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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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BOARD MEETING

Fourth Monday of the month at Phyllis Richardson's.
• Next meeting is February 27th at 9:00 am.

MEMBERS MEETING

Second Wednesday of the month at La Posada
Recreation Room.
• Next meeting is February 8th with 9:30 social time
and 10:00 business meeting.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the next issue is February 27th. E-mail
Donna Lou Hetler at DLHetler@aol.com or mail
typed copy. Please include CWNewsletter in the
subject line.

Hi Happy Stitchers

Those that took Cassie's class were very happy with not only the project, but Cassie herself. What an interesting lady! We enjoyed her background history. I finished all but the beading, but now I have to find the beads! I notified everybody that I have extra threads, so if you are missing any, just let me know.

Thanks to those who stepped up to the plate and took the offices on the board. A few Committee Chairs need to be filled, but I am sure it will work out. You will find a survey in this newsletter that we would appreciate if everyone filled out. It will help us plan for the next year. If you have any other comments to make, please add them to the survey. This is a good time to update our goals and purposes.

Please be sure to send your money in for the luncheon! This is our annual meeting and always a lovely time. This is when the new board will be installed.

The board has decided to go semi-dark in the summer. By that we mean no business meetings in June, July or August. We will have stitch-ins and light programs. This will be a more relaxed summer, still enabling us to meet, have a small program, and time to chat. If somebody needs help on a project, this is a good time to get some help.

Keep a Happy Face, Phyllis

MONTHLY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

February Program and Project – “Locker Hooking” with Bonnie Wedekind

Bonnie is mostly a weaver, spinner and knitter. In the morning, she will lecture and demonstrate preparing wool. In the afternoon, she will introduce us to a different form of needle art called locker hooking.

Bring you lunch and join us for an interesting talk on a new twist using wool.

March Program – “Spring Luncheon”

Join us at on our regular meeting date for our annual Spring Luncheon. See the details below.

April Program and Project – “Christmas in April” with Judy Burgess and Ann Seese

Ok, so April is Easter, but bear with us. Our ornaments for the Chamber of Commerce tree have been a long-standing community outreach project. But they are in need of refreshing. In other words some new ornaments would be a joy!

We have painted canvases, charts, canvas supplies, and books with ornament patterns...lots of things to stimulate the creative juices. The April meeting will be a workshop to get everyone started on a quick project for next Christmas' tree. We can begin with a sparkling time refreshing and updating this community outreach while our winter members are still with us.

Bring regular stitching supplies and stash stuff, especially anything with glitz and sparkle! Get out the ol' bling stuff. Painted canvases will need 6” stretcher bars, but also bring 6”, 7”, or 8” stretcher bars for the projects. Later in the year, we will have a finishing session to put them all together.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPRING LUNCHEON March 8th

This year we will be returning to The Country Club of Green Valley for our spring outing. The menu is an Iowa Dip Sandwich (which is what the rest of us call a French dip) with fresh fruit. And of course, dessert with a mint chocolate chip ice Cream. Yum!

Social Hour will begin at 11:00, with lunch served at noon. The cost is \$18, with checks going to Eloise Fredrickson. As with last year, friends are welcome.

SHEMER SHOW March 14th

It's an even numbered year, therefore it's time for the Shemer Show in Phoenix. This is a judged show of needlework and always a real treat.

On Tuesday, March 14th, the bus will pick-up in Green Valley at 8:00AM behind MacDonald's. Pick-up in Tucson is between 8:30 AM -8:45 AM at the Sam Levitz parking lot on the northeast corner of Orange Grove and Thornydale. Please park away from the stores at both locations.

We will first go to the Shemer Needlework Show. Lunch, which is not included in price, will be at a reasonably priced sandwich and salad restaurant. Then it's on to the Family Arts Needlepoint Store. Anticipated return to Tucson by 4:30PM to 5:00PM and to Green Valley by 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM.

