

CACTUS WREN

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MAY 2008

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BOARD MEETING

Fourth Wednesday of the month at 9:00AM
• Next Board meeting is May 28 at Linda Nettling's home.

MEMBERS MEETING

Second Wednesday of the month at La Posada Recreation Room. Social time is 9:30AM. Meeting is at 10:00AM
• Next Members' meeting is May 14.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the June issue is May 28.
E-mail Donna Lou Hetler at DLHetler@aol.com. Please include CWNewsletter in the subject.

Fellow Wrens

I would like to send a special thank you to Judy Burgess for her presentation at the April meeting. Thanks go to our members who encouraged guests to come. Other thanks go to Honey, Olga and Earla for volunteering to work on the audit committee. AND thank you to all of you for your great ideas and participation at the April meeting.

I would like to welcome our new members, Linda Lies and Gerry Troupe. We look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Pat Phillips in her loss. Words are never adequate at these times, but trust that we are all thinking of you, Pat.

It is not too early to begin thinking about items to display for the Home Tour - Threaded Treasures. We have such variety of interests and talents within the guild, we need to showcase them.

I would like to encourage those of you whose schedules permit to bring lunch and plan to stay and stitch after the meetings.

Until our next meeting, happy stitching.
Linda, President

MONTHLY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

MAY 14 – GETTING FRAMED by Frank
“The Framer” Garcia

This time Frank is coming! He will talk about “ins and outs” of a great frame job. Finished pieces will be brought to discuss how he looks at the work.

If you have a finished piece you would like him to comment on, please feel free to bring it along. This is your chance to get an expert opinion, and the rest of us will learn from it.

This is a program that will benefit all of us, no matter what our level. Bring all your questions about matting and framing. If you have pieces which Frank framed, please bring them along for display. The more pieces, the better he can show how quality framing is done.

JUNE 11 – Stitch-out at Kristofer’s.

The Amado Stitch-out starts at 10:00AM. Lunch will be ordered off a special menu when you first arrive.

Kristofer will prepare lunch while we stitch. You will pay for your meal that day, so no need to collect in advance.

After lunch, we will stay and stitch some more. This is always a fun day with good food and great company.

A sign-up sheet will be at the next meeting, or contact Phyllis Richardson.

JULY 9 – Stitch-in at Susan Bumsted’s Home

Susan will open her home for a mid-summer stitch-in. Plan to gather at 10:00AM for a morning of stitching.

Bring your favorite salad for a pot luck salad luncheon...and don’t forget to give the recipe to Rosemary for the cookbook.

More stitching for the afternoon is planned. This will help you complete another project for the Threaded Treasure Home Tour.

NEW BUSINESS AND IDEAS

STITCH OF THE MONTH

Want to make a cute purse with a scallop pattern. A group is forming to take this project on.

Last year, the Stitch of the Month in Needlepointer’s Magazine was a series of scallop patterns by Brenda Hart. The final design was to make them into a purse insert that used all the stitches. Go to www.needlepoint.org/Stitch.php to see all the stitches.

The first meeting will be Friday, May 9 at 9:00AM. The group will meet at Phyllis Richardson’s to start the project. Please let her know if you plan to attend so canvas may be cut in advance.

If you are interested, please let Phyllis or Rosemary Johannesson know. Other classes and times will be arranged throughout the year. Yes, even a winter one for those snowbirds who want to do it.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

We are happy to have Linda Lies as a new member of Cactus Wren. She is a full time resident of Green Valley.

Linda became interested in stitching over 25 years ago from a school friend. Still wanting to learn more, she is taking classes from Phyllis Richardson on Thursday afternoons.

When not stitching, Linda is an avid reader, making lots of use of our local library.

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Capturing the Tail of Perle Cotton

A short tail through the eye of the needle has an annoying habit of falling out of the eye. There is a little trick that can prevent this annoyance.

Simply take that little tail (approximately one inch from the end of the thread and pull it directly over the point. Push the needle through. This will form a secure little knot at the eye that will hold the thread onto the needle without interfering with the stitching process.

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OUR THREADED TREASURE'S HOME TOUR Friday, February 20, 2009

At the April general meeting, the members voted to combine our Threaded Treasures Show with a home tour. The date of Friday, February 20, 2009 was selected by the board.

