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ELECTED BOARD

PRESIDENT	Susan Ettl
VICE PRESIDENT	Janet Billington
SECRETARY	Nancy Sour
TREASURER	Maxine Freed
DIRECTOR AT LARGE	Cindy Armstrong

APPOINTED BOARD

ASSISTANT TO V.P.	Sharon Skoczek
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	Muggs Tilly
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PUBLICITY	Ruth Deobler
SOCIAL	Muggs Tilly
	Loretta Mahoney
STITCH-OUTS	Earl Pennington
	Norma Pennington
THREADED TREASURES	Sharon Skoczek
	Janice Meitl
WEB SITE	Cindy Armstrong

BOARD MEETING

Fourth Wednesday of the month at Janet Billington's home.
• Next Board meeting is August 25th at 9:30AM.

MEMBERS MEETING

Second Wednesday of the month at La Posada Recreation Room.
• Next Members Meeting is August 11th at 9:30AM for Social and 10:00AM for meeting

STITCH IN

Fourth Wednesday of the month at Canyon View Club House.
• Next stitch in is August 25th at 1:00PM.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for July issue is **August 26th**. E-mail Donna Lou Hetler at DLHetler@aol.com or mail typed copy. Please include CWNewsletter in the subject line.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Wrens,

After hearing about discussions regarding the project selected for the Joyce Lukomski workshop in February 2005, I took a survey of some members about whether they would take the workshop. Some said yes, some said no. I did quite a bit of thinking about our members and the type of projects that they like to work on.

After discussing my thoughts with Janet Billington and Mary Ellen Searcy on Saturday, July 17th, we concluded that though the project selected exposed our members to new techniques, it really was not their cup of tea.

We then discussed the pouch project some of our members were interested in. All three of us have reservations. It has quite a lot of beading on it, which many of our members do not like or find difficult to do. In addition, the project selected by Tucson is a beaded pouch and we attempted to select something dissimilar to what had been chosen there.

Therefore, we decided I should call Joyce and discuss our dilemma with her. On Sunday, July 18th, we talked and Joyce agreed that probably neither project was appropriate for our guild. She would send us

another proposal package. As of July 28th, the deadline for the August newsletter, I have not received the package. If I do not get it this week, I will e-mail Joyce and ask if she can send it in time for us to select a new project by the August meeting.

On the matter of Board expenditure approval, the Board carefully considered the concerns raised by members of the guild. Discussion reviewed putting a limit on the amount of a single expenditure, which the board can approve without the consent of the general membership. Several points were addressed:

1. Our area representative, Doris Akers, was contacted and reported that the national board has no regulations regarding this issue. However, she and Carol Korman, our previous area representative, agreed that any change should be a bylaw change and not a standing rule one.
2. Many other guilds allow their entire Board to vote on all measures, which provides a larger cross-section of a guild's membership to vote on large money issues.
3. Members should be informed prior to a vote on any large expenditure. They can come to a Board meeting to express their views or inform a Board member of their opinion so that their concerns are discussed at a board meeting

After discussing these issues at two Board meetings, the Board agreed that a bylaw change should be initiated that would make the entire Board eligible to vote on any measure discussed at a Board meeting.

Also, any measure with an expenditure of \$500 or more would be discussed in at least one newsletter and one meeting prior to the Board's vote on it. Margaret Von Kuegelgen

has written the amendments to the bylaws covering these changes. They will be published in an upcoming issue of the newsletter and we will vote on them at the November meeting.

If you have any further concerns, please feel free to come to me and discuss them. We do listen.

Susan Ettl
President

MONTHLY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

August Program and Project –
"Holiday Cubes" with Sharon Skoczek

Holiday cubes appeared in *NEEDLE POINTERS*, September 2003. It's a great project for our upcoming raffle and ornament sale at the Green Valley Country Fair.

We will stitch two cubes on the small canvas, and use the finishing techniques taught by Mary Ellen in our July project.

Kits is provided for those who signed up.
Supplies to bring:

1. 7" X 6" stretcher bars
2. Tacks to mount canvas
3. # 22 tapestry needle
4. Beeswax or Thread Heaven
5. Usual stitching supplies
6. September 2003 *NEEDLEPOINTERS* if you have it.

This is an all day workshop, so please be prepared to stay until mid-afternoon!

September Program and Project –
“Peonies” with Dolores Pickell and
Earla Swope

Please sign-up for this project at the July meeting, and pick-up the stitch guide as well. The cost of the guide is \$.50, and it will tell you what materials you will need to bring. If you want a stitch guide but cannot attend the meeting, all Janet Billington at 625-5217.

This will be an all day program, so bring your lunch and stay through the afternoon.

October Program – “Embellishments” with
Reba Ashmore

Reba will talk about embellishment and show her lovely work with antique and new boxes.

