



CACTUS WREN

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Cactus Wrens

Well it looks like Spring is here. It sure makes it hard to sit inside and needlepoint with all the new life around us and flowers poking their heads through the ground. It also brings Spring cleaning and making the decision that I will never get that stitched BUT maybe someone else is looking for just that piece. If you come across anything like that, please donate it to the Guild for Opportunity Baskets - there sure were a lot of cute things in the baskets at the Spring Luncheon. You can give them to Linda Nettling, Earla Swope or me. In discussion of the Spring cleaning, I am going to do some serious cleaning out of the storage area – if anyone has anything stored in there or knows of something in there they want – speak up or it will be gone.

I am really looking forward to this next year. We will keep the meetings short and most of all SWEET so we can have a program and be done by noon so everyone can go to lunch. According to the Survey that Phyllis sent out, that was the main theme.

Some of the feature projects Linda and Earla have coming up will be the cards we are doing in April, a good lecture from Sharon of Crescent Colours in May. June, July and August we will be dark. However, in July we will have a Stitch-In at Earla's house – she has lots of room and always a new recipe to try out. So if you going to be

ELECTED BOARD

PRESIDENT	Dale Miller
VICE PRESIDENT	Linda Nettling
VICE PRESIDENT	Earla Swope
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APPOINTED BOARD

HOSPITALITY	Rosemary Johannesson Mary Williams
MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER EDITOR PUBLISHER	Sue Swan Susan Bumstead Elizabeth Farmer Judy Kowalski
SOCIAL	

BOARD MEETING

No meeting this month. Stayed tuned for the details for the next Board Meeting

MEMBERS MEETING

Second Wednesday of the month at La Posada Recreation Room.

- Next meeting is April 11th

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the next issue is April 30th. E-mail Sue Swan at sueswan@msn.com or mail typed copy. Please include **CWNewsletter** in the subject line.

here in July be sure to let us know so we can contact you to remind you. It will be on the regular meeting day at 9:30 A.M.

To clear up a statement I made at the luncheon, I will give one year free membership dues on our chapter dues – not the national dues – to anyone who brings in a new paying member. We desperately need new members so talk to your neighbors, any clubs you belong to or church members to see if we can't get some new members.

One other thing I need to get cleared up is the Member Roster. The one on the web site is not even close to being accurate. I would like to have any and all email addresses so I can send an email to remind everyone when it is time for the meetings, to keep in touch this summer and just any announcements in general that may be needed. I am letting Sue and her faithful helpers have a couple months off this summer from the Newsletter. You will not receive one for June or July but again in August to be ready for the meetings starting in September. Please send me an email at markert@juno.com with all you information both summer and winter addresses along with phone numbers and email addresses. I will have a new signup sheet at both the April and May meetings.

I am looking forward to a good year as your President. A big THANK YOU to all of you that said yes to staying on and working with me. I am trying not to make to much work on anyone so we can all enjoy each and every meeting.

May the thread in your needle, keep our hearts stitched together while we are apart!

Dale Miller

MONTHLY PROGRAMS AND FUTRUE PROJECTS

April Program

The April Program will be "A BRIGHT HELLO" by Jan Sprague. This is a fun project that can be done in an evening or two. It is perfect to carry with you for traveling or have to wait somewhere. It is a card done with Bargello stitches. The supplies can be from your stash of threads. The canvas will be provided by Dale & Earla, and a card will be provided by Jan Sprague. You are to bring a Watercolor or any over dyed thread that will cover 18ct canvas with a straight stitch, and three threads that will compliment or accent the Watercolors. Pearl cotton works well. Include a metallic ribbon and/or other ribbon floss.

May Program

The May Program will be a talk from Sharon Crescent of Crescent Colours. She started her own business of hand dying cotton floss originally for Cross Stitch and now has lots and lots of colors with fun names. She is a success story for a business woman that started out of necessity to find that perfect color for a piece of Cross Stitch she was working on.

Future Programs

When we get back together again this fall we will have a lot of exciting programs. Our own Donna Lou is working up a little something to learn some Hardanger.

Mary Ellen Searcy is going to design a small piece for us from her Multi Award winning piece. We will be making scissor

fobs - they were so popular last summer when Pat & Phyllis did them, we thought we would do them again so those of you that are only here in the winter will have a chance to make one. We also are trying to put together a program on how to approach a painted canvas which was one of the big requests in the Survey. So we will have some interesting things - not big pieces to add to or works in progress but doable pieces of ART!

