



# CACTUS WREN

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**MARCH 2005**

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Wrens,

We certainly had a fun filled February. Everyone who took Joyce Lukomski's Cashmir piece learned a great deal and did some beautiful work. We had delicious pot luck at Earla Swope's lovely home. Thanks again Earla for hosting this event. I would like to also express a big thank you to Dale Miller for being Joyce's hostess and for chauffeuring her all over Arizona. I know Joyce had a delightful time.

I would like to thank everyone who was on the Threaded Treasures show committee and all of you that volunteered during the show. The show was a huge success!!! Congratulations to all of our show winners!

Well, this is my last letter. It has been a pleasure to be your chapter president. I would like to thank all of my board members, who made my job easier. I could always count on them for their support and great advice.

Fondly,

Susan  
President

### ELECTED BOARD

PRESIDENT	Susan Ettl
VICE PRESIDENT	Janet Billington
SECRETARY	Nancy Sour
TREASURER	Maxine Freed
DIRECTOR AT LARGE	Cindy Armstrong

### APPOINTED BOARD

ASSISTANT TO VP	Sharon Skoczek
ARTS COUNCIL	Ann Payne
CAMP CACTUS WREN	Jan Towery Muggs Tilly
COMMUNITY SERVICE	Dolores Pickell
EX-OFFICIO	Mary Ellen Searcy
HOSPITALITY	Arlene Deeds
KEEPER OF THE FEATHERS	Jane Lovat
KEEPER OF THE RECORDS	Margaret Von Kuegelgen
LIBRARIAN	Ruth Wallace
MEMBERSHIP	Judy Burgess
NEWSLETTER	
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PUBLISHER	Jan Towery
PHONE TREE	Judy Robertson
PUBLICITY	Ruth Deobler
SOCIAL	Muggs Tilly Loretta Mahoney
STITCH-OUTS	Earl Pennington Norma Pennington
THREADED TREASURES	Janice Meitl Sharon Skoczek
WEB SITE	Cindy Armstrong

### BOARD MEETING

Fourth Monday of the month at Phyllis Richard's home  
• Next meeting is March 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

### MEMBERS MEETING

Second Wednesday of the month at La Posada Recreation Room. This month is the luncheon at the Diamond Casino.  
• Next meeting is March 9th at 11:30 am for the social time and 12:00 noon for lunch.

### STITCH-IN

Fourth Wednesday of the month  
• There will be no stitch-in this month.

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the next issue is March 28<sup>th</sup>. E-mail Donna Lou Hetler at [DLHetler@aol.com](mailto:DLHetler@aol.com) or mail typed copy. Please include CWNewsletter in the subject line.

**MONTHLY PROGRAMS  
AND PROJECTS  
FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS**

**March Program**

The March meeting will be our Spring Luncheon held at the Diamond Casino. See Upcoming Events for details.

**April Program and Project – “Rainbow Galleries Threads” with Jay Patterson**

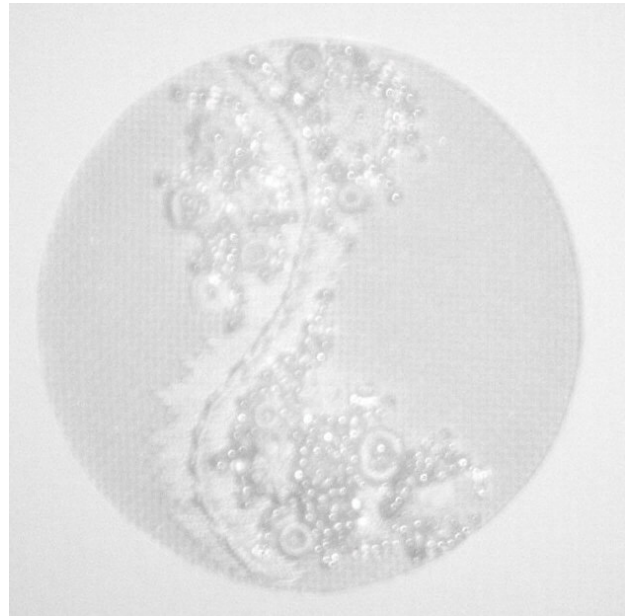
Here is your last chance to hear Jay Patterson speak. He will retire this spring from Rainbow Galleries, and although still involved in needlepoint, he will not be able to give his famous thread cards lectures.

