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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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BOARD MEETING

Fourth Wednesday of the month at 9:00AM
• Next Board meeting is December 17 at
Linda Nettling's home.

MEMBERS MEETING

Second Wednesday of the month
• Next Members' meeting is the December
10 Christmas Luncheon .

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the next issue is December 17.
E-mail Donna Lou Hetler at
DLHetler@aol.com. Please include
CWNewsletter in the subject.

Dear Fellow Stitchers,

As I prepare to return to PA for Thanksgiving/Christmas, I find myself thinking of how thankful I am for family and friends. The joy of seeing and being with family fills my heart. I identified what stitching was to go two weeks ago! But do I think that I will have a chance to do much? No, it just makes me feel better to have something with me in case I "might have the energy to stitch". It is my hope that you, too, have a Happy Thanksgiving.

A special thanks to everyone who brought their antique or favorite tools to the last meeting. There were some unique and beautiful items.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Luncheon. It promises to be a lot of fun and I know that the Opportunity Baskets will be great! In the meantime, continue to stitch on those Christmas Gifts—or if you are progressive, get them wrapped ahead of time!

Until we meet again, happy stitching.

Linda
President

MONTHLY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

DECEMBER 10 – CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Join us for our annual Holiday get together. Details listed below.

JANUARY 14 – WILD ROSE PROJECT



The placement of satin stitches in four-way bargello designs create a lovely kaleidoscope effect in the finished piece. Padded Jessicas and eyelet variations provide the accent in this design. It is stitched with overdyed silk, braid and silks.

The sample is done in shades of pink and rose with periwinkle blue on black congress cloth. However, variations on color and cloth may be done. The listing

below is for the pink tones, but you may substitute any color palate you like.

Materials needed:

- 10" x 10" square 24-count congress cloth
- Waterlilies – #108 Antique Rose
- Kreinik fine braid #8 – #001 silver
- Petite Trasure Braid – #PB24 Rose
- Splendor Dark Rose – S1046
- Splendor Medium Rose – S950
- Splendor Pink – S1004
- Two pairs of 10" stretcher bars

Variations may be:

- 18 count monocanvas instead of congress cloth. The piece will be larger and additional plies may be needed to cover.
- Two pairs of 12" stretcher bars
- DMC floss may be used instead of Splendor. Colors will be DMC #3607, #3609 and #818.

Other supplies needed:

- Usual stitching supplies
- Needles #22 & #28
- Sewing thread for basting



The instructions will be available the day of class. Please contact Ann Seese at 909-5635 if you have not signed up for the class. This will ensure sufficient copies.

FEBRUARY 12 – FRANK THE FRAMER AND A CHRISTMAS TREE TREAT

Frank Garcia gives us a return visit to talk about all the “ins and outs” of framing your piece. This will be a chance for you to get great ideas on framing your masterpieces.

Also, Ann Seese has a little Christmas tree project that will fit on a card.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Due to the busy schedule between the Christmas Luncheon and the Spring Luncheon, a listing is provided. This will help you keep track of all the happenings. So mark them on your calendar and plan to attend.

December

- 10 – Christmas Luncheon
- 17 – Board Meeting

January

- 14 – GM - Wild Rose Project
- 26 – Stitch-out at Kristofer’s
- 28 – Board Meeting

February

- 11 – GM - Frank the Frammer
- 20 – TT Home Tour
- 25 – Board Meeting

March

- 11 – Spring Luncheon



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON December 10

The deadline for the Christmas Luncheon is Friday, December 5. Notify Phyllis Richardson by either calling her at 648-1029 or e-mail at stitch18@cox.net. Cost is \$21.00.

We gather at Grill on the Green starting at 11:00 for social time, with a cash bar. Lunch will be served at noon. Opportunity baskets will be available during the luncheon.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON COLLECTIONS

Remember to bring your items for both the Green Valley Food Bank and toys for the Green Valley Fire Department Toy Drive. All donated items remain in our community.

OPPORTUNITY BASKETS

We got the goods...now we need the baskets!

If you have any baskets you would like to donate to the cause, please contact Phyllis Richardson at 648-1029 or stitch18@cox.net. She needs them by Friday, December 5.

“WREN’S IN THE KITCHEN” COOKBOOK

Just in time for your Christmas giving. Our cookbook contains both appetizers and salads with plenty of variety to suit any taste. The books will sell for \$5.00 and make perfect hostess or holiday gifts.

