



CACTUS WREN

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JUNE 2005

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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BOARD MEETING

Fourth Monday of the month at Phyllis Richardson's.
• Next meeting is June 27th at 9:00 am.

MEMBERS MEETING

Second Wednesday of the month at La Posada
Recreation Room.
• Next meeting is June 8th at 9:30 am for the social
time and 10:00 am for the meeting.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the next issue is June 27th. E-mail
Donna Lou Hetler at DLHetler@aol.com or mail
typed copy. Please include CWNewsletter in the
subject line.

Where has our money gone? That was my question last year. Now I want to answer the question, as well as explain our budget for 05-06. I don't believe you can prepare an accurate budget without looking at the past costs to forecast future costs. You must take a realistic look at monies coming in to know how much you can spend. You must budget your cost to fit income.

It takes **64** members to pay for administration overhead expenses. Add in the rest of the administration, i.e., newsletter, feathers, pins, etc and it takes **140** members to pay for our current expenses. We have only **103** members. Remember: your dues as a member are \$45, but we keep only **\$16**. And plural members pay only \$16 to our chapter.

Our largest expense in the last five years has been community projects. Materials have been donated, but finishing has not. In the last five years, we spent \$3,632 while grants and donations totaled \$327. This took \$3,305 out of our general fund. In the future, any community project needs a specific fund raiser to cover the costs.

Facts show it is necessary that a general fundraiser for \$500 be held each year to continue the club we have. Past fund raisers indicate it is more profitable to do something that does not require a lot of member's stitching time. Obviously, we prefer time to work on our own projects.

Normally, fundraisers are towards the end of a board's term. This means we are responsible for leaving the treasury in good financial shape for the next administration. It is best if an event does not occur at the end of February or first of March, giving time to close the books before officers change.

The board decided to hold three fundraisers this year. The first will be at the Nashville seminar where we will sell laying tools and the Sampler books. A patio sale is planned in the fall, and it will be chaired by Jan Towery and myself. The next will be a Home Tour in either January or February, and will be chaired by Pat Phillips. More details will be available in the next few months.

I hope the current budget will be used as a draft for future boards. A copy is enclosed at the end of this newsletter.

Keep a happy face,
Phyllis
President

MONTHLY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

June Program – “Temari” with Mary Hamilton



These colorful temaris shows how versatile these decorative balls are. Used for ornaments or displayed, Mary will show us how to do these items.

In this lecture class, she will show her collection of temaris, explaining how she designs and constructed each. Although she no longer teaches classes, we can all pick-up tips and visualize how to do them.

This will be a long morning program, with no afternoon project.

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.

Phyllis Richardson has taken her class, and has a notebook with the details in them. She will be happy to answer any questions you may have on the topic.

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. Join us for the session to learn a few new tricks to help your work come alive.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE LUNCHEON June 8TH

June'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.

NEW OPPORTUNITY OFFER JUNE 8th

Many Wrens may not realize that the opportunity drawing is to pay for the room at La Posada. While not charged for the space, we make a \$250 donation at Christmas to the employee bonus fund. This fund is divided up proportionally to all employees at the end of the year.

Tickets sales have not covered this cost for several years, meaning we must pay the balance out of the general funds. We meet in the room 10 times a year, so we need to bring in an average of \$25 net each meeting. Net means minus the cost of the item being offered.

In the May meeting, the topic was discussed, with several ideas presented. The group decided to try a "50/50" Opportunity offer for the next six months. The winning ticket will receive 50% of the money taken in that day. The club keeps the other 50%. For example, if 30 people

come and buy a ticket, the winner gets \$15 and the club gets \$15.

This will be through November, and be assessed at that time. Tickets will remain \$1 per ticket or six for \$5.

CALLING ALL SPIDERS JUNE 8TH

Mary Ellen Searcy will come early to the June meeting and will stay after to offer any help, TLC, hand holding, deciphering directions and so on. If you need help before then, do not hesitate to call for a one on one!

NEWS FLASH FOR CAMP CACTUS WREN AUGUST 16TH – 18TH

Camp plans are progressing with the weather ordered for sunny and hot! The best conditions for staying inside and stitching during the day with a cool splash in the pool for fun and exercise! Ten tents were ordered and await campers. We have many tents available to us. However, we MUST fill ten, or camp will be canceled.

Seven early bird campers registered and are set to go... except to fill their duffle bags. So if you are thinking about camp, don't hesitate to talk to your best friend and sign up! Camp is really fun!

Comments from last year:

- "This has been a really good time!"
- "A great camp!"
- "I had a wonderful time and I will see you next year!"
- "Camp has been wonderful!"

Your room rate includes a daily, full breakfast, pool facilities, exercise room and great accommodations.

The deadline is July 15. Send your \$55.00 deposit , room choice and your room mates name (\$59 for double guestroom per night and \$74 for two-room suite per night) to Sharon Skoczek. Camp begins on Tuesday August 16th with check out on the morning of Friday the 18th. See you at camp! Judy Burgess and Sharon Skoczek Camp Counselors

TIDBITS OF NEWS

**NEW FEATURE
BEST BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY**

In the monthly newsletter, Ruth Wallace, our Librarian, will feature one of the many and diverse books in the Cactus Wren library. She hopes this will encourage the members to take advantage of the library. For a complete listing of all titles in the Cactus Wren library, please visit the library section on the Cactus Wren web site.

This month's feature selection is, My Canvas Embroidery Notebook by Susan Ettl. It is a great book for the experienced stitcher as well as for the beginning stitcher. In her book, Susan begins with the basics of stitching, exploring topics such as canvas basics, fibers, threads, needles, and general stitching guidelines.

