



CACTUS WREN

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BOARD MEETING
Fourth Wednesday of the month at Janet Billington's home.
• Next meeting is February 23rd at 4:00 pm.

MEMBERS MEETING
Second Wednesday of the month at La Posada Recreation Room.
• Next meeting is February 9th at 9:30 am for the social time and 10:00 am for meeting.

STITCH-IN
Fourth Wednesday of the month.
• Next stitch-in is February 23rd at 1:00 pm Janet Billington's home.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Deadline for the next issue is February 23rd. E-mail Donna Lou Hetler at DLHetler@aol.com or mail typed copy. Please include CWNewsletter in the subject line.

Dear Wrens,

February is a very busy month for our guild. We have a wonderful workshop and program scheduled with Joyce Lukomski in early February. Be sure to join her for a Pot Luck Dinner on Monday, February 8 (more information inside the newsletter). All members are invited. You **do not** need to be registered in the workshop to join us. It is a great opportunity to meet an exceptional, national teacher who is also the editor of *Needlepoint Now*. Mary Ellen Searcy and I both consider Joyce to be the best teacher on the circuit!!! She is a delightful southern lady!

Later in February, there is our guild's famous Threaded Treasures show. I am very excited about its new venue! Sharon, Janice, and the rest of their committee have been working hard to make it very successful. While visiting my family in California, I worked on finishing some items for Tiny Treasures. Please help make Threaded Treasures an exceptional show by donating tiny treasures you have stitched and by volunteering to work at the show.

Happy Stitching!!!

Susan
President

MONTHLY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

February Program and Project – “Beading the Bag” with Joyce Lukmoski

You know how you love working those wonderful beaded amulet bags. Now you can add designer touches and make them truly your own creations by using “beaded beads” for extra panache! Or, make just one smashing big bead that can stand alone as a piece of “wearable art.”

For those of you who have signed-up, don't forget to bring:

- Usual stitching supplies
- Small, sharp scissors
- Several containers for holding beads
- Lamp and magnifier if needed

March Program

The March meeting will be our Spring Luncheon held at the Diamond Casino. See Upcoming Events for details.

April Program and Project – “Rainbow Galleries Threads” with Jay Patterson

This informative and entertaining notebook class is a summary of Rainbow Gallery's fibers. During the lecture, Jay will discuss RG's fibers, as well as how to use and handle each. Included in each instruction packet will be “Jay's Tips”, a “Stitch Guide for Threads” and a card of every fiber RG makes. He will reference RG's threads to other threads on the market. Your stitching

knowledge will increase, giving you many new ideas to apply to your work.

As General Manager of Rainbow Gallery, Jay has been stitching for over 20 years and working for RG for 13 years. His knowledge of fibers comes from his experience as general manager, as well as a designer and avid stitcher. He originally stitched shop models for Nordic Needle when he was stationed in Fargo.

You will definitely come away with a broader knowledge of RG's threads, and can build on your thread stash with what you receive. Please note: no stitching will be done...just soak in the knowledge! This is a 3-hour lecture, so plan on bringing your lunch and enjoying the company of fellow stitchers.

The cost of the class is \$38, which includes the kit. Sign-up will start at the February meeting, with checks sent to Muggs Tilly.

UPCOMING EVENTS

THREADED TREASURES FINAL PLANNING SESSION FEBRUARY 2nd

All the committee heads and their helpers are needed at the last meeting before our show. Plan to be at the Continental Plaza second floor, Room 244 at 10:30 AM. We will be finalizing the plans for the exhibit and will need the volunteer list from each committee head. If you have any questions, contact the show's co-chairpersons, Janice Meitl or Sharon Skoczek. See you there!

**FEBRUARY LUNCHEON
FEBRUARY 9TH
“BROWN BAG SPECIAL”**

This time of year, we need to think of Spring Cleaning. So start it off by bringing anything from your pantry. Just pack-up your favorites and join us for some good socializing.

**JOYCE LUKMOSKI WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 7TH & 8TH
“CASHMIR”**

The seminar will be 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM at Friends in Deed. Bring your lunch and any break refreshments you may want. Also, don't forget your usual stitching supplies, including any extra lighting or frames you like to use.

Congratulations to scholarship winner Babs Nemchek. Enjoy the class!

**TEACHER'S POTLUCK
FEBRUARY 8TH**

Everyone is invited to a potluck for Joyce Lumoski. It will be at Earla Swope's starting at 6:00 PM. This is a great time to get together and meet our guest instructor.

Earla's making Lasagna, and everyone needs to bring either appetizers or veggies/salad. Plenty of deserts are coming! Contact Janet Billington for sign-up or details.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS
FOR 2005-06
FEBRUARY 9TH**

The Nominating Committee placed the following slate of elected officers before the members:

President	Phyllis Richardson
Vice President	Muggs Tilly
Secretary	Nancy Sour
Treasurer	Honey Montrose
At Large	Dale Miller

This slate will be voted on at the February 9th meeting, with officers installed in March to take office in April. Our thanks to the Committee: Judy Roberts, Margaret Von Kluegelen, and Phyllis Richardson.