STITCH-OUT TIME Monday, January 26th

Time for our winter stitch-out! We will gather at 10:30AM at Kristofer’s in Amado. Lunch will be ordered off a special menu when you first arrive.

Kristofer will prepare lunch while we stitch. You will pay for your meal that day, so no need to collect in advance.

After lunch we will stay and stitch until 2:30PM. Sign-up will be at the next meeting, or contact Phyllis Richardson.

THREADED TREASURES’ HOME TOUR Friday, February 20 10:00AM to 4:00PM

Tickets are ready for distribution. Hostesses are planning their display areas...and Maggie Niggemeyer needs more “White Glove Ladies” to help the day of the show. Please let her know you will work a few hours that day.

Muggs Tilly will be distributing tickets at the December meeting. The ticket will have a map to each house and explain the special displays in each. Tickets will be \$10.00 each.

THREADED TREASURES’ DISPLAY ITEMS

Sign-up will be at the January meeting. This will give the committee time to assign the house you will take your items to be displayed.

Look over your work. Remember it could have been displayed at previous shows. Jot down the title, size and format, i.e. pillow, framed, etc. This will help the committee to spread the items evenly between the homes.

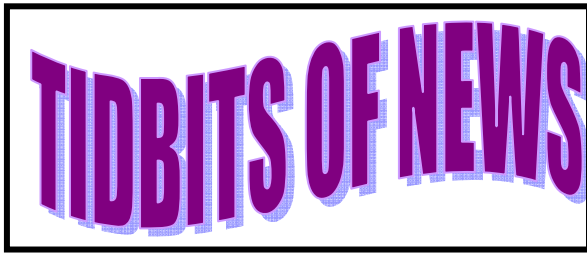
Items will be accepted at the homes on the morning of Thursday, February 19. All of your work will go to one home, so you do not need to go to more than one home.

Also, any Tucson members may bring their items to the February 11 General Meeting to save a trip down. Rosemary Johannesson will store them for safe keeping until the tour. If you have any questions, contact Phyllis Richardson.

BY-LAWS FINALLY PASS!

Our by-laws finally are approved and passed. This means we have an up-to-date set of both by-laws and standing rules. Thanks to everyone who made this happen.

To get a copy of each, go to our web site at www.gvang.org and look under Chapter Information. From there, you may select either option. The site allows you a printable edition.



DUES ARE DUE!

Last year we changed our chapter dues to a single due date for everyone. That means February 1st is when your dues should be sent for local membership.

Susan Bumsted will be ready to take your check any time between now and February. Dues are still only \$16.00 and make checks payable to Cactus Wren. You may give the check to her at a meeting, or mail them to her at 802 E. Vault Mine Court, Green Valley AZ 85614

Remember: National ANG sends you the notice of your dues to them on your anniversary date.

**CACTUS WREN CHAPTER
ANG INC.
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
OCTOBER 2008**

Checkbook balance	
as of October 1	\$ 4842.14
Income	
Christmas Lunch	\$ 294.00
Threads	.90
Name Tags	.50
Bib	3.00
Tote Bag	25.00
Book	5.00
Pins	<u>10.00</u>
Total	\$ 338.40

Expenses	
Postage	\$ 16.41
Christmas Lunch	33.07
Newsletter	<u>13.66</u>
	\$ 36.14

Checkbook balance
as of October 31 \$ 5144.40

CD# xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx0450 \$1,630.12
CD# xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx0829 \$1,086.91

Prepared and submitted 10/31/08
Rosemary Johannesson
Treasurer

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CONGRESS CLOTH

Technically speaking, twenty-four count fabric is not needlepoint, but congress cloth. Because it is an even weave fabric and has similarity to traditional canvas, it can be worked in needlepoint style. Design-wise, it allows more detail in your work. Stitch-wise, it requires good lighting.

Floss remains the ideal choice of thread for congress cloth. Projects filled with detail, especially samplers, are ideal on this medium. Congress cloth is stiff with starch and can be hand painted.

Although stitching a twenty-four count project may seem to take forever, the stitcher may be reassured it is perfectly acceptable to leave the background unworked. Congress cloth comes in many different colors from delicate pastels to bold black. Thus, you are freed from the torture of labor intensive background stitching,.

If you have never stitched on congress cloth, the January "Wild Rose" project is perfect to give it a try.