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**DINOSAURS AND CHILDREN'S FASHION TAKE THE GRAND PRIZE
IN THE 2009 TKGA DESIGN CONTEST,
WITH ALL WINNING PATTERNS TO BE PUBLISHED BY
CONTEST SPONSOR YARNMARKET.COM**

“Stefan’s Dinosaurs Cardigan”, a children’s fashion design by The Knitting Guild Association (TKGA) Member Pat McDermott, has been awarded the 2009 TKGA Design Contest Grand Prize – a \$1,000 gift certificate for Yarnmarket.com. In partnership with TKGA, contest sponsor Yarnmarket.com awarded additional gift certificates as prizes in five design categories. First, second and third prizes are valued at \$300, \$200 and \$100, respectively. Yarnmarket.com will also produce the winning patterns.

From a field of juried finalists, selected by judges from TKGA and Yarnmarket.com, plus Sandy Blue who is the sales agent for Washington and Oregon for Westminster Fibers, Inc., the following entries placed as winners. Criteria included such things as design appeal, use of stitches, color and selection of materials, originality of design and design details. Winners by category are:

Accessories First Place – Ann Smith for “Ladybugs for Lisa - Shoulder Shawl”

Accessories Second Place – Nancy DaPonte for “Wicklów Hat”

Accessories Third Place – Gale Ulvang for “Wings and Cable Scarf”

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Baby's Fashion First Place – Kathleen M. Eldredge for “Two in One-der (Reversible) Baby Cardigan”

Baby's Fashion Second Place – Jacqueline Mehring for “Springtime Lace Bobble Baby Jacket”

Baby's Fashion Third Place – Diane Walins for “Baby's Flower Hat”

Children's Fashion First Place – Heidi Roe for “Embroidered Bolero Sweater”

Children's Fashion Second Place – Pat Rosenzweig for “Cable-Yoke Little Girl's Dress”

Children's Fashion Third Place – Kelly Klem for “Girls' A-Line Peasant Dress”

Women's Fashion Classic First Place – Betty Fryer for “Diamond Delight Cardigan”

Women's Fashion Classic Second Place – Tina Sherfield for “My Heart to Yours Pullover”

Women's Fashion Classic Third Place – Brit Raubenheimer for “Northern Lights Pullover”

Women's Fashion Forward First Place – Ann Kelly for “Nexo Jacket”

Women's Fashion Forward Second Place – Diane Dugal for “Cool Curves - Summer Shell”

Women's Fashion Forward Third Place – Dana Matuskey for “Cardigan with Lace Border”

“We were thrilled with the number of entries, and with the creativity of the designs,” says Alex Nikifortchuk, COO of Yarnmarket.LLC. “We'll be featuring many of the winning patterns in our online fashion magazine for knitters, KnitchMagazine.com, and will also be making them available for free at Yarnmarket.com in time for the autumn fashion season.”

“The contest provided an ideal avenue of opportunity for TKGA members who are budding knitwear designers,” says TKGA Executive Director Penny Sitler. “We plan to offer the contest again.”

The winning garments were displayed May 15-17 at the TKGA National Conference and Knit & Crochet Show in Portland, Oregon, where awards were announced. Photos from the display will appear in the Show's online photo gallery at www.KnitandCrochetShow.com.

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TKGA represents more than 10,000 knitters in the United States and around the world. They sponsor TKGA Conferences in conjunction with Knit & Crochet Shows that occur twice each year – the next one scheduled for August 7-9 in Buffalo, New York. TKGA is dedicated to providing knitting education and inspiration, and offers correspondence courses and a Master Knitting Program in addition to classes at the Conferences. *Cast On* magazine, produced quarterly by TKGA for its members and member retail store sales, is popularly known as The Educational Journal for Knitters.

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