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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Happy Stitchers

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BOARD MEETING

Fourth Monday of the month at Phyllis Richardson's.
• Next meeting is April 24th at 9:00 am.

MEMBERS MEETING

Second Wednesday of the month at La Posada
Recreation Room.
• Next meeting is April 12th with 9:30 social time and
10:00 business meeting.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the next issue is April 24th. E-mail Sue
Swan at sueswan@msn.com or mail typed copy.
Please include CWNewsletter in the subject line.

Those that went to the Shemer Show sure had a great time and enjoyed the whole day. Some bought interesting things at Family Arts shop and then there is me that bought stretcher bars!! I always have many on hand for students and for anybody else that may need them.

We had 4 winners that day. First Donna Lou Hetler won a third place ribbon for her entry. It was a geometric box top she had done at a convention. Very proud of her in many ways. She had the courage to try and won the first time she entered. Everybody needs to try! You may be surprised. Then Angelia Bertolina won a gift certificate, Jenet Parker won a kit called Weeping Violets, and Pat Phillips won a canvas from Sundance.

I want to thank Eloise and Jeanne for our beautiful luncheon. As usual Eloise came up with a great menu and we all enjoyed the beautiful music.

I continue to find new threads or new colors for older threads, and will start a show and tell of them at meetings. We all use threads and I think we all should be informed of the current choices. If I come across a new book I will bring that also. I found a new idea for a painted canvas that I will also bring. If anybody finds a new chart, tool, or idea please bring it. Let's share ideas and help each other.

I need **HELP**. We must find somebody to audit our books and so far I have not found anybody. If you can or know of somebody that could please let me know ASAP.

Keep a Happy Face
Phyllis

MONTHLY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

APRIL PROGRAM

Let's get started on our community outreach project of Christmas ornaments for the Chamber of Commerce tree. We will have design books, charts, some painted canvases, some fabric and stash canvas and threads. Each person can choose an ornament to work. We ask more experienced stitchers to be available to help out newer stitchers when needed.

Bring scrap canvas, stash threads, stretcher bars and usual stitching supplies with you. Painted canvases will need 6" bars, but bring 7 or 8" bars if you want to work from charts or other designs. We will bring our stash to share for those who don't have any with them. See you April 12th for an early Xmas party.

Stay and bring your lunch, (Red and Green theme), and we will continue working on ornaments (or your own projects) in the afternoon.

If you have a copy of NP (NeedlePointers) September 2003 Vol. 31 Number 5 please bring it with you to the meeting.

MAY PROGRAM

Decorative stitches – A notebook class to be taught by three of our experts. Earla Swope will do a program for a small cover stitched in Chotties Plaid. This stitch will be done in three colors of thread and when completed can then be applied to the needle case that many of us have. Phyllis Richardson and Pat Phillips will show us their favorite stitches, and the different methods each has of doing them. These stitches will be done on a doodle cloth, so please make sure to bring some canvas (of any size) with you to the meeting. We will run long and plan to break for lunch about 1pm and have stitch-in after lunch.

JUNE CASUAL

June will be the first of our three casual meetings; Stitch-ins with short programs and no business meetings. June we will show a video, and relax with personal projects or continue with the Xmas ornaments. A possible show and share of book, paper making and binding, stitch by committee, and kitted beaded scissor fobs, are some of the ideas for our casual summer meetings. See you then!

JULY PROGRAM

We will be doing a scissor fob. Watch for more information and a picture in next month's newsletter!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Stitch Out on April 5th

If you have signed up for the Spring Stitch Out please remember to bring your oldest piece from your stash, along with your usual stitching tools such as light, magnification etc. The Stitch Out will be on Wednesday April 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Kristofer's Dining.

Seminar 2006

You can be a special part of Seminar by being one of the lucky people who stitch items for the ANG Auction. Auction is one of the highlights of the Seminar week and seeing your very own stitched piece lead the bidding is a real high! I know -- I was one of those who stitched the banners for Washington, DC that sold for \$16,000. I won't ever forget that one! You can review the canvases available online by clicking the Silent and Live Auction link on <http://www.needlepoint.org> Choose a canvas there, get your threads, and start stitching -- then come watch it being auctioned off. All that stitching fun and you don't have to finish a thing -- it doesn't get better than that. *Submitted by Pat Rogers, ANG North Central Area Representative*

TIDBITS OF NEWS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Susan Bumsted, originally from Illinois, is a year-round GV resident. She is one of the publishers of our newsletter so is already

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active on our Board! She enjoys reading, hiking, and gardening. Susan is a beginner at needlepoint and is a student of Phyllis Richardson.

Phyllis Gilbert is a Minnesotan and a three-month winter visitor. She is a needlepointer of 35 years, but was unaware there were fancy stitches and even fancier threads! She is also a student of Phyllis's. A retired dental hygiene teacher in MN colleges, she enjoys travel, gardening, and reading.

Sue Neelley retired from supervising at a paper manufacturer, and then worked part-time at a quilt shop in Bend OR. She is a quilting instructor. She loves traveling and photography. She is an experienced stitcher who has studied with many outstanding teachers.

More about new members Irene Sullivan, Twanda Gustafson, and Rosemary Johannessen next month.

MEMBERSHIP DUES DUE

Lifetime Members dues due for 2006 (local \$16)

Nancy Pfeifer

Memberships expired January 31st are the following:

Cindy Armstrong

Marilyn Davison

Arlene Deeds

Susan Ettl

Mary Hamilton

Marilyn Hinkle

Evelyn Morris

Ann Hardy Payne

Ethel Skowronski

Barbara Venable

Memberships expiring March 31st are the following:

Angela Bertolino
Janet Billington
Judy Ellingson
Eloise Fredrickson
Mona Freeman
Ann Kennedy
Barbara Lehto
Joan Fellingham
Honey Montrose
Pat Phillips
Helen Thompson

Plural memberships expiring March 31st are the following:

Nancy Lee
Polly Smith
Marg Williams

National will invoice members for \$33 directly. All members are to send checks for the local chapter of \$16 to Muggs Tilly.

WEB LINKS

Web Links is our newest feature meant to provide information as an easy way for our winter visitors to order from the local shops and for those that are unable or don't have the time to drive into Tucson.

The West <http://www.thewestinc.com>
Busy Needle <http://busyneedle.com>
Fireside Stitchery
<http://www.firesidestitchery.com>