



CACTUS WREN

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JUNE 2008

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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BOARD MEETING

Fourth Wednesday of the month at 9:00AM
• Next Board meeting is July 23 at Linda Nettling's home.

MEMBERS MEETING

Second Wednesday of the month
• Next Members' meeting is June 11 at Kristoff's for a Stitch-out.
• July Members' meeting is July 9 at Susan Bumsted's for a Stitch-in.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the August issue is July 23.
E-mail Donna Lou Hetler at DLHetler@aol.com. Please include CWNewsletter in the subject.

Hello Cactus Wrens –

I hope everyone had a pleasant Memorial Day weekend. This is the time to remember those who made our Country great and those whose service continues that proud tradition.

I trust our winter members are safely in their summer homes. Hope none of you have been in harm's way with the violent weather moving across the Country. Feel free to drop us a line and let us know what you are up to.

I would like to thank the following: Jane Browder and Ermaline Hannum for work on the phone tree; Susan Bumsted for her work on the membership list; and Donna Lou for getting the membership list on the web updated. AND I would like to thank "YOU" for all that you do to make the Cactus Wren Chapter a great organization.

I hope that you are busy at work on items to display at the Threaded Treasures/Home Tour. It is not too soon to begin planning!

Until we meet next, happy stitching.

Linda



JUNE 11 – STITCH-OUT AT KRISTOFER’S

Come join us at the Stitch-Out for the June meeting. Starting at 10:00, we will meet at Kristofer's. You will pick your lunch from the menu at the time you arrive.

Call Phyllis Richardson to make your reservations. Last sign-up date is Saturday, June 7.

JULY 9 – STITCH-IN AT SUSAN BUMSTED’S HOME

Bring all those works in progress, along with a luncheon salad, to stitch away at Susan's. Starting at 10:00AM, we will gather to stitch.

Lunch will be a potluck salad lunch with Susan providing all plates and utensils. And the afternoon will be stitching for as long as you like.

To get to her home, take Whitehouse Canyon Road to Madera Reserve Drive. This is the second street on left after RR tracks. Susan lives at 802 Vault Mine, which is the sixth street on the left...so only count the streets on the left. You'll find her in the second house on the left from the end of the street.

To sign-up, just let Susan know you are coming.

AUGUST 13 – LA POSADA MEETING AND STITCH-IN

We will be returning to La Posada in August, but not in our usual location. The meeting room will change, and directions will be announced in the August newsletter.

Our usual social time will start at 9:30AM with a business meeting to start at 10:00AM.

The time will then be spent stitching on the project you planned to finish at June's Stitch-Out and still did not get done!

CHANGE IN BOARD MEETING

The Board will not meet in June. The next Board meeting will be on July 23 at Linda Nettling's home.

Because of this change, there will not be a July newsletter. Deadline for the August newsletter will be July 23. If any business develops in June, the Phone Tree will be used to inform members.

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In the words of Miss Piggy, "More is definitely more." While it might seem fashionable to go to extremes in canvas embroidery, there is something to be said for moderation. A little pizzazz is wonderful, but too much can be overwhelming to the stitcher and the viewer.

Try introducing a few novelty threads worked in to the project if you have never tried them. But be careful not to go overboard.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CACTUS WREN STANDING RULES

On May 28, the Board voted to amend the standing rules concerning payment for national or out-of-chapter teachers. It now needs to be approved by the membership.

Due to the rising costs of teacher fees and transportation, workshops are becoming extremely expensive for individual members. To help defray these costs to members, the Board voted to pay teacher fees, transportation, and room and board out of guild funds. Thus the only charge directly to the member would be the kit fees.

In exchange, each Board needs to make sure they budget to raise enough funds to off-set this cost. We do not intend to excessively deplete general treasury funds.

Tucson chapter is bringing numerous national teachers into their guild over the next few years. Cactus Wren can take advantage of this and do "add a day" for us. But before we can begin this process, we must change the rules to provide a more reasonable fee to participating members. Thus, we need a standing rule amendment.

Currently, teachers' fees run between \$250 and \$300 a day. Transportation, whether by plane or car, is jumping. And more instructors want the privacy of a hotel rather than a host home. The cost can easily add up to \$1,500 for a one day seminar for only 15 people. With kit fees starting at \$50, this means even a basic one day seminar can cost \$150 per participant.

