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BOARD MEETING

Fourth Wednesday of the month at Janet Billington's home.
• Next Board meeting is July 28th at 9:30AM.

MEMBERS MEETING

Second Wednesday of the month at La Posada Recreation Room.
• Next Members Meeting is July 14th at 9:30AM for Social and 10:00AM for meeting

STITCH IN

Fourth Wednesday of the month at Judy Burgess's home.
• Next stitch in is July 28th at 1:00PM.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for July issue is **July 28th**. E-mail Donna Lou Hetler at DLHetler@aol.com or mail typed copy. Please include CWNewsletter in the subject line.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Wrens,

Summer has arrived with soaring temperatures. I hope you are staying cool! We had a wonderful program taught by Earla Swope in June. She graciously provided all the materials for everyone to stitch a beautiful scissors case. Everyone was delighted with the fantastic color selections that they received in their kits.

KEEP ON STITCHING THOSE ORNAMENTS! I know many of you have been working diligently on stitching ornaments for the Green Valley Country Fair in October. We had a terrific display of stitched ornaments at the June meeting and I hope to see more in July. I am particularly looking forward to the June and July programs in which we will learn how to make and finish some extraordinary ornaments. I know Mary Ellen has created a variety of stitch patterns for the humbug ornaments she will teach us. The ornament cubes being taught by Sharon Skoczek will be a wonderful addition to our ornament display. Please sign up for the July program to learn how to create these treasures for our trees and of course your own.

Happy Stitching

Susan Ettl
President

MONTHLY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

July Project – “Humbugs” with
Mary Ellen Searcy

For those who signed-up for Mary Ellen’s
class bring:

1. #22 tapestry needle and needle threader
if needed
2. 3-4 light colored pencils.
3. Your usual stitching supplies

CROSS-STITCHERS

If you prefer to do a cross stitch piece, bring:
An 8”-10” square of #14 or #18 Aida or linen
and a contrasting thread

Also, bring July/August 2002
NEEDLEPOINT NOW if you have it.

August Program and Project –
“Holiday Cubes” with Sharon Skoczek

Holiday cubes appeared in *NEEDLE
POINTERS*, September 2003. It’s a great
project for our upcoming raffle and ornament
sale at the Green Valley Country Fair.

We will stitch two cubes on the small
canvas, and use the finishing techniques
taught by Mary Ellen in our July project.

Kits (including canvas, threads and pearls)
will be available for approximately \$5.00 with
a color choice. Please sign up on or before
the July meeting so kits can be prepared.

This is an all day workshop, so please be
prepared to stay until mid-afternoon!

Supplies to bring:

1. 7" X 6" stretcher bars
2. Tacks to mount canvas
3. # 22 tapestry needle
4. Beeswax or Thread Heaven
5. Usual stitching supplies
6. September 2003 *NEEDLEPOINTERS* if
you have it.

September Program and Project –
“Peonies” with Dolores Pickell and
Earla Swope

Please sign-up for this project at the July
meeting, and pick-up the stitch guide as
well. The cost of the guide is \$.50, and it will
tell you what materials you will need to
bring. If you want a stitch guide but cannot
attend the meeting, all Janet Billington

This will be an all day program, so bring
your lunch and stay through the afternoon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY MEETING “Red, White and Blue”

What do you think of when we say “July”?
Hot, sticky monsoons!!! Noooo...Red, White
and Blue! Bring food, place setting, and
décor to reflect your patriotic spirit

RAFFLE AND ORNAMENT STITCH-IN July 21st

To get going on the Christmas Ornaments
for the Green Valley Country Fair, come to
the Ornament Stitch-In on Wednesday, July
21st.

We will meet at the Fire District Meeting Room, located at the corner of Camino del Sol and Enconto. Stitching will be from 10AM-3PM, so bring your lunch. If you have started decorations, or need help in getting started, plan to come to join the fun. If you have a questions contact Cindy Armstrong.

