



CACTUS WREN

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Wrens,

Wow! Is it hot enough for you? It gives us an excuse to stay inside and stitch. It is called catching up. At least we get very little company this time of year.

Our July program is called "Bring Canvas to Life". This is a worth while video that will serve to remind you of techniques and ideas you may have forgotten, or answer a question you have thought about. If you have seen this video or taken her class, you will still benefit from a refresher class. It is always fun to come to a meeting and meet new friends or even those you have known awhile.

If you were at Jay Patterson's class, you may remember he introduced a new thread called Mandarin Floss made from bamboo. He said they would be coming out with new colors soon. I was told yesterday they have come out with 33 new colors. Hopefully, the shops in Tucson will have them shortly. Because of my love of threads and my desire to keep up on new threads and colors, I ordered them. Also, there is a new needle size out called Tapestry Tweens. They come in sizes 19, 21, 23, and 25. They may be just what you have wished for.

Keep a Happy Face,
Phyllis
President

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BOARD MEETING

Fourth Monday of the month at Phyllis Richardson's.
• Next meeting is July 25th at 9:00 am.

MEMBERS MEETING

Second Wednesday of the month at La Posada Recreation Room.
• Next meeting is July 13th at 9:30 am for the social time and 10:00 am for the meeting.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the next issue is July 25th. E-mail Donna Lou Hetler at DLHetler@aol.com or mail typed copy. Please include CWNewsletter in the subject line.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

July Program and Project – “Bring Your Canvas to Life” with ANG Video

Susan Partra’s 50 minute video will be shown. Taken from a course she has taught, it covers a variety of stitches and where to creatively use them. Bring a pencil and paper to jot down ideas.

This video is good for beginners and experienced will pick-up many refining tips as well.

August Program and Project – “Lessons in Shading” with Barbara Richardson



This purple pansy uses a variety of stitches and colors to give subtle shading to the flowers.

For the morning lecture, Barbara will show how to take a simple line drawing and achieve this shading with just floss.

The afternoon workshop will be a hands on practice session trying the flower yourself. The kit will be provided at no cost. Sign up will be at the July meeting for the supplies to practice these techniques.

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September Program and Project – “Dynamic Diagonals Bag” with Pat Phillips



The above bag in shades of blue and lavender show the project as stitched in the background and finished folded on top.

Inspired by a clutch designed and taught by Catherine Stanislaw when our chapter was young, Pat has arranged many different diagonal stitches into a versatile tri-fold bag using a variety of threads and stitches.

This tri-fold bag may be stitched an oblong size of your choice.

- Small 4”x10” canvas 7”x13”
- Medium 6”x14” canvas 9”x17”
- Large 8”x16” canvas 11”x19”
- Or even larger depending on how you plan to use it

Supplies:

- 18-count mono canvas in your color choice. There will be some exposed canvas, so you may want to use a color that is complementary to your palette.
- Watercolor threads
- 2 Splendor in contrasting, but compatible colors.
- Perle #8 to match the dominant color in the Watercolor
- 2 metallic threads, one matching the dominant color and one contrasting
- Flair thread
- Frosty rays thread
- NOTE: The amount of thread will depend upon the size you choose.

Shop your stash first! Mix and match until your threads work for you. Be creative! Add and change threads as you please.

Pat will talk about the project at the July meeting. Think about the size and your color palette. Sign-up for this lovely and practical project starts in July.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY LUNCHEON **July 13th**

July's program will be in the morning only, with no afternoon project scheduled. So bring a favorite sack lunch and stay to stitch on any of your own pieces.

CAMP CACTUS WREN **AUGUST 16TH – 18TH**

Deadline for registering for camp is JULY 13! Campers are still needed to fill our contract. There is no limit to the number of campers that can attend camp. If you are looking for a fun getaway this summer, try going to camp. Call a friend and take three days off to just stitch, relax, and pamper yourself in a quiet setting with Cactus Wren friends. If you have never been to camp before try it...you will really like it!

A double guestroom is \$59.00 per night or a two-room suite for \$74.00 per night. This includes a FULL breakfast, pool, exercise room and a great room for stitching. A real treat!

Send your deposit (\$55.00) and your room mates name to Sharon Skoczek or bring your money to the meeting on the 13th. If you plan to attend, a phone call BEFORE the deadline is most appreciated. See you there! Camp Counselors Judy Burgess and Sharon Skoczek

SAVE YOUR OLD STUFF!! **October Patio Sale**

The Board plans a patio sale at the end of October. The exact date will be announced. Instead of discarding items you no longer use...need...want, please hold on to them until October and donate them to our sale.

You will be asked to price the items before dropping them off at the designated site. More information will be included in future newsletters.

Also, if you have any long 8' tables, please let either Jan or Phyllis know. If we can not borrow them from people or another organization, we will need to rent them which adds to the cost of the sale.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON **December 14th**

Our Annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on our regular meeting day in December. This year we are going down to Espleandor...known as Rio Rico Resort for many of us. So mark your calendar now, and the details will follow.

TIDBITS OF NEWS

BOOK NOOK REVIEW

Favorite Stitches
By Brenda Hart.

Brenda Hart's book is a helpful guide in selecting an appropriate stitch for background. In the book, Brenda explores the elements used in selecting stitches for background designs that would complement a stitched piece.

Categories of stitches are presented along with suggestions for thread selection. Helpful hints are given for use of stitches as well as stitching instructions. A variety of stitches are presented that would be appropriate for small and large backgrounds.

Visit the Cactus Wren web site for a complete listing of library selections. If you see a book that interests you, contact the chapter librarian, Ruth Wallace.

national dues will be paid. It was not complete in explaining the details, but an e-mail to our president did. Here is how it will work.

As of August 1, national dues (**\$29**) will be paid directly to national on your anniversary date. You will receive a "bill" from national when it is due. At that same time, you will send chapter dues (\$16) to the membership chairperson. The only inconvenience is members will now write two checks.

This will allow national to be sure your magazine and benefits keep coming on a timely manner. Locally, it is much easier bookkeeping for both the membership chairperson and the treasurer. As a side benefit, the monies we report will be what we can actually spend on programs, rather than such a large committed fund.

If you have any questions on this, please contact Phyllis Richardson.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL

Checkbook balance 05/01/05	\$3459.02
Income \$ 244.25	
Disbursements \$1015.85	
Checkbook balance 04/30/05	\$2,687.43
Committed Funds \$ 275.00	
Operating Funds	\$2,412.43

TIMELY TIPS

Sometimes a stitch may seem to loosen during the stitching process. It is impossible to find the proper position to draw the excess fiber to the back. Rescue loose stitches by drawing a needle filled with a plump thread through the entire bubbling back. The excess will be drawn to the backside, making the front appear even.

CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP DUES

For those who read their resent "Needle Pointer" magazine, the letter from the president announced a change in how