

Cactus Wren Newsletter
August, 2009

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Stitchers,

I was amazed this past month at the number of projects that *Needle Pointers* had in their July issue that piqued my interest. I also found several projects in other magazines. **NOW**, I need to finish the 3 or 4 projects that I have on the go that are really within striking distance of finishing. The August 12 meeting is designed for you to bring one or two of those that you too have within striking distance of finishing and finish them. We have the room until 4 pm so plan to bring a sack lunch and stay and stitch as long as you want.

Linda
President

NEW MEMBERS:

We have two new members that I would like to welcome into the Guild. They are: Pat Henny and Janelle Smith. Please take a moment to introduce yourself and to welcome them.

DATES:

August 12, 2009 – General Membership Meeting, La Posada Recreation Center – 0930.

August 17, 2009 – Stitch of the Month; Phyllis Richardson's classroom – 1 pm

August 26, 2009 – Board Meeting – Linda Nettling's – 0900

MONTHLY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS:

August – Unfinished projects

September – Finishing the Ort Box

October – Dorothy Lesher Stained Glass Window

November – Continue Dorothy Lesher Piece

December – Christmas Luncheon

Ort Box: As facilitator for the Ort Box, I am suggesting that those who have their stitching done and are ready to take the piece off the stretcher bars, bring this to the August meeting so that we can then cut it apart and glue the edges. (It takes several hours for the glue to dry.) Then we will be ready to complete the finishing in September.

Dorothy Lesher Stained Glass Window: Phyllis has completed the stitching of the piece from the ANG Project book. It is beautiful. She will bring the piece to the September

meeting for all to see and sign up. She is also offering to “computer print the canvas in color” for those who do not wish to draw the design in pencil on canvas. Her charge is \$10 for the color printed canvas and a color print of the project. There will be a picture of the completed project in the September newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS AND IDEAS:

During the discussion of the Annual Budget at the April 2009 Membership meeting, the topic of raising dues for the 2009 Budget year was addressed. The membership decision was to wait until Sept/Oct to amend the Standing Rules, so that the increase would be effective 1 February 2010. An amendment is being drafted and will be published in the September and October newsletters. It would then be voted on at the November meeting.

The September membership meeting will be a time to elect/select the nominating committee for 2010.

TIDBITS OF NEWS:

Patio/Yard Sale:

As you go through things, please think about the Cactus Wren Patio sale in February, 2010. Also, please remember that Linda Lies and Susan Bumsted have volunteered to store items at their homes. The patio/yard sale will be only as successful as you make it.

Grab Bag Items:

Elizabeth Farmer has volunteered to conduct the grab bag/raffle. If you have items to donate to the grab bag – and they don't have to be stitching items – please let Elizabeth know. The grab bags will be at Elizabeth's discretion and may not be every month.

New Member Mentors:

Are you interested in being a new member mentor? If so, please contact Susan Bumsted or Linda Nettling.

Announcements:

Donna Lou has volunteered to do the newsletter in Judy Burgess's absence (she will be at Seminar) for the month of September. If you have any announcements or other information to be included in the newsletter, please get them to her by August 26, 2009.

In closing, I hope that you all are having a great summer, and I look forward to seeing you at future meetings. Linda Nettling