**THREADED TREASURES
SHOWTIME!
FEBRUARY 17TH, 18TH & 19TH**

Threaded Treasures is just around the corner and plans are moving nicely! To date, we have about 115 entries but we could use more as we have plenty of room! Last minute entries accepted. Please don't be shy about showing off your beautiful needlework. And yes, it **is** good enough. The limit is five per member so let us see all of your pieces large and small!

Also, please include any accessories that may help to display your items, such as clothes, baskets, etc. The displays will be on tables, and this helps break up the look. Bring them on Wednesday when you submit your items, and include your name.

Thank you to all who have signed up to help at the exhibit. It promises to be a fun three days. For those who are not on a list and would like to help please, call any one of the following committee chairpersons:

Co-Chairpersons:	Janice Meitl Sharon Skoczek
Hostesses & Greeters:	Ruth Doebler
Mini-Boutique:	Margaret von Kuegelgen
Raffle Tickets:	Earla Swope
Setup & Staging:	Mary Ellen Searcy
Demonstrators:	Ann Seese

TINY TREASURES - Don't forget to keep stitching for the mini boutique as the sale of small hand stitched items make wonderful birthday and hostess gifts throughout the year. We can never have too many items for sale!

RAFFLE - Once again there will be an opportunity for everyone to win a finished needlework piece at our opportunity corner. The raffle will provide a chance to win a needlepoint Christmas stocking, a needlepointed Southwest standing figure, or a Southwest needlepoint box.

STAGING – Help is needed to stage the items on Wednesday, as well as teardown on Sunday. Part-time help is appreciated and husband's welcome!

Please be ready to work in the room on Wednesday, February 16th at 10:00 AM. The staging committee will begin work as soon as the pieces begin arriving. Take down will be Sunday, 10:00a.m. to 1:00p.m

There will be tables, easels and chairs to be moved, so we will need help from husbands...or any strong ladies! So far Harold Meitl and Dale Parker have been volunteered, but they won't have to be at the Wednesday meeting, unless they would like to come and size up their jobs!

Please bring any supplies you may have that can be use for set-up such as large and small table easels, table cloths, baskets, shoe box size boxes [we can cover and use as risers], Scandinavian type wood tree display, manzanita type tree branches. In short, anything that would be good for propping or holding a piece of needlework.

Pin or tape your name to each item so it can be returned to you. Please call Mary Ellen Searcy if you can make any offering for planning purposes.

Also, the staging committee needs to come to the meeting on Wednesday February 2nd at 10:30 p.m. at the Exhibit Room. We will peruse the room, space, visualize set-up and all that good stuff. Committee includes: Ruth Wallace, Nancy Sour, Maxine Freed, Nellie Warren, Margaret Von Kuegelgen, Earl Pennington and Maggie Niggemeyer. Any others are welcome!

PICK-UP – Please note a change from the original announcements. Items may be taken home at the close of the show at 4:00 PM on Saturday. If not, then they may be retrieved 10:00 – 1:00 on Sunday. Thanks for doing this in a timely manner, as the staging committee needs to return to room to its previous condition during that time.

If you have any questions concerning the show, please contact Sharon Skoczek and Janice Meitl, Co-chairpersons of Threaded Treasures.

SPRING LUNCHEON MARCH 9TH

It's Spring...so let's eat! Plan on coming to our Spring Luncheon on March 9th at the Desert Diamond Casino. Menu will be similar to last year with delicious pan roasted chicken and of course a decedent desert. The event will start at 11:00 for a little social time, with lunch served at noon.

This year, the luncheon will be open to guests. Plan to invite a friend or neighbor who may be interested in finding out about all this crazy stitching...or just wants a good meal in great company.

Cost for the event will be \$15.00 per person, payable to Cactus Wren and given to Muggs Tilly. Deadline for sign-up is February 28th. If you have any questions, contact Muggs Tilly or Loretta Mahoney, Social Co-chairpersons.

ROAD TRIP TO BUSY NEEDLE MARCH 6TH

Don't forget to join members of our guild for a road trip to the Busy Needle on March 6, 2005.

The store will be open on Sunday at 1:00 PM just for Cactus Wren's members. And we will get a 20% discount on all items as well.

We will car pool to the store. Contact Susan Ettl if you plan to attend, or sign-up at the February meeting.

STITCH OUT APRIL 20TH

Everyone is invited to a great time at the spring stitch out. Earl and Norma Pennington planned another wonderful stitch-out for our guild at La Mariposa Resort on Houghton Road.

Mark your calendars for April 20th from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Directions will be in future newsletters. The cost is \$20.00. Please mail your checks to Susan Ettl to reserve your place.

