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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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BOARD MEETING

Fourth Monday of the month at Phyllis Richardson's.
• Next meeting is April 25th at 9:00 am.

MEMBERS MEETING

Second Wednesday of the month at La Posada
Recreation Room.
• Next meeting is April 13th at 9:30 am for the social
time and 10:00 am for the meeting.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the next issue is April 25th. E-mail
Donna Lou Hetler at DLHetler@aol.com or mail
typed copy. Please include CWNewsletter in the
subject line.

Hi Happy Stitchers

The Board and I want to share our excitement for the New Year. Thanks to all who chose to stay on for another year.

Many new ideas and some old ones will be on our agenda this year. You will find fewer stitching projects and more informational programs.

We want to give everyone time to catch up on their "stash" of unfinished projects and to create some "masterpieces" for the convention in Tucson in '06. Hopefully, we will have more participation in our classes. When we have the opportunity to learn from any program or teacher we should take advantage of it.

This year, there will be an effort to recruit new members. We have lost several, so try and encourage friends to join.

Many of you know this is my second term as President and I hope I can renew some past ideas and events. Any ideas or suggestions from any member are welcome. Just call me.

Keep a happy face,
Phyllis
President

MONTHLY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

April Program and Project – “Rainbow Galleries Threads” with Jay Patterson

In the morning, Jay will give a short lecture on Rainbow Galleries and their threads. This is open to all members as part of our regular program offerings at no cost.

After lunch, he will give his thread guide class. For those not signed up for the class, Jay will allow listeners in the back of the room. Should you decide to purchase a kit that day, he will bring a few extras.

May Program and Project – “Along Came A Spider” with Mary Ellen Searcy

For those who did not see this project at Threaded Treasures, it will be available to view at the April meeting. The detail of threads and beads makes a beautiful monochromic piece, suitable for hanging or box top.

Student needs to bring:

- stretcher bars, 8” x 8”
- thumb tacks
- pencil
- retractable pen
- small sharp pointed scissors
- paper scissors
- bee’s wax
- needle threader if needed
- light is suggested
- magnifier if needed
- regular stitching supplies.

The cost for the kit is \$18.00. Sign-up and payment is due at the April 6th members meeting. This kit may be ordered, even if you will not be able to attend.

June Program and Project – “Tumari” with Mary Hamilton

Tumaris are decorative balls used for ornaments or displayed in glass bowls. This old technique gets a new update, making them easier to do...and we can all use that kind of help.

In this lecture class, Mary will show her collection of tumaris, explaining how she design and constructed each. Tumaris are a beautiful and fascinating way to use up odds and ends of your thread stash.

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL LUNCHEON “SALAD POT LUCK”

Back by popular demand, our famous Salad Pot Luck Buffet will be the luncheon at our April meeting. What’s your favorite salad? Tossed...bean...fruit? Bring your favorite veggie salad to share with 6-8 servings. Don’t forget your table setting and drink. A yummy cake will be provided for desert. Even if you do not plan to stay for the afternoon project, join us for a fun social get together and share your favorite salad.

STITCH-OUT SIGN UP APRIL 13TH

Due to low enrollment, a decision must be made at our April 13th meeting. This affects the cost for the Stitch-Out, so it is crucial to know who is coming. If you plan to attend, but have not yet signed-up, please call Eloise Frederickson to reserve a spot. Payment can be made at the meeting.

The Spring Stitch-Out is planned for April 20th. For those who have attended past stitch-outs, you know what a great time you have at these events. What can be better than stitching, talking and eating.

The Stitch-In will be at La Mariposa Resort from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. The cost is \$23.00. La Mariposa is located on the west side of Houghton Road, between Speedway and Tanque Verde. Due to construction, the best way will be to take Valencia across to Houghton, then north past Speedway.

PROGRAM AND PROJECT PREVIEW

Here's a quick run down of the 2005-2006 programs and projects being planned. There is a mixture of local, regional and national teachers, as well as lectures and project. Some details are not complete, so the listing is subject to change. But this should get your creative ideas flowing for the coming year.

April	Rainbow Galleries Threads Jay Patterson
May	"Along came a Spider" Mary Ellen Searcy
June	"Tumari" Mary Hamilton
July	"Love Notes Needle Case" Dolores Pickell
August	"Shading" Babrara Richardson
September	"Catherine Staneslow Purse" Pat Phillips
October	"Purses with Pat" continued
November	Carol Lake, national Project TBA

December	Christmas Luncheon
January	Cassie Prescott, national Project TBA
February	TBA
March	Spring Luncheon

CAMP CACTUS WREN AUGUST 16TH – 19TH

With Easter over can Summer Camp be far behind?