This very entertaining talk covers details on all of Rainbow Galleries threads, including the care, use and ideas for each. He includes thread tips and stitch guides in the kits. Everyone will receive a card for each of the fiber he discusses...that alone is worth the cost of the class.

This will be a three hour notebook class. Our favorite “Salad Bar” pot luck lunch will be held that day.

The cost of the class is \$38, which includes the kit. Make checks payable to Cactus Wren and send to Muggs Tilly by the March 28<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**May Program and Project – “Along Came A Spider” with Mary Ellen Searcy**



Editor Note: Actual piece is white on ecru.

This Spider piece features texture! The spider variations, raised star stitch, buttonhole rings and beads cascade along the triple whipped chain stitch, which is enhanced by irregular Gobelin stitches. Iridescent seed beads piled on and in loops add to the sparkle. Mary Ellen assures us there is no wrapped cords in this project!

Stitch the three-dimensional circle, then it can be framed, mounted on a box, inserted in the lid of an Anne Brinkley jar, made into an ornament, pin or pendant.

The \$18 kit includes:

- Ecru congress cloth 8” x 8”
- Zweigart ecru congress cloth,
- small piece of congress for making buttonhole rings
- white DMC pearl cotton #8
- #12, Cordonnet #100
- white Gudebrod silk sizes
- FF & D, iridescent seed beads #10
- tracing paper

- mini pony bead and E bead.
- large tapestry needle
- needles for stitching and beading
- threader for beading needle

Student needs to bring:

- stretcher bars, 8" x 8"
- thumb tacks
- pencil
- retractable pen
- small sharp pointed scissors
- paper scissors
- bees wax
- needle threader if needed
- light is suggested
- magnifier if needed
- regular stitching supplies.

Sign-up and payment is due at the April 6<sup>th</sup> general meeting. This kit may be ordered, even if you will not be able to attend.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SPRING LUNCHEON MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>

Welcome to the Spring Luncheon. It will be held at the Desert Diamond Casino, with a menu similar to last year with pan roasted chicken...and of course a decadent desert. The event will start at 11:00 for a little social time, with lunch served at noon.

Many Wrens are bringing guests this year, so circulate and meet them all. Let's make them feel welcome, since several are would be Wrens.

### NEW MEMBER COFFEE MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>

New to Cactus Wren in the past two years? Time for a little get acquainted get together.

Judy Burgess will host a coffee and stitch-in Wednesday morning, March 9th before the luncheon at the Casino. Anyone is welcome to come and meet the new members.

Coffee will be served at 9:00 am at her home. Member will leave by 11:00 am to go to the luncheon. Please contact Judy if you plan to attend.

### DOOR PROJECT MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>

The second meeting for those who signed up for the door program with Susan Ettl will be after the March luncheon. The meeting is at Friends In Deed.

You will need to bring the following:

- Ideas developed since the January meeting
- Black and white blow-up of your door photo to the approximate size of your stitched project
- Tracing paper
- Pencil
- #4 or #6 pencil
- Canvas 6-8 inches longer and wider than the size of the project
- Color pencils, if you own them (Susan will bring several sets)
- Favorite stitch book

See you then!

## **ROAD TRIP TO BUSY NEEDLE MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>**

For those of you who need to stock up on supplies, now is the time. The Wrens will be taking a Sunday road trip to the Busy Needle on March 6, 2005.

The store will be open on Sunday at 1:00 pm just for Cactus Wren's members. And we will get a 20% discount on all items as well. We will car pool to the store. Contact Susan Ettl if you plan to attend.

## **STITCH-OUT AT LA MARIPOSA RESORT APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>**

Earl and Norma Pennington have planned another great stitch-out for our guild at La Mariposa Resort on April 20<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. For those who have attended past stitch-outs, you know what a great time you have at these events. What can be better than stitching, talking and eating.

The cost is \$20.00. Please mail your checks to Susan Ettl to reserve your place.