TIBITS OF NEWS

WEB SITE UPDATE

At the January meeting, members voted to continue our web site. However, it was suggested that we consider other bids to maintain the site rather than just an automatic renewal.

Anyone interested in being the Web Master needs to submit a bid. This person does not need to be associated with Cactus Wren or ANG. Send a resume including a list of web sites developed and maintained with references to Susan Ettl, President by February 18th.

ANN HARDY-PAYNE CLEANS HOUSE FEBRUARY 23RD

No...she is a tidy lady. But this time she is clearing out many stitching items. On February 23rd, noon to 3:00 PM. Ann welcomes Cactus Wren members to peruse her stash of books, patterns, stretcher bars, fibers, fabric and other items for you to take if you can put them to good use.

Although not free, she is not calling it a sale. Instead, she would like you to make a fair donation for the items you want, with the proceeds going to our chapter.

This is a generous offer by this gracious lady, so let's all follow suit and be gracious at the "house cleaning" and generous in our donations.

CASA DE ESPERANZA PRESENTATION

On January 12th, we presented four Southwest needlepoint pieces to Casa de Esperanza. The pieces were gratefully accepted and will be on display in the facilities.

Our thanks goes out to our stitches for all their hard work. Stitchers were Ruth Deobler, Olga Edwards, Susan Ettl, Ermaline Hannum, Earl Pennington, Pat Phillips, Dolores Pickell, Sharon Skoczek, Mary Ellen Searcy, Earla Swope, Helen Thompson, Margaret von Kuegelgen, Ruth Wallace, and Janet Watson.

STITCH-IN SIGN UP

With all our busy schedules, stitch-ins have become less popular. Although not wanting to give the idea a complete toss, the monthly meetings will be revisited next term to find a better way to use the idea.

Meanwhile, the final meeting for this term will be at Janet Billington's on February 23rd at 1:00 PM. This is before the Board Meeting, but anyone is invited to attend the stitch-in. Please contact Janet to let her know if you plan to attend.

THANKS FROM CHRISTMAS GIFTS RECIPIENTS

Our club collected \$80 at Christmas to make a few holidays brighter. We used it to buy clothing for three women and one man. They were most appreciative and wrote lovely thanks you notes. Thanks for your contribution to help make someone's day a little nicer. And thanks to Delores Pickell for heading this effort.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

An updated roster will be available soon and we want to make sure all of your information is current. Check your Cactus Wren Chapter Membership List published on Tuesday, September 23, 2003 to see what information was last published for you.

Please make sure that any changes in your address, telephone number or e-mail address be given to Margaret von Kuegelgen.

OPPORTUNITY BASKETS

The Social Committee would like to thank all who donated and participated in the Christmas Luncheon Opportunity Baskets. They brought in \$187 to our treasury. And if you did not get what you wanted this year...who knows what may come back next year!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome new members who joined Cactus Wren before the New Year.

Linda Nettling is a retired medical technologist and an Army wife. As an experienced cross-stitcher, she is interested in learning other needle techniques. And of course, meet other stitchers. When not stitching, Linda golfs, knits, crochets, and quilts. She does not have a mentor as yet, so anyone interested, contact Judy Robertson.

Anne McLean is a friend of Olga Edwards's and has Ruth Doebler as her mentor.

Last summer's new member is Marti Harris who lives near Maxine Freed. Janet Billington has become her mentor.

Please meet and greet these new members at our meetings to make them feel welcome...and to make a new friend.

MEMBERSHIP DUES DUE

The following wrens have membership dues owed.

Carol Copeland
Mary Hamilton
Jeanne Hunsberger
Evelyn Morris
Sandra Thirtyacre

Dues deadline for the following wrens is
March 2, 2005

Angela Bertolino
Janet Billington
Jane Browder
Betty Daniels
Catherine Dewitt
Judy Ellingson
Eloise Fredrickson
Mona Freeman
Nina Keck
Ann Kennedy
Nancy Lee
Barbara Lehto
Bretta Little
Honey Montrose
Nancy Pfeifer
Pat Phillips
Mary Ellen Searcy
Betty Shoff
Polly Smith
Mary Williams
Helen Thompson

Dues are: \$45 regular; \$16 plural
membership.

Please send dues check to Membership
Chairperson, Judy Burgess,

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 Margaret Von Kuegelgen for being our ER help for January.

FINISHER AVAILABLE

Dolores Pickell has found a local finisher she recommends. Her name is Mary Braswell, and can be contacted at 625-3742. Please tell her you heard about her from Cactus Wren.

TRANSPORTING NEEDLEWORK

To transport your framed needlework simply cut two pieces of foam core 1" larger than your frame and 'sandwich' your needlepoint between the two pieces. Tie or rubber band the group together and transport! This method protects the edges of the frame and serves as a cushion against bumping.