THREADED TREASURES February 17th, 18th and 19th

As previously announced, the 2005 Threaded Treasures Show will be held February 17, 18, 19, 2005, at the Continental Mall meeting room. Set-up is Wednesday, February 16, and takedown Monday, February 21.

Committees are being formed and we will need everyone's help to make this a success.

The Chairpersons would like to thank the following people who volunteered to head each of the committee.

- Publicity – Barabra Lewis
- Signage – Donna Lou Hetler
- Mini Boutique – Margaret Von Kuegelgen
- Raffle Tickets – Earla Swope
- Set-Up, Staging And Take Down – Sharon Skoczek and Janice Meitl
- Registration And Ballots – Muggs Tilly
- Stitching Ribbons for Awards – Barbara Richardson
- Community Project Display – Dolores Pickell
- Treasurer – Jan Towery

Please look over the list and decide what area you would like to help. Contact the Committee Chairperson directly.

If you are not sure where your talents are needed, please contact either Sharon Skoczek or Janice Meitl

JOYCE LUKOMSKI CLASS February 10th and 11th

“White Lace Delight II” has been selected as the class project. It features techniques of drawn work where some of the threads are withdrawn and lace patterns are worked over the remaining thread. These are strengthened with a lovely antique hemstitch. Two other beautiful pulled thread patterns that give an open and lacy look will be taught as well as patterned stitches in silk.

Students will have the choice of working the center section with either an exciting dimensional flower, a sculptured seashell or a spray of flowers. These optional designs will be included in the kit.

Class cost will be \$85.00, with \$40.00 due at registration. Sign-up will be in September. If you have any questions on the project, contact Janet Billington.

TIBITS OF NEWS

WEBB SITE UP- DATE

Our Web site is slowly being built, with dates and programs listed, as well as the history. When you get your newsletter, look at a few of the other areas available.

If you have tried to get onto the Cactus Wren web site and encounter difficulty, please contact Susan. She will be happy to put on her “Techie Nerd” hat and help you.

STITCH – IN ATTENDEES

If you plan to attend a stitch-in, please notify the hostess. This courtesy will ensure enough places, and she can plan accordingly.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY STITCHERS NEEDED

The Welcome Sampler for Habitat for Humanity needs additional samplers started. The group has several homes coming up this winter and we need to work ahead. The sampler may be done in either needlepoint or cross-stitch. Even snowbirds can do this while you are away or traveling! Contact Delores Pickell for pattern and instructions.

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITY BASKETS

Additional goodies for the Opportunity Baskets at our December Christmas Luncheon are still needed.

The baskets will be raffled as a fundraiser plus a fun opportunity for you get a new project or stitching aid. Donated items need to be for needle pointers, such as kits, stitching aids, etc. The items need to be new, clean, and...not started. Check to see what goodies you may have.

Also, all size baskets and decorative boxes are welcome. Contact either Muggs Tilly or Loretta Mahoney for items or questions.

GOT CRYSTAL LITE?

Several people have supplies Crystal Lite containers, but more are needed. So in this warm weather, drink up and give the canisters with lid to either Muggs Tilly or Loretta Mahoney. Any size is welcome.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Due to travel plans, the August Cactus Wren Newsletter will be a few days late. Expect it by the 3rd of August, rather than the 1st. Thanks for your understanding.

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 Ann Hardy-Payne for her help at the July meeting.

TIPS FROM *NEEDLEPOINT WISDOM* BY JUNE MCKNIGHT

Somehow, we all seem to manage the daily cost of needlepoint in progress. What becomes cost prohibitive is the transformation of the finished canvas into a completed work of art. Indeed, the project deserves to be professionally finished into a framed piece, a fancy pillow, an elegant evening purse or a practical eye glass case, but sometimes its just not in the budget.

One of my most fugal students came up with an interesting money solution. Each day when Peg sat down to stitch, she dropped a quarter into her grandfather's piggy bank. By the time the stitching was finished, grandfather's bank had more than enough quarters to pay for the finishing.