



# CACTUS WREN

Green Valley AZ  
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February 2010

## ELECTED BOARD

PRESIDENT	Linda Nettling
VICE PRESIDENT	Elizabeth Farmer
SECRETARY	Linda Lies Marge Powers
TREASURER	Rosemary Johannesson
DIRECTOR AT LARGE	Phyllis Richardson

## APPOINTED BOARD

HOSPITALITY	Jane Browder Ermaline Hannum
SOCIAL	Jennet Parker Phyllis Gilbert
MEMBERSHIP	Susan Bumsted
NEWSLETTER ED.	Judy Burgess
PUBLISHER	Susan Bumsted

## BOARD MEETING

- Next Board meeting is Mon. Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> Combined boards. @ Linda Nettling's house, 9 a.m.

## MEMBERS MEETING

Second Wednesday of the month at Friends In Deed. 9:30 a.m. social, 10 a.m. business meeting, program, lunch and stitch –in until 3 p.m.

- Next Members' meeting – Feb 10th at Friends In Deed.

## STITCH-OF-THE-MONTH

Third Monday of the month at Phyllis Richardson's. Call her or e-mail.

- **No meeting in February**

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the next issue is Feb 20th  
E-mail Judy Burgess at [judybur@aol.com](mailto:judybur@aol.com)  
Include CW Newsletter in the subject.

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Stitchers,

Here it is 6 am and I find myself sitting at the kitchen counter pondering what to say—once again. I have been “working” from my toasty spot in bed for nearly an hour, and finally the call of the coffee pot has lured me to the kitchen. These days, I have come to enjoy my morning cup of coffee at a leisurely pace. I spend these few moments waking up and trying to organize the day

Then, if Tom is still sleeping, I pull out my stitching directions for the next area of whatever project I am doing, and spend some time just reading through them or determining what I should do next. I am currently working on Susan Chaleff's CyberWorkshop piece “Heart of the Cabin”. Since her original is done in pinks and blues, which do not work with the southwest décor, I elected to change the thread colors to aquas and rusts. I cannot tell you how many aqua blue and aqua green colors I have accumulated and how many orange into rust colors I have. But, I am having fun and really love the play of colors. Since Susan's piece is designed like log cabin quilt blocks, you could say that each log (as she calls it) of the block is like a little sampler for stitches.

Some of the threads that Susan selected “just weren’t me”. So, with a little education I have been able to find alternative threads that I really like. Tom is fond of calling the kitchen table the country store because the threads were all laid out there to start. After picking them up several times for company, I have finally solved that problem. I have a large white beach towel and lay the threads out from light to very dark on that, and then when I am ready to “close shop” for the night, I roll them up in the towel. It has really worked well. I keep a record of what color I substitute for those the author suggested, and now I refer to my “record” to see what threads I might consider. Of course by now I have my favorite “go to” threads.

So you can imagine what my trips to the stitching shops have been like—I go looking for threads! Last week I was even in a shop that I swore I would never enter again. I spent nearly 45 minutes just going over threads a little at a time. Now, what I don’t understand is why all the Kreinik threads are located within 36 inches of the floor. I cannot tell you how many times I have been on my knees on the floor going through one drawer at a time—I have to see everything. It is exhilarating to see the colors and selections, but the knees don’t appreciate it when I get up.

I have been on web sites that I never imagined existed and received a word picture of the thread, but never a picture of the color. I have purchased some threads, color unseen, that sounded like they would be right. I netted 2 out of 5 successfully. Never mind, the other three—I like the colors anyhow. I have purchased perle cottons—as thick as #3, and matching perles for the ThreadworX colors. I have found Rainbow Gallery’s Silk Lames, ThreadworX’s cottons, Crescent Color’s

overdyed silks, Trebizonds, Burmilanas, Needlepoint Inc Silks, Impressions, Splendors, Glorianas plus many DMC and Anchor flosses, and Kreinik braids and 1/16” ribbons just to name a few.

Initially, I just “followed directions”, but as I progressed through the piece I found myself beginning to determine the texture the author was trying to create in the “log”, the sheen—did I mention I really like the silk threads?—the value change, etc. I have become brazen enough by now to switch colors if I can’t find the right combination of colors to do the log. I have also used a combination of rusts and aquas in the same “log” when a monochromatic theme was called for. I have played on my practice canvas when I have no clue. When at a total impasse, I have contemplated changing the stitch!!!!

