



# CACTUS WREN

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**AUGUST 2005**

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## BOARD MEETING

Fourth Monday of the month at Jan Towery's.  
• Next meeting is August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am.

## MEMBERS MEETING

Second Wednesday of the month at La Posada  
Recreation Room.  
• Next meeting is August 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am for the  
social time and 10:00 am for the meeting.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the next issue is August 22<sup>nd</sup>. E-mail  
Donna Lou Hetler at DLHetler@aol.com or mail  
typed copy. Please include CWNewsletter in the  
subject line.

## **LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Hi Happy Stitchers

For our winter visitors you should know we had some excitement the last couple weeks. There was a fire in the Santa Rita Mountains and came close to Madera Canyon and the Observatory. All was spared by over 800 firefighters and the rain.

Fall will soon be here and that starts our busy season. The dates for our Patio Sale and Home Tour are announced in this issue. Remember to keep in mind we need all your household items you no longer treasure. No clothing or food please.

The Home Tour will be chaired by Pat Phillips and Nancy Sour. They will be asking several of you to open your homes for this tour. Remember, this is a needlework show. Your home does not have to be featured in a magazine. People should come to see our beautiful needlework. More information will follow in the next few months.

To make these events profitable we need all of your support. Not only donating for the sale but also the use of your homes. We will also need members to work at these events.

Keep a Happy Face,  
Phyllis  
President

## MONTHLY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

**August Program and Project** – “Lessons in Shading” with Barbara Richardson



This purple pansy uses a variety of stitches and colors to give subtle shading to the flowers.

For the morning lecture, Barbara will show how to take a simple line drawing and achieve this shading with just floss.

The afternoon workshop will be a practice session trying the flower yourself. The kit will be provided at no cost.

**September Program and Project** – “Dynamic Diagonals Bag” with Pat Phillips



The above bag in shades of blue and lavender show the project as stitched.

This tri-fold bag may be stitched an oblong size of your choice.

- Small 4”x10” canvas 7”x13”
- Medium 6”x14” canvas 9”x17”
- Large 8”x16” canvas 11”x19”
- Or even larger depending on how you plan to use it

Supplies:

- 18-count mono canvas in your color choice. There is some exposed canvas, so you may want a color that is complementary to your palette.
- Watercolor threads
- 2 Splendor in contrasting, but compatible colors.
- Perle #8 to match the dominant color in the Watercolor
- 2 metallic threads, one matching the dominant color and one contrasting
- Flair thread
- Frosty rays thread
- NOTE: The amount of thread will depend upon the size you choose.

Shop your stash first! Mix and match until your threads work for you. Be creative! Add and change threads as you please. These threads are not written in stone!

Pat’s colors were:

- Watercolors Mediterranean
- Splendor S834 & S812
- Frosty Rays Y043
- Kreinick #8 – 044
- Flair F562
- Overdyed “flair type” from stash
- Treasure Braid PB08
- Anchor Perle #8 – 162
- 8.18ct French blue canvas

Prior to class:

Cut your canvas to the size you choose, find the center and measuring out to the final piece size, outlining lightly in a hard pencil the borders of your bag. Attach your canvas to narrow stretcher bars.

Collect threads that appeal to you. Pat starts with a Watercolor and adds complementary colors. Shop your stash first.

Bring to class:  
Usual stitching supplies, including scissors; 22 and 24 needles; stand, frame, frame weights or clamp; laying tool; doodle canvas and threads; magnification or lamp if needed

The cost for the class will be \$5.00 to defray to printing cost.

**October Program and Project** – “Dynamic Diagonals Bag” with Pat Phillips

This is a continuation of September’s program.

**NOTE TO THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND IN SEPTEMBER!!!**

You may buy the instructions and start on your own. Then join us at the October session for further assistance. Or if you can not attend either, but still want the instructions, they may be ordered. In either case, contact Muggs Tilly, Program Chairperson to reserve a copy for you.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**AUGUST LUNCHEON  
August 10th**

August’s program will be a morning lecture, with an afternoon practice session in shading. Bring a favorite sack lunch and stay to enjoy the company, even if you do not plan to stay for they entire session.

**CAMP CACTUS WREN  
August 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>**

It is time for Camp Cactus Wren, with stitchin’, swimmin’, eatin’, and a few laughs along the way. Campers are moving into SheratonTucson Hotel & Suites for three nights of carefree stitching and fun from Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday morning August 19<sup>th</sup>.

Jennet Parker is traveling all the way from Pennsylvania and bringing her husband to camp. Marti Harris said her husband also needed a getaway, so he’s joining us. The husbands will enjoy the delights of Tucson during the day and gather with us for the social evenings.