### **TIBITS OF NEWS**

#### **THREADED TREASURES**

Threaded Treasures 2005 was a huge success. A great big thank you to all of our members who made this show happen. Set-up went well, and fast, thanks to Mary Ellen and her committee. A professional display was completed using floor easels and various props to display the approximately 135 pieces, including award displays, community projects and class

projects. In all, around 400 people attended.

Congratulations to the winners of the ribbons. We had a tie for Members Choice, a first for Threaded Treasures. Olga Edwards won for her adaptation of a Snoopy cartoon titled "Our Gang" and Lucille Kardel received her award for her hardanger "Table Runner". Janet Billington won both the People's Choice and Best of Show with her "Flapper Girl" a cross stitch piece.

Raffle winners were: Rhonda Markert, "Southwest Box", Alice Homiak, "Christmas Stocking", and Ina Sickles "Southwest Spirit Dancer."

Tiny Treasures took in \$434, plus sold two books and a tote bag. Expenses for the show were \$132, meaning not only did the show break even, but brought in an additional \$302. Our thanks to all who donated items to the sales table.

We received many compliments on the show, the location, and the beautiful works of art. These compliments are for all of the Wrens to share alike. A special thanks goes out to the committee chairpersons:

Co-Chairpersons - Janice Metil and Sharon Skoczek

Administration – Donna Lou Hetler

Class Projects – Ruth Wallace

Community Project – Dolores Pickell

Demonstrations – Ann Seese

Drawing – Earla Swope

Hostesses – Ruth Doebler

Publicity – Barbara Lewis

Set-Up and Staging – Mary Ellen Searcy

Registration and Ballots – Muggs Tilly

Ribbons stitched by – Barbara Richardson

Tiny Treasures – Margaret Von Kuegelgen

Treasurer – Jan Towery

Thanks to all of you and your committee members. You made it happen. You are to

be thanked for the wonderful show that we had. Now, let's start stitching for Treaded Treasures 2007!

## **BOOK SALES FOR 2004-2005**

To date, 20 of the Cactus Wren Southwest Sampler Books have been sold. Only four more sold and we will break even.

## **ANN HARDY-PAYNE SALE**

Thanks to generosity of our members, Ann donated \$570 to our chapter. The remaining items were split between our chapter and Tucson's. These will be available to purchase by our members during the coming year. Thanks Ann for your kind heart, and best of luck in your new home.

## **HEARTS AND HANDS SALES**

Nina Keck, owner of Hearts and Hands send the following memo to Susan Ettl, our president, concerning their sale. Our thanks to Nina for her donation.

"Well, the sale is finally over! Per our earlier conversation regarding any threads and needlepoint supplies remaining after the sale, I was able to give Cactus Wren the following:

1½ yards 18 count canvas @\$33.00/yd. \$49.50  
19 stretcher bars (various sizes) \$64.85  
370 skeins Medici @\$.95/skein \$351.50  
This is based on retail prices.

Since Phyllis Richardson happened to be in the shop at the closing of the sale, I gave the above mentioned items to her for the Cactus Wrens. She said that she would make sure that they got to the appropriate people.

Susan, I hope the Cactus Wrens can use these materials for future guild projects."

## **BOARD MEETINGS**

To all incoming board members, please note the change of meeting time and date for the board meetings.

Meetings will be held the fourth Monday of every month in Phyllis Richardson's home starting at 9:00 am. The first meeting will be on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES DUE**

The following Wrens have membership dues past due:

Mary Hamilton  
Jeanne Hunsberger  
Evelyn Morris  
Sandra Thirtyacre

Dues deadline for the following Wrens was March 2:

Angela Bertolino  
Betty Daniels  
Catherine Dewitt  
Judy Ellingson  
Mona Freeman  
Nina Keck  
Ann Kennedy  
Nancy Lee  
Barbara Lehto  
Bretta Little  
Honey Montrose  
Nancy Pfeifer  
Betty Shoff  
Mary Williams  
Helen Thompson

Dues are: \$45 regular; \$16 plural membership.

Please send dues check to Membership Chairperson, Judy Burgess,