For those who would like to try designing, the basic principles of color as well as elements of design are presented. The final chapter explores the different families of stitches with stitching techniques. Helpful hints for perfecting stitches are given. The program for June will be Temari balls. Although, the library does not have a book on this subject, Temari - A Traditional Japanese Embroidery Technique by Margaret Ludlow may be a good resource

for those who would like to learn more about this interesting technique

PRESIDENT'S PEARLS

This month our president wants to honor two members. We needed to find how our money was spent and how to assemble a working budget. Phyllis and Honey decided they could not do it in an accurate way, but knew the person that could: Donna Lou Hetler. She went back five years and checked all receipts and reports, spending many hours searching and compiling all the information. She brought it back to them and discussed the information. It was then presented to the board in the form of a budget. It is hoped this budget will be a format followed in the future.

The second member to get thanks is Jane Lovat. She took it upon herself to change the information on the plaque in the library regarding our picture hanging in the meeting room. This was our first Community Project and many hours were spent stitching it. The Friends of the Library enlarged the plaque and more information is now available to the public. If any members have not seen this piece, they should ask to see it. The door is often locked but they will open it if you say you are a member of the chapter.

**TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR APRIL**

Checkbook balance 04/01/05	\$3781.71
Income:	\$ 846.00
Disbursements	\$1168.69
Checkbook balance 04/30/05	\$3,459.02
Committed Funds	\$ 786.85
Operating Funds	\$2,672.17

TELEPHONE TREE COMMITTEE

This committee notifies members of the death of fellow wren or of their spouse. Judy Kowalski chairs the committee with calling members Diane O'Reilly, Nancy Sour, Nellie Warren, Margaret von Kuegelgen, and Linda Netting. Thanks for your help. Any other notification should be done at meetings, through the newsletter or on the web site.

CONGRATULATION TO MARY ELLEN SEARCY

Mary Ellen recently exhibited a piece of needlework at the Exemplary 2005, the national exhibit of the National Academy of Needlearts held during the annual Assembly for Embroiderers at the Plaza Fairmont in Kansas City.

She received a first place ribbon for Mixed Media and a Judges Choice Ribbon.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome two new members. First is Myrene Lang, a newcomer to Green Valley. Myrene is a student of Susan Ettl.

The second new member is Jean Rader, who lives in Quail Creek when not summering in Colorado. Jean was a teacher for thirty years and is enjoying retirement and the time to golf. She is a student of Phyllis Richardson.

MEMBERSHIP DUES DUE

Lifetime Members past due:

Brenda Hart
Susan Hill
Dale Miller
Nancy Pfeifer

The following wrens have membership dues past due.

Betty Daniels
Nina Keck
Bretta Little
Betty Shoff
Miriam Parsons
Sue Strause

The following Wrens dues are due by July 10, 2005

Cecil Carlile
Ruth Connors
Marti Harris
Judy Kowalski
Nellie Warren

Dues are: \$45 regular; \$16 plural membership. Please send dues check to Membership Chairperson, Judy Burgess

2005-06 BUDGET

Below is the budget approved by the Board for the time through February 28, 2006. The costs came from averaging previous years, and taking a look at what was planned for this year. The object is to break even, or come out ahead. Since 2006-07 will be a busy year with Seminar in Tucson and Threaded Treasures, it was decided a little boost this year will help us next year.

All socials must break even. Classes should also break even, except with national teachers where part of their cost is covered by the club as per our Standing Rules.

Many of the income and expenses were put in conservatively. However, even with the best of money management, without fundraising events, we would loose over \$175. With the scheduled fund raisers, it is estimated that we will come out close to \$1,000 ahead.

The format is based on the final report from last year. Maxine Freed did an excellent job laying out the final figures. It is hoped this format will be used in future budgets and final reports.

The Board and Chairpersons are responsible for staying on budget in their respective areas. Please see that person before committing any funds.

**CACTUS WREN CHAPTER, ANG
BUDGET 05-06**

	INCOME	EXPEN	DIFF
MEMBERS			
dues	3736		
ang		-2088	
opportunity	200	-50	
ang scholarship		-50	
	3936	-2188	1748
SALES/DONATION			
items	350		
convention (laying)	300	-265	
convention booth		-75	
payne sale	25		
total	675	-340	335
COMMUNITY			
habitat sampler		-30	
total		-30	-30
ADMINISTRATION			
insurance		-250	
storage		-220	
po box		-25	
la posada		-250	
web		-275	
total		-1020	-1020
newsletter		-475	
postage		-375	
envelopes		-25	
stamps		-50	

copies	-125	
supplies	-25	
total	-1075	-1075

feathers	-50	
president pin	-45	
new member tea	-15	
brochure	-25	
total	-135	-135

total administration	-2230	-2230
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EVENTS

patio sale	1000	-300	
open house	750	-100	
total	1750	-400	1350

SOCIAL

stitchout spring	1000	-1000	
stitchout fall	1000	-1000	
lunch Christmas	800	-800	
lunch spring	800	-800	
camp	1200	-1200	
total	4800	-4800	0

CLASSES

j patterson	700	-695	
me searcy	396	-396	
m hamilton			
ang video		-11	
b richardson			
p phillips	100	-100	
tba			
c prescott			
tba			
total	1196	-1202	-6

TOTALS	12357	-11190	1167
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WITHOUT EVENTS		WITH EVENTS	
INCOME	10607	INCOME	12357
EXPENSES	-10790	EXPENSES	-11190
TOTAL	-183	TOTAL	1167