Barbara Lewis invited all camp attendees to a cocktail party at her house in Tucson on Wednesday evening. Tuesday night we will have a welcome cocktail party in the Presidential Suite. Anyone wanting to bring hors d’oeuvres to add to the collection will be greatly appreciated.

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

**CLEAN OUT THE CLOSETS  
October 21<sup>st</sup> Patio Sale**

The Board set Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> as the Patio Sale date. Times will be 8:00 – 1:00 on that day. Start to peruse your house for unwanted items to donate to our sale.

Three houses will be used, all clustered in the Canoa Seca Estates II subdivision. Ruth Deobler, Jennet Parker, and Donna Lou Hetler have agreed to host the sale.

Each home will need a cashier and at least two helpers in each of two shifts. Sign-up will begin at the August meeting. Also, set-up help will be needed on the Thursday before.

You need to price the items before dropping them off at the designated site. Each house will have a "specialty area" which will be announced later.

Any one with tables, particularly long 8' tables, please let either Jan or Phyllis know. If we can not borrow them from people or another organization, we will need to rent them which adds to the cost of the sale.

This can be a fun event, and make money for our chapter. Any questions, please contact Jan Towery or Phyllis Richardson.

## **STITCH OUT TIME October 26<sup>th</sup>**

Mark your calendar for our fall Stitch-Out on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. We will be returning to Palo Duro in Nogales for a day to stitch and lunch.

Please contact Eloise Fredrikson if you have any questions.

## **TOUR OF STITCHERS' HOMES January 28<sup>th</sup>**

Our home tour has been set for Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 10:00 – 3:00. Committee co-chairs Pat Phillips and Nancy Sour have a plan, and are working on the details.

Five houses will be on tour to show off all of our stitching. The homes will be themed, such as southwest, holidays, traditional, flowers and animals, and prize winners.

There will be no restrictions as to the pieces. They may be new, shown before, or a little out of the ordinary. This is not a judged show, but rather a chance to show the public how we decorate with our art.

Tickets will be \$10 each, with members being given a packet of five to sell to friends and neighbors. While open to the public, this is not a big event like St. Francis Church does in March. Tickets will have maps printed on them.

Two homes have already been volunteered, so if you have a creative and interesting home you would like on tour, please let Pat or Nancy know. Each house will also need 3-4 hostesses in each of two shifts, to explain and watch the house.

Start thinking about what pieces you may want to display, and let all your friends know the date for the tour. If you have any questions, contact Pat or Nancy.

## **TIDBITS OF NEWS**

### **CHANGE IN AUGUST BOARD**

To all Board members, please note that August Board meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> will be at Jan Towery's home instead of Phyllis Richardson's.

### **BOOK NOOK REVIEW A Stitch Book by ANG**

This month's book club selection is A Stitch Book commemorating the 25th anniversary of ANG. This is a very interesting book in which many national teachers present a variety of unique graphed stitches, a variety of stitching techniques, as well as some interesting helpful stitching hints.

Some of the interesting stitches presented include detached buttonholes, tailor's buttonhole, woven leaf, and binding stitch. Directions are given for Chottie's Plaid by Chottie Alderson.

Helpful hints are given for steam blocking a canvas and for making twisted cording. To coincide with this month's project on shading, this book offers a section by Joyce Lukomski on tips for realistic shading.

Visit the Cactus Wren web site for a complete listing of the library books or contact our librarian Ruth Wallace.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JUNE**

Checkbook balance 06/01/05	\$2687.43
Income	\$ 424.00
Disbursements	\$ 194.81
Checkbook balance 06/30/05	\$2916.62
Committed Funds	\$ 660.00
Operating Funds	\$2256.62

### **MEMBERSHIP DUES DUE**

Lifetime Members listed in Cactus Wren need to send \$16 for the year 2005

Brenda Hart  
Susan Hill

The following wrens have membership dues past due and are \$45 primary members and \$16 plural members.

Bretta Little  
Betty Shoff  
Miriam Parsons  
Sue Strause  
Ruth Connors

After this month members whose renewals are due will be invoiced by National for their  
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dues, and at the same time \$16 dollars will be due to your primary and plural chapters.

Please send dues check to Membership Chairperson, Judy Burgess,

### **NEW MEMBER**

Myrene Lang is a new member to our chapter. She and her husband moved from northern California near the Truckee-Lake Tahoe area where she was an active volunteer for hospice and a teacher's aide in the schools.

Now a year round Green Valley resident, she volunteers for the University of Arizona's Santa Rita Ranch. As a beginning stitcher, she is studying with Susan Ettl. Her interests are photography, hiking, golf, and swimming...and of course her family