This gives everyone plenty of time to finish off a new project...or two...to display on the tour.

Several homes have been offered, but more are needed. If interested, please contact Phyllis Richardson, who will serve as chairperson.

STAY AND STITCH

Rather than rush off after our meeting, why not "stay and stitch." Bring a light bite to eat and a project to work on.

This is a good time to do that repetitive stuff that may be boring on your own, but goes fast with company. Or maybe something you are stumped on and need encouragement.

See you after Frank's talk for a little "stay and stitch."

CURRENT ROSTER

The current roster is available on-line through the web site. We are in the process of updating both the membership list and the on-line roster listing. Although it is not in it's final stage, many people need a newer listing.

To retrieve the listing, go to www.gvang.org. Under "Members Only", enter the User ID and Password. Bring up "Member Roster" for the listing. Click on the instructions under the title for the printable format.

If you have forgotten the ID and Password, contact either Linda Nettling or Donna Lou Hetler.

If you have any changes to your address, telephone or e-mail, please contact Susan Bumsted. The information will be passed onto the web site.



RECIPES!! WE NEED RECIPES!!!

WE are moving ahead on our cookbook, with one on salads and one on appetizers.

Please send or email your recipes to Rosemary Johannesson. She will be working on them over the summer. Deadline is the end of July.

Send several.....we can cut if we need to...or do a second cookbook!

**CACTUS WREN CHAPTER
ANG INC.
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MARCH 2008**

Checkbook balance
as of March 1, 2008 \$ 5753.84

Income

Dues	\$ 107.95
Spring Luncheon	240.00
Tote Bag	25.00
Pin	5.00
Threads	<u>2.10</u>
Total	\$ 380.05

Expenses

CW Shirts	\$ 64.86
Luncheon Cake	26.99
ANG- Video Deposit	20.00
ANG-Video P&H	11.50
Coyote Grill	336.00
Postage	24.60
Luncheon gifts & decs.	127.00
March Newsletter	12.41
Storage Space	<u>360.00</u>
	\$ 983.36

Checkbook balance
as of March 31, 2008 \$ 5150.53

CD# xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx0450 \$1,630.12
CD# xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx0829 \$1,077.54

Prepared and submitted 4/8/08
Rosemary Johannesson
Treasurer

**PROPOSED MARCH 2008-
FEBRUARY 2009 BUDGET
CACTUS WREN CHAPTER OF ANG**

INCOME

Member

Dues	\$1088
No Name Tags	7

Sales/Donations

Opportunity Tickets	\$ 300
Laying Tools	30
Shirts	150
Threads	150
Home Tour	1200
Cookbooks	250
Pins	20
Spring Lunch	700
Xmas Lunch	700

Total \$ 4595

EXPENSES

ANG Scholarship Fund	\$ 50
Insurance	280
La Posada	250
Storage	360
PO Box	40
Web Site	370
Newsletter	290
Postage	200
Envelopes/Labels	25
Copies	65
Shirts	125
Spring Lunch	700
Xmas Lunch	700
Workshop (2009)	1100
President's Pin	40

Total \$ 4595

This is the budget submitted to the board at their April meeting. It will be voted on by the membership at the May meeting. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Linda Nettling or Rosemary Johannesson

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**ADVANTAGE OF BRAIDED OR
TWISTED THREADS**

Braided or twisted single ply threads have one remarkable advantage. There is no necessity plying with this style of thread. Braided or twisted threads are to be used as is. For most stitchers this can certainly hurry along the stitching process.

**DISADVANTAGE OF BRAIDED AND
TWISTED THREADS**

Upright stitches like Brick stitch, Hungarian, Parisian or Goblinis, often require a slightly thicker thread than what is usually used on a canvas. If the selected thread is multiple ply, like floss, the stitcher can simply increase the weight of the thread by adding an additional ply.

Unfortunately, with a braided thread this is not too easy. Even if adding an additional ply could be done (two ply of #5 perle cotton on fourteen mesh for upright stitches) the result is often grainy because the two twisted ply remain separate in appearance even when laid carefully.

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