



CACTUS WREN

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Happy Stitchers

Welcome back to some of our winter visitors. Many more will be arriving in the next few months and it was nice to see a few at the October meeting.

Plans are well under way for our November 4th Patio Sale. I hope you have gathered up many of your priceless items and priced them fairly. If you are not working, plan to come and shop. I know there will be needle point materials you will need. For our November program, bring a package (or more) to join in the fun.

Good news from our Convention sale! We sold all but one laying tool with a net profit of \$371. If you would buy the last one, we will be at \$386. Not bad for a fund raiser that took little work from anyone. I hope this will be carried over to next year with plans to sell more.

I talked to many women at Convention and heard a lot of excitement about coming to Tucson. With many classes that should be interesting to all of us, this will be your opportunity to attend if you have never done so.

With so many signed up for our January program, we may put a limit on the number that can attend. The board decided the cost and it is not expensive. See the Program section for more details.

ELECTED BOARD

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BOARD MEETING

Fourth Monday of the month at Phyllis Richardson's.
• Next meeting is November 28th at 9:00 am.

MEMBERS MEETING

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the next issue is November 28th. E-mail Donna Lou Hetler at DLHetler@aol.com or mail typed copy. Please include CWNewsletter in the subject line.

If you knew Cassie at Sundance, you know what a great lady she is. Her classes are always fun and interesting. She has a special stitch around the cloak. Cassie teaches at everyone's level, so don't feel you are not good enough. If you need more help than the class, you can bring it to meetings and get help.

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

**November Program and Project –
“Chinese Auction” with Margaret Von
Kuegelgen**

By now you have searched your stash and found a UFO (un-finished object) to bring for the Chinese Auction. This project needs to have all the supplies, threads, etc necessary to complete the item.

Now come up with a unique and attractive way to package it. Use your imagination! How about disguise it in a seasonal basket? For a small project, an old beaded purse will do. A little jeweled box can do the trick.

Every UFO package gets you a chance at picking a box. This is not a fund raiser; your entrance fee to the auction is your package. The more packages you bring, the more you can select.

Each chance allows you to select a box, either on the table or already selected boxes. That's right – you can get the one that's already got. And that's where the fun starts! Margaret promises to keep us on track...or at least close to it.

So wrap your UFO, pack up your lunch, grab your stitching supplies and come to the November meeting. We will work on our “new” project in the afternoon

**December Program – Christmas
Luncheon**

Holiday's are just around the corner, so that means Party Time! Esplendor Resort at Rio Rico awaits us this year with a wine bar social hour that begins at 11:00 a.m. This will be on our regular meeting day of December 14th.

At noon, we will be served a grilled chicken Caesar salad and warm bread followed by a dessert of Mexican flan and Christmas cookies. Yummy!

The cost for this will be \$21 per person, with a December 1st deadline for checks. Many people indicated they will probably be going, but now is the time to commit and get your money in. Contact Eloise Fredrikson if you have any questions.

As our tradition, we will be collecting donations for “Toys for Tots” to be given to our local Fire Department. These should be unwrapped new gifts. Also, we will collect non-perishable food items for our local food bank.

**January Program and Project – “Young
Brave” with Cassie Prescott**

Cassie Prescott is the former owner of Sundance Needleworks in Tucson. She will be giving a lecture after the business session in the morning program. Even if you are not taking her class, you can benefit from her wisdom in needlework.

After lunch, the class of “Young Brave” will start. This class will carry over into all day Thursday.

This beautiful original Terry Medaris design on a painted canvas includes numerous interesting threads and stitches.



This piece should not be too difficult for the beginning stitcher. Cassie is an excellent teacher and will be willing to help in any way.

The project will be kitted, and we have managed to keep the cost, including the teaching fee to \$65. Fee is payable in full by December 1st. Please send your check to Muggs Tilly.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER LUNCHEON November 9th

Please bring your favorite lunch goodies to enjoy a mid-day break. This will be a good time to examine all the UFO's. Even if you do not plan to stay for they entire afternoon to stitch, bring a lunch and enjoy the company.

PATIO SALE TIME! Friday, November 4th

Don't forget the Patio Sale! Items to be donated are to be dropped off at Ruth Deobler's house between 8:00AM and 12:00PM on Thursday, November 3rd. The earlier, the better! The committee wants to get going on arranging the items.

Remember, items are to be priced and no clothing or food. In order to make this a successful sale, we need as many items as we can get. Although needlework will be included, household goods are needed. So dig into those cupboards and clean out those unwanted items. That way you can ask Santa for more!

Friday, the sale will run from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Thanks to all who volunteered. If you still want to help, assistance will be needed in the early morning and during tear down Friday afternoon. Contact Jan Towery to sign up.

