

Knitting Knews



have been knitting bear clothes for donation today. She also introduced Sue Jalowiec who lives part time in San Diego and is managing our website.

D.A. Dumanis spoke about the State, County and City budget problems and how the various departments are trying to work smarter with less money available. She invited questions from the group. One question was about medical marijuana. She said that there are 100+ medical marijuana storefronts in San Diego. She said that there were 1500 in Los Angeles. The legislature is now looking into ways that can control these storefronts.

After a delicious luncheon, we shared a Birthday Cake with Bonnie Dumanis. She received a new bear from our Guild as a birthday present.

The gift bags were a huge success. Some of the yarn was donated by Esther Malkoun. Julie Fernstrom donated the cosmetic bags and the lipsticks and chapsticks. Julie was also our buyer for a lot of the yarn and books.

Christmas Luncheon at the Brigantine in Poway on Dec. 8, 2009 was wonderful. We had a private room with a fireplace and a Christmas tree and other decorations. Members said it was the best luncheon and facility ever. The staff were so kind to all of us and took such good care of all our needs.

Maggie Whitson (upper left) made a few brief announcements. She said that Esther Malkoun was in Kaiser Zion hospital. The doctors are trying to regulate her medications. The members of our Guild all signed a get well card for her.

Maggie introduced Janet Paulus and her daughter Julie Paulus who

LONG TO BE REMEMBERED: ESTHER MALKOUN SDKG PRESIDENT

Our dear friend Esther passed away late Saturday evening. She is no longer in pain & is now at peace. She will be dearly missed by all.



Esther entered the hospital last Monday. She was visited

often by Sue Jalowiec & Ruby Townsend. Some days she was lucid and other days were more difficult for her as she was in pain. Sue, Ruby and Ann were with her mid-day on

Saturday. Now she is at rest and with her savior.

Esther was a very private person so she hid her illness and always put forth a cheerful front to the rest of us. Esther was the president of our guild from February 2000 through December 2008.

There will not be a formal memorial service for no arrangements were previously made. At our January meeting we will have a time to share our memories of Esther along with our regular meeting.

If anyone would like to contribute to the cancer society we would like to do it as a group in Esther's name.

Calendar

Meetings 1:00 PM

JANUARY 25

Phylliss: NeedleCraft Cottage

FEBRUARY 22

Red Scarf month: Marilyn Deak

Bring your red scarves

MARCH 22

Daily Yarn Shop (Murietta)

APRIL 26

Liz Knapp and Ravelry.com

MAY 24

Pam Warner:

Multidirectional Diagonal Scarf

Size 10 needles and yarn in a color scheme

JUNE 28

Julie Fernstrom: BEADING

JULY 13

SUMMER LUNCHEON

\$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.

SAN DIEGO KNITTING GUILD CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Ethel Palmer wanted to show four hand puppets that she knitted from a pattern she found in the Knitter's Guild Library. She is going to be giving them as Christmas presents and they will be in use before our



District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis (**upper right**) came to the podium and introduced Cindy Charlebois, Victim Assistance Program Director. Both were delighted to receive over 10 bags full of dressed bears for their various programs. Cindy reported that 1300 children were victims of reported sex abuse last year and 500 children experienced physical abuse. The bears are used during interviews with detectives, social workers and in court while testifying. The bears are also used to help the children prepare for court, by roll-playing. D.A. Dumanis told us about a new program using Facility Dogs- the children are comforted talking to the dog and the dog will be at the child's feet when testifying.

Tidbits

NY Resolution: To slow down and make more time for crocheting. Hope to move beyond basic baby afghans, totes and scarves! Wendy

A shop called Miss Ellie's in the winery at RB is starting to stock yarn (very little.)She is also giving knit and crochet lessons. Her shop is a combination of clothing and needleworks. You may want to interview her. She has some hand painted yarns. Julie

Years ago we would print a pattern stitch in the newsletter with a six inch square super imposed over it to encourage more square production for Sid's afghans. Ruby

Ruby Townsend told me when I was knitting the two fronts of my sweater, at the same time, with the two centers together and the arm shaping to both outsides, in order to keep the centers together use a safety pin, then if you put your work down for any reason, you can't get lost. As the fronts grow, just move the safety pin up. Thanks Ruby!!

If or when you discover you have to unravel a large number of rows.....don't panic. Count down the number of rows that you need to unravel and insert a smaller needle. Weave the needle under the right-hand loop of each stitch in the row you will unravel to. The pull out the original needle and unravel back to the row where your thin needle is. I count my stitches on the thin needle before to make sure I picked them all up.

To keep your side salvage from being loose or rolling up. Slip the first stitch and if the next stitch is a knit or purl, knit or purl into the back of the stitch.

Diane, I would love to have someone tell us the meaning of the symbols on the back of the yarn package. I am not really sure what they mean. I can guess that the iron with X, means don't iron, but some of the others are confusing to me, and maybe to others?