



CACTUS WREN

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Happy Stitchers

Believe it or not it is almost spring! Of course, most of this winter has been spring. I am sure you caught up on your "stash" and are ready to start new projects! Ha! Ha!

We received only a few of the surveys. If you still have yours, PLEASE return them now. We don't want to make choices on a minority decision, but may have to. It is like voting. If you don't vote, you can't expect us to read your minds. This your opportunity to tell the ad-hoc committee what you want for programs.

Some exciting things will be happening next year. I am sure many of you are looking forward to convention. There are lots of interesting choices, and hope many of you will attend. If some of you can't drive and would like a ride, let me know. I will try to get a car pool together for one day. If anybody would like to be a driver, let me know.

Have you signed up for the bus trip to the Shemer Show? That is always a fun day and very inspiring to see all that beautiful work. It should get us ready to enter our best work at convention. If you aren't ready for Convention, then be ready for our Threaded Treasure show next February. We all should be stitching up a storm!

ELECTED BOARD

PRESIDENT	Phyllis Richardson
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KEEPER OF THE RECORDS	Margaret von Kuegelgen
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BOARD MEETING

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

MEMBERS MEETING

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the next issue is March 27th. E-mail Sue Snow at Sueswan@msn.com or mail typed copy. Please include CWNewsletter in the subject line.

I found a new thread, and will bring a sample to the next meeting. It is made of soy. Remember we recently had one made of Bamboo. What next? Maybe we can show off new threads, books, and projects in the next year. Would anybody like to help with the job? Different ladies can do different areas. I would be glad to help, so give me a call.

Keep a Happy Face
Phyllis

MONTHLY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

March Program – “Spring Luncheon”

Join us at on our regular meeting date for our annual Spring Luncheon. See the details below.

April Program and Project – “Christmas in April” with Judy Burgess and Ann Seese

The Chamber of Commerce Christmas Tree needs refreshing. So we’re having a brainstorming session to get us going. This is one of our community projects and it needs some new jazzing. THINK GLITZ!

Bring stash threads and canvas or aida cloth along with 6”, 7”, or 8’ stretcher bars to work on. Also, bring your regular stitching supplies. We will have books, designs, some painted canvases, charts and ideas.

Get out the ol’ bling stuff! Time to sparkle! Let’s get gaudy!

May Program and Project – “Decorative and Background Stitches”

This notebook class will focus on interesting stitches you can use in your own projects.

Some of our most experienced stitchers will help us learn their favorites. Bring a doodle canvas or aida to work on, with needles and floss. You will create your own reference notebook of some of the most popular stitches used for background or as decorative eye-catchers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPRING LUNCHEON **March 8th**

This year we will be returning to The Country Club of Green Valley for our spring outing. The menu is an Iowa Dip Sandwich (which is what the rest of us call a French dip) with fresh fruit. And of course, dessert with a mint chocolate chip ice Cream. Yum! Social Hour will begin at 11:00, with lunch served at noon.

SHEMER SHOW **March 14th**

The bus will be leaving, and you want to be on it! This is a great show, and a fun day.

On Tuesday, March 14th, the bus will pick-up in Green Valley at 8:00AM behind MacDonald's. Pick-up in Tucson is between 8:30 AM -8:45 AM at the Sam Levitz parking lot on the northeast corner of Orange Grove and Thornydale. Please park away from the stores at both locations.

First the Shemer Needlework Show. Then lunch, and finally shopping. Anticipated return to Tucson by 5:00PM and to Green Valley by 6:00 PM. Total cost is \$25. Reservations taken until the bus is full, so sign up now. Send your money to Margaret von Kuegelgen and make check payable to Cactus Wren Chapter ANG.

SPRING STITCH OUT

April 5th

Join us for a casual, relaxing day of stitching at Kristofer's Dining. It's just a short hop down I-19. We'll start at 10:00 AM and go until 3:00 PM. Chef Charles has reserved the large, well-lit room next to his dining area for us. Bring your stitching, usual tools, a light and magnification, if needed.

At noon, he will serve a luncheon of a small gourmet salad, your choice of a turkey bacon wrap or a cobb wrap, a beverage, and dessert.

Also, if you have a piece in your stash that you started pre-war (Civil War) please bring it for Show and Tell. Be prepared to tell the group why you haven't finished it, or a good tale of excuses!

To reserve your place, send \$13.00 and your choice of wrap to Pat Phillips.

UPDATE ON SEMINAR 2006

September 8th – 15th

Seminar schedule is out! Time to decide what you want to take. Once you make your class selections, help will be needed. If you do have an extra few hours or a day, contact Barbara Richardson.

TIDBITS OF NEWS

NEWSLETTER CHANGE

As retiring editor, I want to thank everyone for their help these past two years. It's been great fun. Next month, send your articles to Sue Snow at Sueswan@msn.com.

SURVEY RETURN

If you have not returned your survey from last month, please bring it to the Spring Luncheon. This will help determine the direction of our group, and your opinion does matter. Thanks for taking the time to fill it out.

DYNAMNIC DIAGAONAL PURSE

We need your finished purse! The instructions will be sold at convention, and we would like to have pictures of the finished project to inspire the buyers. They will be needed by July for photographing. This is fair warning so you can finish them.

If you think you can have a finished bag done, please let Eloise Frederickson know.

ROSTER UPDATE

The roster is updated and available. Just go to our web site and down load for a readable copy. Those of you who receive the newsletter in the mail should have a copy in this edition.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Caroline Malter is a retired hospital administrator from the San Francisco area in Marin County. As well as being a long-time stitcher who loves new techniques, she is interested in ceramics and golf.

Mary Saylor has been a needle pointer for twenty years, works in continental with Medici wool. She is a 6-7 month resident in GV and lives in the state of Washington the rest of the year. A retired librarian with two sons, she loves to travel and is a walker. Her other interests are in history, bridge and Norway.

Elizabeth Farmer was an executive assistant for the president of an Insurance company in Castle Rock, CO, near Denver, now a full-time Green Valley resident. She is a sailor (difficult to do here!), participates in her church activities, does cross-stitch, and enjoys having fun stitching different projects.

New members joining in February are Irene Sullivan, Twanda Gustafson, Phyllis Gilbert, Rosemary Johannesson, and Susan Bumsted. More about them in next month's newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER

Checkbook balance 01/01/06	\$4043.14.
Income	\$1653.84
Disbursements	\$1193.30
Checkbook balance 01/31/06	\$4503.48
Committed Funds	\$ 325.00
Operating Funds	\$4178.48

MEMBERSHIP DUES DUE

Lifetime Members dues due for 2006
(local \$16)

Susan Hill (due for 2005 & 2006)
Nancy Pfeifer

The following wrens have membership past due which are \$16 for all members.

Ann Mosher
Katherine Siggins
Catherine Stanislow
Sue Strause

Membership expiring January 31st are the following:

Cindy Armstrong
Marilyn Davison
Arlene Deeds
Susan Ettl
Mary Hamilton
Marilyn Hinkle
Evelyn Morris
Ann Hardy Payne
Ethel Skowronski
Barbara Venable

Memberships expiring March 31st are the following

Angela Bertolino
Janet Billington
Jane Browder
Judy Burgess
Judy Ellingson
Joan Fellingham
Eloise Fredrickson
Mona Freeman
Ann Kennedy
Barbara Lehto
Honey Montrose
Pat Phillips
Mary Ellen Searcy
Helen Thompson

Plural memberships expiring March 31st are the following:

Nancy Lee
Polly Smith
Marg Williams

All members are to send checks for the local chapter of \$16 to Judy Burgess. National will invoice members directly.