



CACTUS WREN

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I begin by thanking Dale and the outgoing board. You did a great job!

I thank all who contributed to making the Spring Luncheon a success. A special thanks to Jeanne Hunsberger for the great harp music. We appreciate all of your efforts.

I thank all of you who said "yes" to the nominating committee when asked to become an elected member of the board and "yes" to me when I asked if you would become a committee chairperson. I thank Margaret von Kuegelgen for organizing the bus trip to the Shemer Show. I also thank those who quietly behind the scenes provide advice. Your efforts are so appreciated.

On a more somber note, please keep Norma Pennington and Nancy Sour in your thoughts and prayers. I know both would like to receive some encouraging words from each of you. If you know of any other member who could use good words during trying times, please let me know.

This year has great programs and activities planned. The Board had their first meeting and is highly motivated. They are exciting!

ELECTED BOARD

PRESIDENT	Linda Nettling
VICE PRESIDENT	Ann Seese
SECRETARY	Elizabeth Farmer
TREASURER	Rosemary Johannesson
DIRECTOR AT LARGE	Ermaline Hannum Jennet Parker

APPOINTED BOARD

HOSPITALITY	Jane Browder Ruth Deobler
SOCIAL	Phyllis Richardson
MEMBERSHIP	Susan Bumsted
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	Donna Lou Hetler
PUBLISHER	Maggie Niggemeyer

BOARD MEETING

Fourth Wednesday of the month at 9:00AM
• Next Board meeting is April 23rd
Linda Nettling's home.

MEMBERS MEETING

Second Wednesday of the month at La Posada
Recreation Room. Social time is 9:30AM.
Meeting is at 10:00AM
• Next Members' meeting is April 9th.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the May issue is April 23rd. E-mail
Donna Lou Hetler at DLHetler@aol.com.
Please include CWNewsletter in the subject
line.

Has everyone received their class listing for Seminar and made a decision to attend? It sounds great! AND have you considered exhibiting?

I hope spring generates much energy for you and that you stitch as much...or more than you want. I look forward to seeing each of you at the chapter meetings. Until then, stitch much and travel safe.

Linda Nettling
President



APRIL 9 – GETTING FRAMED by Frank “The Framer” Garcia

Framing is soooo important. Of course we want our hard work to look fantastic on the wall, and a great framing job can be critical.

Frank will talk and demonstrate the “ins and outs” of a great frame job. A few finished pieces will be brought to discuss how he views the work. But if you have a finished piece you would like him to comment on, please feel free to bring it along. This is your chance to get an expert opinion, and the rest of us will learn from it.

Remember, if a piece is entered in a judged show, the piece is also judged on the framing. That’s how critical framing is. This is a program that will benefit all of us, no matter what our level. Bring all your questions about matting and framing.

If you have pieces which Frank framed, please bring them along for display. The more pieces, the better he can show how quality framing is done.

MAY 14 – ANG VIDEO – Details TBA

JUNE 11 – STITCH-OUT AT KRISTOFER’S – We will gather starting at 10:00AM to enjoy a morning of stitching. You can order off a special menu when you arrive and Kristoff will prepare lunch while we stitch.

After lunch, we can stay and stitch some more. Lunch will be paid at the time you order, so no upfront costs. Sign-up will be at the hospitality table at the general meeting.

THIS YEAR’S PROGRAMS

A list of the year long programs was presented to the Board. Some are still tentative and details are being worked out, so they may be subject to change. Here’s the listing to get your creative juices flowing.

APRIL – GETTING FRAMED by Frank “The Framer” Garcia. Bring your framing questions and learn what it takes to have a great framing job done on your pieces.

MAY – ANG Video, subject to be announced

JUNE – Stitch-out at Kristofer’s.

JULY – Stitch-in at Susan Bumsted’s home.

AUGUST – Stitch-in at La Posada.

SEPTEMBER – Choosing Stitches for a Painted Canvas. A panel of our own experts will talk about stitches and color choices.

OCTOBER – Renaissance Lady with History of Stitching. A fascinating look back at how our art came to be what it is today.

NOVEMBER – Tassel from Needle Pointers March 2008 magazine. Save your copy now!

DECEMBER – Christmas Luncheon at Grill on the Green.

JANUARY – Wild Rose is an ANG Chapter Project. This is a lovely pattern in using the bargello stitch.

FEBRUARY – Favorite Tools, Accessories and Organizers. This is an audience participation on the best “stuff” we use. New and antique will be welcome.

MARCH – Spring Luncheon at Grill on the Green.

Sounds like a busy and fun year! Sit down right now and mark your calendars for the 2nd Wednesday of the month. It will be educational and fun. If you have any questions, contact Ann Seese.



THREADED TREASURE OR HOME TOUR?

Normally, next February would be a Threaded Treasure year. However, space has become difficult to find. The rooms we used in the past have been converted to other uses and are not available to us.

Also in February, the Board thought about a home tour as a fund raising event. The question arose, could they be combined as a “Threaded Treasure’s Home Tour.” It would solve the problem of display space, and focus our energy and efforts on only one event.

The issue will be addressed at the April General meeting. Please give it some thought and come prepared to discuss it. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to direct your thoughts to Linda Nettling, President, before hand.

This is an important decision and all input is valued. Please contribute your thoughts.