Total cost (including tip to bus driver) is \$25. This notification is being sent to the Green Valley ANG group and the Tucson ANG group, and will be announced at the Tucson EGA group the first week in February. SOOOOO send in your check quickly. Total spaces available are 40.

Send your money to Margaret von Kuegelgen and make check payable to Cactus Wren Chapter ANG.

UPDATE ON SEMINAR 2006 September 8th – 15th

There are only eight more months to go before Tucson Seminar 2006 is here. Seminar classes will be out in February.

Once you make your class selections, help will be needed. If you do have an extra few hours or a day, Sharon Skoczek and Jan Towery are in charge of the Exhibit, and Angela Yardy is the chairman for Hospitality and Opportunity Basket. Thanks for your support.

LITTLE TIP: *Linen is one of the sturdiest threads for needlepoint. Keep this in mind if your stitching agenda includes shoes, slippers, eye class cases, check book covers or purses.*

TIDBITS OF NEWS

PULLED THREAD JACOBIAN STYLE – EGA CLASS

Pulled Thread Butterfly Workshop (Jacobean Style) will be taught by Barbara Ewbank. The cost will be \$45.00 for Cactus Needle EGA members, with an additional \$20.00 for non-members.

This includes all supplies, except stretcher bars. The class will be held Monday, March 6 and 13 from 9:30AM to 4:30 PM at Hacienda del Conde Cabana, 5910 N. Pantotoc in Tucson.

Pre-work will be to baste the design on the fabric and place the fabric onto stretcher bars. The piece will be worked on 20-count linen fabric. Bring your usual stitching supplies.

Sign-up deadline is February 25. Kits will be handed out at February meeting of each group (EGA, ANG and Green Valley ANG) If you sign up after these meetings, you will need to make arrangements to get your kit.

Lunch will be ordered from Baggins each day. Please bring small bills! If you have additional questions call Ann Seese, Honey Montrose or Barbara Ewbank.

THANKS TO CASSIE

The Guild would like to give a very large "Thank You" to Cassie Prescott. She donated any fees back to our club, a most generous gesture.

Also, a special thanks to Jan Towery for providing lunch for Cassie on Wednesday and to Eloise Fredrickson for the wonderful dessert on Thursday.

BAND SAMPLER

Over a year ago, our group started Band Samplers. Word is that some are finished, but they have not been displayed. If you have yours, please bring it is sometime for us all to see. Thanks so much.

ROSTER UPDATE

Our Web Master has revised the on-line listing to give more space. This makes it more readable. But before we say "Go Print", let's make sure the information is current.

For those with on line capabilities, please go out and check your information. At the next meeting, we will have a printed listing to peruse. Please send any changes to Margaret von Kuegelgen by February 8th, the next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER

Checkbook balance 12/01/05	\$4977.80.
Income	\$ 202.00
Disbursements	\$1136.66
Checkbook balance 12/31/05	\$4043.14
Committed Funds	\$ 982.16
Operating Funds	\$3060.98

MEMBERSHIP DUES DUE

Lifetime Members dues due for 2006 (local \$16)

Brenda Hart
Susan Hill (due for 2005 & 2006)
Nancy Pfeifer
Earla Swope

The following wrens have membership past due which are \$16 for all members.

Ann Mosher
Katherine Siggins
Catherine Stanislow
Sue Strause

Membership expiring January 31st are the following:

Cindy Armstrong
Carol Copeland
Marilyn Davison
Arlene Deeds
Susan Ettl
Mary Hamilton
Marilyn Hinkle
Marjorie Martin
Anne McLean
Linda Nettling
Ann Hardy Payne
Ethel Skowronski
Lee Spooner
Barbara Venable

All members are to send checks for the local chapter of \$16 to Judy Burgess. National will invoice members for \$29 directly.

LITTLE TIP: Amazingly some threads become more manageable if they are slightly dampened. This is very true for floss and silk. Just gently run a clean damp cloth across the stranded thread.