The Board feels this is beyond most of our members' means. By paying the teacher costs, it means the member may only pay the kit fee. This now becomes more reasonable.

Here is the proposed change:

OTHER POLICIES – (Page 2)

5. Teacher Payment Policy

A. National or Out-of-Chapter Teachers:

1. Full or half-day workshop teacher expenses will be paid for by the guild. Teacher costs include: teacher fees, transportation, and room and board.
2. The Board is responsible for raising monies that are identified and dedicated to teacher costs, ensuring these costs meet the balance budgeted for the year.
3. Participants will pay kit fees, and any other workshop expenses prorated by number of students taking the workshop.
4. Workshops will be open to all members. Meeting lectures will be scheduled when possible.

Thirty day notice is needed before a vote. The vote will be taken at the August meeting. If you have any questions or comments, please direct them to Linda Nettling, President, or any other member of the board.

We hope you will understand the need to revise our policies so that we may once again begin having these expert teachers for our guild.

HOME TOUR AND TREADED TREASURES FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2009

The date has been set and plans are moving along. We will be asking for volunteers to both submit items for display as well as work that day.

The home tour will be from 10:00AM to 3:00PM. Maggie Niggemeyer will be scheduling the house guides in November and we hope you will sign up.

So let's finish up projects so we have plenty to display in the homes. In fact, we can start by bringing items to the September meeting for "Show and Tell."

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Stitch selection depends on the reality of the design on the canvas. Every canvas has a story. Selected stitches and threads must support that reality.

Shrubs and trees demand a great texture, a wintry coat requires a bulky appearance, while angel wings must remain gossamer.

The question to ask is "What does this look like in real life." Then find a stitch to duplicate that effect

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ZIP CODE CHANGE

Effective July 1, Green Valley will be split into two zip codes. Anyone north of Continental will remain with the current code of 85614.

But if you live south of Continental, your zip code will change to 85622. You may begin using that code now if you want.

Because we do mail some newsletters, plus provide a roster to our members, we need to get the right zip codes.

If your zip code will be changing, notify Susan Bumsted. She will make the correction and pass it on to make sure the web site roster is changed. If your zip code will stay with the current code, you need do nothing.



PHONE TREE REVIVED WITH A MODERN E-MAIL ADDED

Thanks to the efforts of Jane Browder and Ermaline Hannum, Cactus Wren once again has a phone tree system.

The system will be used to help keep us in touch with what is going on at the last minute. If notified by a member of the committee, you may opt to have a call made to you, or be notified by e-mail. Just let your contact person know.

If you have information that needs to be given to members, just contact Linda Nettling and she will make sure the Phone Tree is activated.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

The people listed below owe chapter dues. We prorate the dues at \$1.35 per month from now to February of 2008.

The amount listed will pay your dues through February 1, 2009.

Caroline Malter	4/1/2008	13.30
Jean Rader	6/1/2008	10.60
Irene Sullivan	6/1/2008	10.60

CACTUS WREN CHAPTER ANG INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENT APRIL 2008

Checkbook balance as of April 1, 2008	\$ 5150.53
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Income	
Dues	\$ 53.20
Laying Tool	15.00
Name Tag	2.00
SW Sampler Book	<u>12.00</u>
Total	\$ 82.20

Expenses	
April Newsletter	18.14
Members Handbook	<u>18.29</u>
	\$ 36.43

Checkbook balance as of April 30, 2008	\$ 5196.30
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CD# xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx0450	\$1,630.12
CD# xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx0829	\$1,077.54

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Treasurer

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When selecting a decorative stitch, the placement of the design element on the canvas should be considered. Good artists are able to produce a background, middle ground and foreground on their canvas. Even when the stitching is completed, an object behind another must remain in the background.

The sky is probably one of the largest elements in a landscape pattern. However, it must be stitched discreetly so it does not distract from the rest of the scene.

Items at a distance should appear flat and have a gray quality. A tree behind a house should be minimally decorated in a duller shade of green. But a flowering shrub at the curb line can be in bright colors and wildly exaggerated.

The focal point should remain the star while the rest of the design area stays in a supporting role.

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