October Project

We will work on finishing the Christmas Ornaments for our booth at the Country Fair.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST MEETING

“We’re As Korny As Kansas In August”

Remember you couldn’t wait for corn season? That great taste of summer is here! Go wild and make your favorite corn dish, salad, bread or whatever. Even a corn tortilla wrap counts! The corn can be fresh, frozen or canned. Just be a little korny!

THREADED TREASURES Committee Heads Meeting August 4th

An organizational meeting of the Committee Heads will be on Wednesday, August 4th at 9:30AM at Janice Metil’s house.

Committee Heads are:

- Publicity – Barabra Lewis
- Signage – Donna Lou Hetler
- Mini Boutique – Margaret Von Kuegelgen
- Raffle Tickets – Earla Swope
- Set-Up, Staging And Take Down – Sharon Skoczek and Janice Meitl
- Registration And Ballots – Muggs Tilly
- Stitching Ribbons for Awards – Barbara Richardson
- Community Project Display – Dolores Pickell

If you are unable to attend, please contact Janice Meitl.

ROAD TRIP TO BUSY NEEDLE September 19th

With the closing of Hearts and Hands, some stitchers find themselves without supplies. Or maybe you don’t like to drive to Tucson. The answer? A road trip to the Busy Needle!

The store will be open on Sunday afternoon, September 19th at 1:00 just for Cactus Wren members. And we will get a 20% discount on all items as well.

We will car pool to the store. Sign up will be at the August meeting. Please plan to join us for the adventure. If you can drive, contact Susan Ettl.

TINY TREASURES NEEDED February 17th, 18th and 19th

At Threaded Treasures, there will be a sales table with "Tiny Treasures" for the public to buy. Donations are needed, so please start stitching these little gems.

Items such as scissor cases, needle cases, eyeglass cases, coin purses, bookmarks, and such are always popular.

If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Von Kuegelgen .

TIBITS OF NEWS

MEMBERSHIP DUES DUE

To reduce administration costs, dues notifications will be posted in the newsletter rather than a reminder mailed. To help in the transition, both newsletter posting and a mailed notification will be used. After January 1st, just the newsletter posting will be used.

Members need to send their check in a month prior to their actual expiration date. This allows time for processing the checks and sending the monies to national on a timely basis. For example, if your membership expires on October 1st, your check is due to the Treasurer on September 1st. Therefore, your newsletter posting will be in the August newsletter.

Please send checks to Maxine Freed, Treasurer, and mark it "Membership Dues". Membership fees are \$45 for Primary and \$16 for Plural.

Members whose dues expire as of August 1, 2004. These need to be sent to the Treasurer now, if you have not already done so.

Primary:
Ruth Connors
Madeline Sperry

Plural:
Sue Strause
Miriam Parsons

Members whose dues expire as of October 1, 2004. These need to send their check in by September 1st.

Primary:
Earlene Adams
Alice Cook
Ruth Deobler
Karen Dolan
Olga Edwards
Arlyne Ehli
Maxine Freed
Ermaline Hannum
Adrienne Hayes
Sharon Skoczek
Donna Lou Hetler
Alice Homiak
Claudia Jane Juell
Bonnie McCormick
Janice Meitl
Pat O'Malley
Earl & Norma Pennington
Margaret Powers
Phyllis Richardson
Judy Robertson
Jane Rotman
Mary Sawyer
Valmai Schoeller
Kathy Statz
Jan Towery
Geraldine Troupe

Members whose dues expire as of November 1, 2004. These need to send their check in by October 1st

Plural:

Colette Briody
Ellen Cooley
June Elliot
Barbara Eubank
Marjorie Jordan
Carol Karrle
Kay Kopp
Connie Lagergren
Barbara Lewis
Jo Middlestead
Ann Mosher
Ann Seese
Catherine Staneslow
Margaret von Kuegelgen

If you have any questions, please contact Membership Chairperson, Judy Burgess.

STITCH – IN ATTENDEES

If you plan to attend a stitch-in, please notify the hostess. This courtesy will ensure enough places, and she can plan accordingly.

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITY BASKETS

Additional goodies for the Opportunity Baskets at our December Christmas Luncheon are still needed.

The baskets will be raffled as a fundraiser plus a fun opportunity for you get a new project or stitching aid. Donated items need to be for needle pointers, such as kits, stitching aids, etc. The items need to be new, clean, and...not started. Check to see what goodies you may have.

Also, all size baskets and decorative boxes are welcome. Contact either Muggs Tilly or Loretta Mahoney for items or questions.

TIPS AND IDEAS

EMERGENCY ROOM HELP

To answer any stitching questions, bring them to the Emergency Room for Stitchers at 9:30AM on meeting day. Our thanks to Mary Ellen Searcy for her help at the August meeting.

PLYING THREADS

Multiple ply threads can tangle in the plying process if they are being withdrawn from the wrong end. Tangles result from plying against the grain or natural twist of the thread. Threads do have a right and wrong side. Attempting to thread from the wrong end can also be very difficult.

Before beginning to ply, check both ends of the cut. Withdraw ply from the end that seems more open or as the professionals call it, the blossom end.