I have truly enjoyed the piece and the breath taking quality of the colors pleases me. I am better than 60% done and am already contemplating how I will store these threads when I am finished, for I will surely use them again! There truly is no end to this stitching is there?

I hope you are enjoying your stitching as much as I am. I look forward to seeing you at the stitch out on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Until then, Happy Stitching.

Linda  
President



## Programs

**FEBRUARY 10 – Rosemary Johannesson will give instruction on creating a starfish, and time allowing, a scallop shell.**

Bring the following:

6 x 6-inch (or 6 x 12-inch, if you want to sew both) 18 count canvas mounted on stretcher bars

a. The starfish:

#5 perle cotton, color: 950

b. The scallop shell:

#3 perle cotton, white

DMC floss: 353, 407, 543, 778, 927, 928, 3072 and 3743

Bring your regular stitching supplies.  
Rosemary will supply the other materials

**MARCH 10** – Spring Luncheon and Installation of Officers  
See article further down in Newsletter for details

## STITCH OF THE MONTH CLUB

No February meeting.

## SPRING LUNCHEON

The Spring Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at Lavender in Green Valley Country Club. Social Hour will begin at 11:00 with lunch served at 11:45 a.m. A salad starter will be followed by your choice of entrée; salmon, chicken crepes, or vegan. Rolls, beverages, and dessert, are included with tax and tip for the price of \$20. Sign up at Feb's meeting or mail check to Rosemary Johannesson, 4701S. Fairfax Drive, GV 85622.

Ermaline Hannum, Jane Brouder, and the other stitchers who were involved in the beautiful needlepoint tapestry on display in the Auditorium at the GV Library will give a presentation on the planning, design process, painting of the canvas, stitch and thread selection involved in this magnificent project.

Guests are welcome!  
Phyllis Gilbert and Jennet Parker,  
Chairs, Social Committee



Thank you to the Nominating Committee, Margaret von Kuegelgen, Ruth Deobler and Susan Bumsted

Election of officers will be at the Feb 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. See nominations in January Newsletter.

## WE ARE MOVING!

Beginning in January 2010, we will meet at Friends in Deed – Room C

The room has its own outside door, and is next to the kitchen, for our lunching. The lighting is excellent.

The meeting times will be 9:30 social time, business at 10, followed by program, lunch, and stitching until 3.

## NEW YEAR – NEW LOCATION!

## FUND RAISER FEBRUARY PATIO SALE

**Date: Friday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 8 a.m. – Noon**

**Place: Phyllis Richardson's House**

We have a large selection of great stuff!!! Anything from lamps to books to luggage and more. Susan and Linda have filled their garages and are bursting at the seams. I can take a few small things, but the plan is to bring any additional things to my house on Wed morning until 11 a.m. We will be setting up Thursday. If you have offered to help, please be here by 9 a.m. to set up tables and to price items. It will help if you can come help even for an hour. Those who have offered tables please bring them on Wed. a.m.

If you are working the day of the sale, please be here by 7:30 a.m. We will open the doors at that time. The sale is from 8 –12. If you have a husband who could help Thursday a.m. that would be great. Even Friday would be a help carrying things to cars.

I think this will be a fun time to work together and get to know each other. Who knows you might just find a treasure yourself!

Please call Phyllis at 648-1029, or Linda Lies at 207-8449 to Volunteer or for any questions!! Thanks,  
Phyllis

### MEMBERSHIP REMINDER!

**Cactus Wren dues are due on or before February 1<sup>st</sup> for all members.**

**The amount of dues has increased to \$18.00. This was voted on by the membership in October.**

You may send your dues to Susan Bumsted or pay at the February meeting.

### CACTUS WREN CHAPTER, THE ANG INC.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JANUARY 31, 2010

Checkbook bal. Jan. 1, 2010  
\$ 4642.58

#### Income

Dues	378.00
Christmas Lunch	20.00
Cookbooks	<u>25.00</u>
Total Income	423.00

#### Expenses

Guest Speaker (Wally Young)	50.00
Total Expenses	50.00

Checkbook bal. of Jan. 31, 2010  
5015.58

CD# xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx0450  
\$1,676.14

CD# xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx0829  
\$1,105.75

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Rosemary Johannesson  
Treasurer