Needle Arts. You can find out more about Stitch N Pitch at www.stitchnpitch.com Look forward to hearing from you,

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TIDBITS OF NEWS

STITCH N PITCH

Lauren, Cassie and I are working on the Tucson area Stitch N Pitch for the Diamondbacks and Mets game May 6th. This is what I know so far; the Diamondbacks have set aside 3 sections at the ballpark for us. Each person with a stitch N pitch ticket will receive a tote bag filled with goodies. The gates open at 11:30 for stitching demonstrations along with shop sponsored sales tables. Many local shops are planning additional promotions like tail gate parties and mystery stitching projects. The Diamondbacks will include us in the game day activities, like being up on the jumbotron and trivia question games. Your guild can get a block of ticket to sell to members. The tickets are \$15.00 each if purchased through a guild or shop or \$20.00 if purchased through the Diamondbacks. I would be happy to talk to your members either as a group or individual about this event. This is a great opportunity to bring awareness to the

CACTUS WREN 2006-2007 FINAL FINANCES

	INCOME	EXPENSE
MEMBERS		
dues	1,172	
ang		(68)
opportunity	195	
fines	19	
total	1,386	(68)
SALES/DONATION		
items	757	
convention (laying)	815	(350)
total	1,572	(350)
ADMINISTRATION		
insurance		(216)
storage		(360)
po box		(28)
la posada		(250)
web		(330)
president pin		(40)
total		(1,224)
newsletter		(360)

postage & envelopes		(289)
supplies		(69)
total		(718)

total administration		(1,941)
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EVENTS

threaded treasures	441	(282)
total	441	(282)

SOCIAL

stitchout fall	312	(288)
lunch Christmas	660	(583)
lunch spring	864	(785)
Shemer Show	75	(876)
total	1,911	(2,533)

CLASSES

videos	20	(38)
january cactus	600	(600)
february flower		(273)
total	620	(910)

TOTALS	5,930	(6,084)
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INCOME	5,930	
EXPENSES	(6,084)	
TOTAL	(154)	

Donna Lou Hetler
Treasurer



Membership Info from ANG:

Payment of ANG National Dues

Your e-mail address will help us keep you more informed of when your dues are due. ANG wants to reach as many of our members via e-mail as possible! ANG has

an ANG Web site www.needlepoint.org section for updating their member information electronically. Select the "Change of Address" line under "Member Resources". A page entitled "Update Membership Database." This can be used for adding your e-mail address to ANG database. The membership office will be e-mailing members when their dues invoices have been put in the mail. This has proved to be extremely effective with their other clients and doesn't cost anywhere near mailing reminds does. We know we have many members who do not have e-mail, but you would be surprised how many do! Let's give this a try. Help ANG help you! Be proactive and give ANG your current e-mail address!

ATTENTION WINTER VISITORS AND THOSE OF YOU WITH SECOND

RESIDENCES: Please be aware of your ANG renewal date and where you are likely to be at that time. If your are routinely at a secondary address at that time, please contact the Membership Office of ANG and alert them to this situation.

National will invoice members for \$33 directly. All members are to send checks for the local chapter of \$16 to Mary Williams, new membership chairperson.

There will be a membership report at the next meeting, so please plan on attending on April 11th.

STITCH OF THE MONTH

April 2007: Buttonhole Gobelin

by Brenda Hart

I enjoy doing this stitch because it always seems to look so beautiful when it's finished no matter what thread is used. It looks pretty when used with silk ribbon, metallic ribbon, rayon ribbon, but it especially looks beautiful when stranded silk is used.

I call it *horizontal* Buttonhole Gobelin if the stitches are done going east and west, even though when done this way, the stitch gives a vertical appearance.

I call it *vertical* Buttonhole Gobelin, if the stitches are running up and down, even though it gives a horizontal appearance. (See diagrams below.)

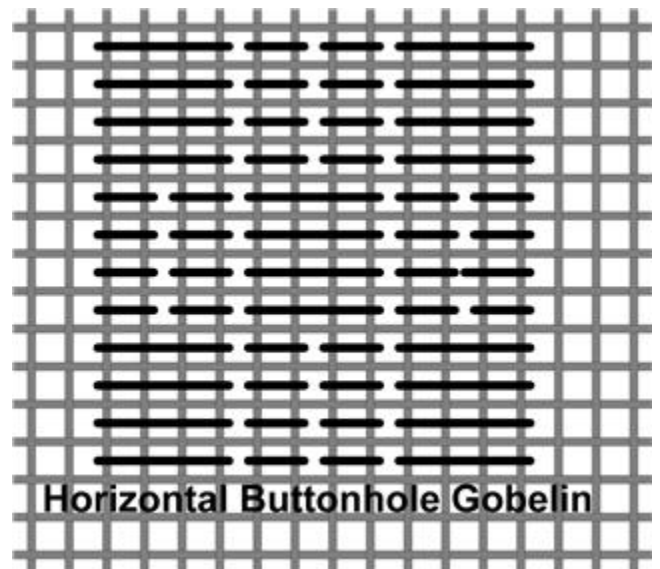
The stitch makes great borders stitched as a single stripe that has an even number of threads. I have used it on borders with as many 12 threads wide on 18 mesh. However, I wouldn't want to use the stitch on a border that wide if the piece was going to be handled.

Horizontal Buttonhole Gobelin looks great as a stitch for a tall building, and whether it is done vertically or horizontally and in stranded silk it gives a quiet appearance.

Done horizontally it looks very elegant because it flows vertically and gives the appearance of height.

If the stitches are running vertically, this stitch works well as a fill stitch for a large area.

Now that I have probably confused everyone, I have shown the diagrams below as examples.



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