Time to sign up for Tucson's most fun thing to do in the summer. Come to Camp Cactus Wren for "stitchin', swimmin', and eatin'" with a few laughs along the way. Say goodbye to housework, meetings, husbands...or others...for three days and three nights of carefree stitching and fun.

Camp is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16th through Friday morning August 19th at the Sheraton Tucson Hotel & Suites, 5151 East Grant Road. The room rates remain the same as last year and include full American cooked breakfast buffet. Rates are: \$59 for double guestroom per night and \$74 for two-room suite per night. Please send a check for \$55 for a deposit to Judy Burgess to reserve your room.

With your deposit, state what type of room you wish to reserve and who your roommate will be. Of the \$55, five dollars will go for the stitching room cost and fifty dollars will be applied to your room deposit. The balance will be paid directly to the hotel by credit card when you check in. Please go through the Camp Counselor to make your reservations, and not the hotel.

Plans are underway for a grand summer splash so see you there! Judy Burgess and Sharon Skoczek, Camp Counselors

TIBITS OF NEWS

JULY NEEDLE POINTER NEEDED

Copies of the *July 2002 Needle Pointers* magazine are needed for the July project. If you have a copy you can lend, let Muggs Tilly know. Thanks for any help.

CHANGES IN PROJECTS

Changes to previous projects are being made. This in turn effects the make up of the Board. Each decision was made after Board consideration, and felt it more closely represents what our chapter is doing.

Community Projects Delores Pickell has done an excellent job finding projects and sheparding them through to completion. At the current time, we are committed to doing a project for the new arts center when completed, but that appears to be several years away. We also will continue to supply samplers for Habitat for Humanity. Rather than force a project just to be doing it, a decision has been made to skip a year. Community Projects will return in the future.

Stitch-Ins Sitting and stitching with friends is always a pleasant time. However, this particular venue is no longer popular with our members. Instead, we encourage members to bring work to the members meetings, and come to the twice yearly stitch-outs.

Arts Council This group is devoted to building the arts center. Our participation will be a project for the lobby, but that is later. We will return to this group closer to the building time.

If anyone has questions or concerns about these items, please contact Phyllis

Richardson. As always, your input is important.

KUDOS FOR THE SPRING LUNCHEON

Thanks to Jeanne Hunsberger for the beautiful harp music during our spring luncheon social hour. It was much appreciated by all.

Also, thanks to Earl Pennington for making and donating the "mosquito houses" used as luncheon favors.

And of course a big thanks to Muggs Tilly and Loretta Mahoney for their planning and hostessing of the luncheon.

SHOW AND TELL WINNER

During the Cactus Wren Spring Luncheon, Ruth Deobler won the drawing for a \$25.00 gift certificate from The West. All participates in our Show and Tell Time that we have during our regular monthly meetings were eligible.

The Show and Tell Time is a chance for all of us to share with the guild our latest finished projects in stitchery. As part of our ongoing needlework education, everyone is encouraged to participate. This past year, 53 entries were shared with us.

PATTERN NEEDED

If anyone has the pattern called "Four Seasons" by Orna Willis, please contact Karen Dolan or advise Susan Ettl.

Karen purchased the pattern and over \$100 worth of threads and had started the project...then lost the pattern! Can someone help her out? Thanks so much.

MEMBERSHIP DUES DUE

The payment of local dues for Lifetime members was not requested in December, 2004, due to a clerical error for which Judy apologizes. Please send checks for \$16 for the year 2005 to Judy Burgess.

Lifetime Members listed in Cactus Wren:

Brenda Hart
Susan Hill
Dale Miller
Nancy Pfeifer
Earla Swope

The following Wrens have membership dues past due:

Angela Bertolino
Betty Daniels
Mona Freeman
Nina Keck
Bretta Little
Betty Shoff

Membership will expire May 1 for the following Wrens:

Diane O'Reilly
Dorothy Green
Barbara Ann Richardson
Miriam Parsons
Sue Strause

Dues are: \$45 regular; \$16 plural membership.

Please send dues check to Membership Chairperson, Judy Burgess,