribbing.

Liz Knapp (above left) modeled her "finally finished" Bamboo lace top of Berroco Bonsai knit with #3 and 4 needles. The pattern was a Lotus Yoke top from knit.1 magazine. She showed us jaywalker socks of Regia multicolored Yarn (75% wool, 25% nylon from a free online pattern. Her Mara Shawl was of Filati Deluxe "Francia knit with #7 needles of Garter stitch and ribbing. **B.J. Nicholls (above right)** modeled 3 favorite pattern scarves knit of Lion brand yarn and knit of #13, 6, and 9 needles and of MistiAlpaca.com. "My first crocheted granny square afghan" **Elaine Santi (above left)** explained. She showed her pink Susan G. Komen donation and her loom projects. **Mary Jordan** modeled the yellow sweater her daughter Charlene knit. **Syd Vale** accepted more yarn from a donation and 6 inch knit squares from members. She showed 4 afghans that will be donated to one of our charities. **Julie Fernstom (below)** knit for a new baby in the family: 2 sweaters, a cupcake hat and a bib knit of (almost) a dishcloth pattern.

Pat Prasher's stole was knit of her own design to resemble a tree trunk and decorated with falling leaves.

Mary Anderson showed 3 tops and modeled a "Swingy" shrug from French Girl's book. **Pam Warner (below)** modeled a bolero from Elann.com, Baby kimono and stuff from Mason-Dixon Knitting, dishcloths in cotton and linen and a wonderful mesh scarf consisting of different stitches. In addition she showed us how to perfect floating cables.

Charlene Teagarden showed her Entrelac scarf of worsted weight yarn and the sweater she knit for her husband of wool sport weight. **Maggie Whitson** modeled her long sleeve sweater knit of 100% Merino super wash of size 8 needles from Ruby Townsend's design class. Our guest **Linda Moeolo** showed her felted purses - one knit of wool and one of alpaca and wool using 10.5-15 size needles. **Rita Kahn** showed us Wanda the Fish knit (**below**) of acrylic and size 7 needles. Our "Recycle Rita" noticed so many cassette tapes around the house and she showed us that one can knit with cassette tapes!

San Diego Knitting Guild

1:00 p.m.

Fourth Monday of Month

Poway Senior Center Poway, CA

Directions: Interstate 15 to Poway Road. East to Civic Center Drive. Turn right 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, 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

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\$4 LUNCHEON

JOIN US for LUNCH (11:30am)
at Poway Senior Center.

PLEASE!! Call for reservations!

Call 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

Calendar

OCTOBER 26 Board Meeting

Program:

Daily Fiber Yarn Co.

NOVEMBER 16

NOTE: * date change *

“Sit and Chat and Knit”

Please Bring Munchies

DECEMBER 8 11:30 am

Holiday Luncheon

Brigantine

JANUARY

Phyliss: NeedleCraft Cottage

FEBRUARY

Red Scarf month

Suggested dimensions are from 3 and 1/2 to 4 (three and one half to four inches) in width and from 48-54 (forty eight to fifty four) inches in length.

Dr. Diane Lott

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Welcome new members;

Lynne Cable, Eleonore Barson,
Dianne Decker-Houser, Cindy Dorantes

Note: Gertrude Jockush has a new address
(see inside)

Happy October Birthdays

Genevieve Naves and Elaine Santi