



CACTUS WREN

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Dear Wrens,

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I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. May it be peaceful and healthy. We have an exciting few months ahead of us. Before our January 12th guild meeting, at 9:00 AM, we will be meeting at Casa de Esperanza to present the four large framed canvases for their recreation room. Don't forget that January 15, 2005 is the deadline for Threaded Treasures entries.

Early in February, we are privileged to welcome Joyce Lukomski, who will be teaching a 2-day workshop and a special program, "Bead the Bead" at our February meeting. Joyce is a wonderful teacher! I'm looking forward to her visit. We will be scheduling a pot-luck dinner for **all** guild members to attend during her stay in Green Valley. Look for more information in the February newsletter.

BOARD MEETING
Fourth Wednesday of the month at Janet Billinton's home.
• Next meeting is January 26th at 4:00 pm.

Then in mid-February (17th -19th) the guild's semi-annual show, Threaded Treasure, will be held at the new venue in the Continental Mall. I know that Sharon, Janet, and the rest of their committee have worked hard to make the show a success. Thanks for all your hard work!

MEMBERS MEETING
Second Wednesday of the month at La Posada Recreation Room.
• Next meeting is January 12th 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 January 26th at 1:00 pm at Loretta Mahoney's home.

Happy Stitching!!!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Deadline for the next issue is January 26th. E-mail Donna Lou Hetler at DLHetler@aol.com or mail typed copy. Please include CWNewsletter in the subject line.

Susan
President

**MONTHLY PROGRAMS
AND PROJECTS
FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS**

**January Program and Project – “Doors”
with Susan Ettl**

For those interested in doing the doors, program, you will need to bring the following:

1. A black and white blow-up of your door photo to the approximate size of your stitched project
2. Tracing paper
3. Pencil , including a #4 or #6 pencil
4. Canvas 6-8 inches longer and wider than the size of the project
5. Color pencils, if you own them (Susan will bring several sets)
6. A favorite stitch book

If you have any questions on this program, please contact either Janet Billington or Susan Ettl.

**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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**JANUARY LUNCHEON
JANUARY 12TH
“MEXICAN MADNESS”**

January means cold...OK, so here in southern Arizona it's only chilly. But let's heat things up with a little Mexican flavors. Bring your favorite Mexican munchies and join everyone for lunch at the January 12th meeting.

**CASA DE ESPERANZA
JANUARY 12TH**

Please join us for the presentation of the four needlepoint pieces at Casa de Esperanza. We will meet prior to our regular January meeting at 9 am on January 12th at Casa de Esperanza.

Members stitched these southwest theme pieces during the past two years. We are proud of our work and would like everyone to join for the presentation.

**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.

The guild pays for one scholarship to attend the class. This is the teaching fee, so a \$45 kit fee will be paid by the student. Anyone in the guild is eligible, whether they have signed up for the class or not. This is a great opportunity for someone who would like to attend, but finds the class cost a little steep. Those interested in receiving the scholarship should submit their name at the January meeting for the drawing.

A few spaces remain in the workshop for anyone still interested. Contact Janet Billington for information.

THREADED TREASURES IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER FEBRUARY 17TH, 18TH & 19TH

Threaded Treasures will have a new look for our exhibit next February. The space will be very large making viewing of our needlework very easy from all angles and the ability to walk around the displays. The committee thinks you'll like the look. Remember the deadline to enter your beautiful stitchery is January 15, and the limit is 5 pieces per member. First timers don't be shy!

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!

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.

Again this year, there will be ribbons awarded for "Peoples choice" and "Members choice" given by a vote of the public and a vote of each member of Cactus Wren. But new this year will be an award for "Best of Show." So stitch your very best, use the finest threads and finish to perfection. The awards are waiting!

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

SPRING LUNCHEON MARCH 9TH

Mark your calendar for our Spring Luncheon on March 9th. Announcements will be made at our January meeting, with details in the February newsletter. If you have any questions, contact Muggs Tilly or Loretta Mahoney, Social Co-chairpersons.

TIBITS OF NEWS

STITCH-IN RESUME

Starting in January, our monthly stitch-ins will resume at members homes. Loretta Mahoney will host the first one on January 26th at 1:00 pm

As a courtesy to the hostess, please call ahead so she can plan for seating. This is a great way to spend an afternoon just stitching and visiting.

If you would like to host a stitch-in in the coming months, please contact Loretta for a date.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

An updated roster will be available in the next few months 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.

TINY TREASURES AT THREADED TREASURES 2005

During each Threaded Treasures, we have a table to sell tiny treasures stitched by our members. Ornaments, glasses cases, bookmarks are all appropriate. We have some items left from the Green Valley Country Fair plus a number of items donated by Dolores Pickell. However, we still need more to entice the public.

Give your items to Margaret von Kuegelgen, and please contact her if you have any questions.

MEMBERSHIP DUES DUE

The following wrens have membership dues owed.

Dues deadline Jan. 2, 2005

Carol Copeland
Marilyn Davison
Susan Ettl
Jan Grant
Mary Hamilton
Marilyn Hinkle

Jeanne Hunsberger
Evelyn Morris
Ann Hardy Payne
Ethel Skowronski
Lee Spooner
Sandra Thirtyacre

Dues are: \$45 regular; \$16 plural membership Please send dues check to Maxine Freed.

Any questions, please contact Judy Burgess, Membership Chairperson.

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 Sharon Skoczek for being our ER help for January.

SPACE CONSIDERATION IN STITCH SELECTION

When making a decorative stitch selection, the stitcher must also consider the number of canvas threads allowed in the design element. It generally takes at least three canvas threads to create a decorative stitch and this stitch should repeat several times if a pattern will be perceived by the viewer.

If all else fails, remember it is not shameful to resort to basketweave or continental stitching. An area of plain stitching with an unusual decorative fiber can be very joyful.