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Greetings Wrens!

For all of you who could not attend the May meeting you missed a terrific potluck. Everyone brought a delectable salad and Muggs baked a cake that was served with strawberries on top. It was yummy! We also had a great program and project presented by Barbara Richardson on stump work. She had an array of wonderful pieces that she has stitched, including the project that was accepted for the 2005 national seminar.

On April 24, 2004, Dolores and I attended the celebration in which the Habitat for Humanity Organization presented a three-bedroom home to Fidel and Frances Garcia and two of their grandsons. There was an honor guard from the American Legion, which presented the family with their own flag, a Catholic deacon that blessed all the rooms in the house, and speeches from various members of the community. There were over 70 people there and it truly was a wonderful experience. The sampler we presented got a great round of applause. This week Cactus Wren received a card from Frances Garcia thanking us for attending the dedication and giving her family the sampler.

BOARD MEETING

Fourth Wednesday of the month at Janet Billington's home.
• Next Board meeting is June 23rd at 9:30AM.

MEMBERS MEETING

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

STITCH IN

Fourth Wednesday of the month at Sharon Skoczek's home.
• Next stitch in is June 23rd at 1:00PM.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for July issue is **June 25th**. E-mail Donna Lou Hetler. Please include CWNewsletter in the subject line.

We also have received a thank you note from Los Ninos Del Valle Preschool Center thanking us for the letters and numbers. "Your gifts and talents will be admired and appreciated by many as we plan to hang the collection in our library, entrance area." I will have both cards at the next meeting to share with all our members. Now back to stitching.

Susan Ettl
President

MONTHLY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

June Program and Project – “ Scissor Case” with Earla Swope

For those who signed-up for Earla’s class bring the usual stitching supplies...and do not forget your scissors to fit in the case!

July Project – “ Humbugs” with Mary Ellen Searcy

What’s a Humbug? A stitched rectangle with one side finished in the opposite direction, instead of folded into a pillow. You will stitch on #18 canvas, but the finishing is applicable to cross-stitch as well.

The purpose of this class will be the finishing, not the decorative stitching on the rectangle. You can make more later, using any type of stitch or border in the middle of the rectangle.

You will make two finishing technique samples for future reference: a whipped buttonhole stitch and a whipped back stitch. You will also make a tassel and learn two ways of attaching it, as well as how to buttonhole a loop.

This is a beginner class level. No experience needed, except to thread a needle and to follow a graph.

SIGN-UP DEADLINE: JULY 1

The kit is free, so sign-up as a class count is needed for making up the kits

SUPPLIES TO BRING:

1. #22 tapestry needle and needle threader if needed
2. Scissors
3. A stitch book showing back stitch and buttonhole stitch
4. 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. This is 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 *NEEDLEPOINTS* if you have it.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE MEETING

“Let’s Have A Reception”

Since June is time for graduation, brides, and such parties, bring your favorite reception food for lunch on the 9th. Show off all those nifty little goodies and the décor to go with them.

THREADED TREASURES

The 2005 Threaded Treasures Show will be held February 17, 18, 19, 2005, at the Continental Mall meeting room. We will set-up on Wednesday, February 16, and take down on Monday, February 21. The room is very large and bright room, so keep on stitching. We need to fill it with all of our fine work!

There will be numerous opportunities for all Wrens to help to make this show. Janice Meitl and Sharon Skoczek will have sign-up sheets for various committees soon.

RAFFLE AND ORNAMENT STITCH-IN ON 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.

JOYCE LUKOMSKI CLASS SCHEDULED

For those who plan ahead...mark your calendar for February 10th and 11th for Joyce Lukomski's class. "White Lace Delight II" has been selected as the project. Details on cost and sign-up will follow. If you have any questions on the project, contact Janet Billington.

TIBITS OF NEWS

WEB-SITE/INTERNET CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

Margaret von Kuegelgen will soon be the president of the Tucson Chapter of ANG. For our chapter, she is currently the Keeper of the Records and our Web-site/internet Chairperson. Since she has so much on her plate, she was asked if she would like to be replaced as Web-site/internet Chairperson. She thought that would be a good idea.

We are looking for someone to fill this position. It consists of 1) being the contact for our chapter with the national web site and 2) for updating our web site by sending news and items to our web-master. The newsletter is handled directly by the editor and not part of the job. If you are interested being this chairperson, please contact Susan Ettl.

ON-LINE NEWSLETTER OR MAIL?

To smooth the transition to on-line newsletter, the June newsletter was still mailed to everyone. Beginning with the July newsletter, those with on-line access will not get a mailed copy. Notice will come to you via your e-mail that the newsletter is posted. You may then download from there.

Exceptions will be made for those that have an e-mail address, but still want the newsletter through the mail. However, you must notify Susan Ettl so a mailing label may be printed.

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.

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.

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITY

Due to Hearts and Hands closing their needlepoint section, the monthly chance to win a gift certificate will change. It will alternate monthly between The West and Busy Needle in Tucson.

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITY BASKETS

At our December Christmas Luncheon, Opportunity Baskets will be raffled. This is an opportunity for you to donate to the fundraiser. Donated items need to be for needle pointers, such as kits, stitching aids, etc. The items need to be new, clean, and...not started!

The Social Committee has already collected a book, cross-stitch project with threads, magnifying glasses and other assorted goods. So look into your stash and see what goodies you may have. Snowbirds: you can clean out goodies from up north and bring down as well! Plus large baskets are welcome. Contact either Muggs Tilly or Loretta Mahoney for items or questions.

GOT CRYSTAL LITE?

The Social Committee has a project up their sleeve and need empty Crystal Lite containers. Drink up and give the canisters with lid to either Muggs Tilly or Loretta Mahoney. Any size is welcome.

WONDERFUL NEEDLEPOINT PROJECTS AVAILABLE

The Tucson Chapter of the ANG is offering an exceptional opportunity to buy two fantastically reasonably priced needlepoint projects. Samples will be available at the June meeting.

The first one is a frame weight designed by our own Barbara Richardson. It has a lovely geometric design with several variations so that you can really personalize it. It even comes with its own lead weight (properly painted so it won't bleed through the canvas)! The cost is \$25.00.

The second project is a line drawing/partially painted canvas by Sallyjim Skelton entitled "Mission San Xavier del Bac." This project is on 14-count canvas and has a complete stitch guide and color photograph. It is a charming representation of the mission and has many of the local flora and fauna on it. The cost is \$35.00.

If you are interested in either of these projects, please contact Barbara Richardson.

SADDLEBROOK LUNCHEON

The Saddlebrook Luncheon finances were as follows:

Deposits:		\$312.00
Disbursements: Refund	\$12.00	
	Luncheon	\$300.00

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 Phyllis Richardson for May and to Delores Pickell for assisting during June.

NEW PRODUCTS

A new glue for needlework that dries soft and clear is now available. It's called Aleene's Xtra Tacky in a silver bottle. Wal-mart carries it, as well as other supply stores.

ADDITIONS TO CACTUS WREN HANDBOOK

The following three pages are updates for Cactus Wren Chapter Member Book. Please remove them from your newsletter and insert in the proper place in your Member Book.