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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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BOARD MEETING

Fourth Wednesday of the month at 9:00AM
• Note: Next Board meeting is January 21 at Linda Nettling's home, not the 28th.

MEMBERS MEETING

Second Wednesday of the month at La Posada Recreation Room.
• Next Members' meeting is the January 14.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the next issue is January 21.
E-mail Donna Lou Hetler at DLHetler@aol.com. Please include CWNewsletter in the subject.

Dear Fellow Stitchers,
At last a few minutes to myself AND I have no pressing stitching projects at this time to distract me! I have been reflecting about comments I have heard from various persons. A theme I hear throughout is how our members enjoy the camaraderie of being together. We share a common thread (no pun intended) with stitching.

I decided to do the Brenda Hart Stitch of the Month piece in pinks and there were times that I was at terrible impasses and just wanted to quit. However, several of you made quiet comments while we were stitching and although it appeared that I was not listening, I was. I did repeat a color somewhere else in the piece and I did choose a portion or the over dye that was more pink than green—and there are many more examples.

We all share much in common. Take some time and think of a few comments people made in passing that you employed in your stitching project. You truly belong to an amazing group of individuals.

I hope that you have a Happy Holiday Season and I look forward to seeing you energized to stitch in the New Year.

Linda, President

MONTHLY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

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.

IMPORTANT BEFORE CLASS WORK:
Using a contrasting thread color, stitch a middle cross on your canvas to divide it into quarters. Have it tacked onto your stretcher bars.

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



If you want to use the colors in the blue examples, the colors are:

Waterlillies – 068 Mediterranean
Kreinik #8 – 021HL Copper
Petite Treasure Braid – PB Turquoise
Splendor Dark – S1074
Medium – S952
Light – S1021

The instructions will be available the day of class. Please contact Ann Seese at 909-5635 or ARSeese@aol.com if you have not signed up for the class. This will ensure sufficient copies. Last minute sign-ups are welcome.

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.



The Guild will supply the materials for this project. Therefore, you need to sign-up at least two weeks ahead of time to ensure enough materials.

You need to bring

- two pairs of 5” stretcher bars
- tacks
- several 26 or 28 tapestry needles
- usual stitching supplies.
- no laying tool is needed.

If you plan on getting a card with an opening for it to be given as a greeting card, the tree is exactly 1.5 inches square.

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.

January

- 5 – Stitch of the Month Group
- 14 – GM - Wild Rose Project
- 19 – Home Tour Committee
- 21 – Board Meeting
- 26 – Stitch-out at Kristofer’s

February

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

March

- 11 – Spring Luncheon

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Need to unkink Neon Rays.
Don’t use the little snap gagets.
Just quickly flick them through a
curling iron.

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**STITCH OF THE MONTH
Monday, January 5, 1:00PM**

The next meeting of this group has been scheduled for January 5 at Phyllis Richardson's. If you would like to join, please contact her to find out the details at 648-1029 or stitch18@cox.net.

**STITCH-OUT TIME
Monday, January 26
10:30AM to 2:30PM**

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.

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Make sure your threads are not too long. It makes extra wear on the thread as it goes through the canvas. From the tip of your index finger to the crook of your elbow is approximately 14 to 16 inches. This is an ideal length.

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**THREADED TREASURES'
HOME TOUR**

**Friday, February 20
10:00AM to 4:00PM**

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 distributed tickets at the December luncheon. More will be available at the January meeting. The ticket will have a map to each house and explain the special displays in each. Tickets will be \$10.00 each.

The raffle will be held at 3:00PM.

**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. Please fill out the form at the end of the newsletter. This will help the committee 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.

SPRING LUNCHEON
Wednesday, March 11, 11:00PM

Mark your calendar for this date. Details will follow, but we always have a great time. Plan on attending!



THANKS TO ALL FOR CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

At our annual Christmas collection, we donated 103 pounds of food and 35 toys. Both groups expressed their sincere thanks.

BOARD MEETING CHANGE

The January Board meeting will be on Wednesday, January 21 instead of the 28. Time and place will be the same.

STRETCHER BARS

The club has a supply of stretcher bars available free to any member. The sizes range from 13" to 35". They will be at the next meeting only. It is a first come, first get the goodies.

**“WREN’S IN THE KITCHEN”
COOKBOOK**

We’ve sold 91 copies in just two meetings! 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 gifts.

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
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
NOVEMBER 2008**

Checkbook balance
as of November 1 \$5117.40

Income

Christmas Lunch	\$ 231.00
Hospitality Table	6.00
Dues	48.00
Cookbooks	350.00
DVD returned deposit	<u>20.00</u>
Total	\$ 655.00

Expenses

Newsletter - printing	14.07
Newsletter - labels	12.96
Cookbooks	854.11
Insurance	228.00
La Posada	250.00
ANG Memorials	
Nancy Sour	50.00
Ann Hardy Payne	<u>50.00</u>

Total \$ 1209.14

Checkbook balance
as of November 31 \$ 4313.26

CD# xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx0450 \$1,630.12
CD# xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx0829 \$1,094.28

Prepared and submitted 11/30/08
Rosemary Johannesson
Treasurer

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When compensating and using a solid color thread, the compensation stitches can be saved until last. By that time the inner workings of the pattern will be comprehended and partial patterns will pose less of a thread.

However, if over-dye threads are being used, then compensation must be worked in the natural rows so that the colorway will not jump.

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Name _____

Phone Number _____

Number of entries _____

Number of these entries over 14"X14" _____

Please return this section to Phyllis Richardson by Monday January 19. This will help the committee plan the displays.

Please attach the form below with your name and phone number to the back of each item.

Feel free to duplicate this form.

ENTRY ITEM

Attach to the back of the item

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PHONE NUMBER _____

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