TOUR OF STITCHERS' HOMES January 28th

All five homes are lined up. We will be touring the homes of Early Swope, Marge Powers, Phyllis Richardson, Carol Copeland, and Pat Phillips.

Tickets will be available at the November meeting to sell. Janet Watson will handle distribution, which will be in packets of five tickets each.

We now need to promise needlework pieces so the committee can plan for space in the houses. All attempts will be made to keep all of an individual's work in the same house. This makes it easier for delivery on January 27th.

Attached at the end of the newsletter is an entry form. Please duplicate if needed, and return the forms to either Nancy Sour or Pat Phillips. Each piece will need a name and number on the back, which will be provided in the next newsletters.

Also, workers are still needed in all the houses as both hostesses and demonstrators. Contact Nancy Sour if you can help.

If you have any questions, contact Pat Phillips or Nancy Sour.

TUCSON'S NATIONAL SEMINAR September 8-15, 2006

Counting down to "A Desert Tapestry" the National ANG Seminar here in Tucson Sept 8-15, 2006. These months will go by quickly and planning is underway to get the brochure ready to announce the wonderful classes being offered. We hope all of you will have an opportunity to take a class during this time. Needed are volunteers for the Exhibit and Hospitality areas.

The Exhibit Committee consists of Sharon Skoczek, Chariman; Jan Towery, member; Martha Tomazic, past chairman and two members from the 2007/2008 seminars. The volunteers needed in this area will be responsible for unpacking, hanging and repacking the entries, as well as helping in the Exhibit when it is open to the public (making sure that items are not touched or taken).

The Hospitality chairman is Angela Yardy. She is responsible for staffing of the Hospitality table where all information is displayed and the bag check is held.

Both of these areas need to be staffed from opening to closing each day, so if you are able to volunteer please let these ladies

know. Actual working times will be developed after you have your class selections and schedules can be worked around those times.

Barbara Richardson, the local coordinator, will keep us posted as she receives news from National.

TIDBITS OF NEWS

BOOK NOOK REVIEW "FINISHING TOUCHES" By Sandy Higgins

This book may be helpful to those of you who have finished Pat Phillip's "Dynamic Diagonal Bag" and need assistance in doing the finishing.

Sandy gives step by step instructions on a variety of finishing techniques including blocking, finishing of several styles of pillows, Christmas ornaments, eyeglass cases, standing weighted figures, brick covers, etc.

For embellishment, instructions are given for making a basic tassels and cording. Instructions are provided for doing the binding used when joining two canvas pieces together.

Visit the Cactus Wren Web site for a complete listing of library books.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee has been selected for the 2006-07 season. Honey Montrose, Jane Browder and Angela Bertlino volunteered to compile a ballot for us. Please consider serving if asked. Thanks to the committee for taking on this task.

**MARY ELLEN SEARCY
WINS A RIBBON**

Mary Ellen Searcy won a ribbon at ANG National Seminar this year. Her piece "Woman of the Desert" won third place in the Professional category. Congratulations to Mary Ellen Searcy for your honor!

**TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR SEPTEMBER**

Checkbook balance 07/01/05	\$2171.13
Income	\$ 279.66
Disbursements	\$ 229.37
Checkbook balance 07/31/05	\$2221.42
Committed Funds	\$ 56.00
Operating Funds	\$2165.42

MEMBERSHIP DUES DUE

Lifetime Members listed in Cactus Wren past due for 2005
Susan Hill

The following wrens are past due in their membership, which is \$16 for all members.

- Karen Dolan
- Arlene Ehli
- June Elliot
- Maxine Freed
- Marjory Jordon
- Claudia Juell
- Carol Karrle
- Kay Kopp
- Connie Lagergren
- Janice Meitl
- Jo Middlestead
- Ann Mosher
- Earl Pennington
- Norma Pennington
- Judy Robertson
- Mary Sawyer

- Ann Seese
- Catherine Stanislow
- Sue Strause
- Margaret von Kuegelgen

Membership expiring November 30th are:

- Lucille Kardel
- Carley Linn
- Maggie Niggemeyer
- Jennet Parker
- Katherine Siggins
- Muggs Tilly
- Ruth Wallace

National will invoice members for \$29 directly. All members are to send checks for the local chapter of \$16 to Judy Burgess.

TOUR OF STITCHERS' HOME
ENTRY FORM – JANUARY 28
PLEASE RETURN BY JANUARY 11TH
TO NANCY SOUR OR PAT PHILLIPS

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Description (Southwest, Floral, etc) _____

Size of Entry _____

Please attach your name and phone number to the back of each item. Include any prize winning ribbons as well. You will be notified at a later date as to where to deliver your needlework on January 27th. Feel free to duplicate this form.