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Small plastic bags attached to a large ring are a good method of organizing threads. However, natural threads must breathe. Plastic bags can change the chemical balance of some novelty threads.

Use the bags primarily for short term storage. Clip a tiny hole in the corner of the bag. Or use perforated vegetable bags. Either way helps minimize the danger.

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SUMMER STITCH-OUTS

Due to scheduling conflicts in June and July, we are unable to get our regular room at La Posada. Many of us who find the heat exhilarating, also find that the quiet of summer is the only time we get real stitching done. Therefore, summer stitch-outs are scheduled on our regular meeting dates.

On June 11th, a stitch-out at Kristofer’s in Amado is planned starting at 10:00AM. Many of you will remember the great time we had there before. You will order from a menu when you first arrive and pay for it then. No need to collect in advance! More details will follow.

On July 9th, Susan Bumsted will open her home to a stitch-in. Pot luck goodies will be included in the day. Details will be posted in future newsletters.

On August 13th, we will return to La Posada for a stitch-in and activities.

So everyone can join in the fun, a stitch-out will be planned in January or February to include returning members.

If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Richardson, Social Chairperson.



STITCH THE PILLOWS PROJECT

Two southwest design pillows have been donated to the club. These will make excellent opportunity items for Threaded Treasures or home tours. Phyllis Richardson has threads and designed the stitches, but she needs stitchers!

Community projects like this should allow anyone who wants to contribute has an opportunity to do so. The more the merrier. So if you are interested in taking on a section, please see Phyllis to get on the rotation.

It's a good way to possibly learn a new stitch, make a contribution to the club and help raise money in the process. Consider making a contribution of your stitching.

WREN'S NEED A FINISHER

Two of our community projects will need finishing work before they can be used. The Christmas Tree Topper Angel needs to be finished to go on the tree in the Chamber of Commerce display. The two southwest pillows we are stitching for opportunity tickets will need to be finished as box pillows.

If anyone knows of a good finisher that is reasonably priced, please let Linda Nettling know. It would be great if it is local to save shipping costs, but outside the area will also be considered. Also, if any member does this work, this is a great way to contribute to our club. Thanks for your help on this.

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Struggling to hold a short tail in place while manipulating the threads to hold it. And what do you get? A tail that works itself out and loose threads.

Simply place a knot on the top surface about a thumb print (one inch) from the beginning stitch in the direction you will be stitching. As you start to stitch, just catch the tail in the regular stitching. Voile! It will hold fast...and done easily. Oh yes, don't forget to snip the knot when you're done.

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LOGO SHIRTS

Shirts and sweatshirts with the Cactus Wren logo may be ordered at any time. Order forms will be available at the hospitality table during any meeting. If you have not seen the shirts, just ask. Members may be wearing theirs. These are quality shirts in a variety of colors. Show your Cactus Wren pride!

SALAD RECIPES NEEDED!

The Board decided the first mini-cook book should be salads. Although appetizers are first on the menu, the response has been limited. We all wanted to see what others made. Think cheese on a piece of crackers!

With our “take the easy way out” style of living in Green Valley, summer salads are the ticket. Deadline will be late summer. As you make your favorite salads, write the recipe down and send it to Rosemary Johannesson @ gardar58@msn.com.

Salads are always popular. Several may be variations, and that’s just fine. Looking forward to getting all those good ideas!

CACTUS WREN 07-08 ACTUALS

	INCOME	EXPENSE	NET
MEMBERS			
Dues	1132.65	-16.00	
Name Tag Fine	5.50		
Opportunity	469.00		
Total	1607.15	-16.00	1591.15
SALES/DONATION			
Laying tools	30.00		
Shirts	373.00	-232.42	
Library Books	210.00		
Threads	152.20		
Total	765.20	-232.42	532.78
COMMUNITY			
CC Tree Angel		-96.23	
Total		-96.23	-96.23
ADMINISTRATION			
Insurance		-216.00	
Storage		-360.00	
PO box		-40.00	
La posada		-250.00	
Web		-355.20	
Total		-1221.20	-1221.20

Newsletter	-303.63	
Postage	-162.00	
Envelopes	-17.50	
Supplies	-68.55	
President pin	-39.50	
Total	-591.18	-591.18

Total administration **-1812.38 -1812.38**

SOCIAL

Lunch Christmas	720.00	-703.92	
Lunch spring*	356.00	-755.77	
Total	1076.00	-1459.69	-383.69

FINAL TOTALS 3448.35 -3616.72 -168.37

*Due to a change in bookkeeping, the spring lunch income is now held and deposited in the actual fiscal year the expense is incurred. Had it not been for this change, the bottom line would be zero. Congratulations to Dale and last years board for a job well done.

Completed and submitted by Donna Lou Hetler, Treasurer 3/08

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Sometimes a stitch may loosen during the stitching process. It is possible to find the proper position to draw the excess fiber to the back side. This is best done with a tapestry needle of smaller dimension than the one used on the canvas.

A more efficient method of rescuing loose stitches is to draw a needle filled with a plump thread entirely through the hole of the bubbling stitch. Magically, the excess fiber will be drawn to the backside with the plump traveling thread. On the front side, all the stitches will appear to be even.

And the backside? That’s why you find a good framer!

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