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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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BOARD MEETING

Fourth Wednesday of the month at 9:00AM
• Next Board meeting at Linda Nettling's home. Date to be announced.

MEMBERS MEETING

Second Wednesday of the month at La Posada Recreation Room.
• Next Members' meeting is October 14.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the next issue is October 23. Please include CWNewsletter in the subject.

Letter from the President

Once again, I am scratching my head for ideas. Who am I to presume that everyone goes through or has gone through some of the quandaries I find myself in?

Years back when I first started stitching I took a piece in to be framed. Now, you have to understand that the framing lady was not a very happy person, was about 5 feet tall and could stare you into the ground. However, her positives were that she knew framing mats and materials so well, that she would take one look at the piece, give you 3 choices for mats and frames within the time it took her to find what she was looking for. Ten minutes later you were walking out of the shop and on your way.

So on one occasion, she scowled at me and said, "Why didn't you sign it?" Now, I was just dumb enough to ask "What?" "Why didn't you sign it?" "What do you mean?" "Put your initials and date or something like that on it" she said. Since that time, I have signed my pieces.

Sometimes it takes longer to decide where and what color than it takes to put the finishing stitches on the piece. Many times the piece will reside on my sofa for 2 weeks or longer until I decide.

One child's piece I did had a small train on it with smoke trailing off over the last car. I put my initials and date in line with the trail of smoke. It was neat! Sometimes I curve the initials along something rounded almost as if to camouflage them. Other times upper right corner, etc. Sometimes I don't want to detract from the piece. Then I have used a thread nearly the same color as the background fabric so that it is signed, but hardly shows up.

Needlepoint is a different challenge. You almost have to plan ahead and determine where you want to sign.

The Southwest Sampler by Margaret Bendig I signed as I was stitching. The Dazzle piece by Margaret Bendig was to be a box top until I measured it and found that although it was symmetrical and I did not make a mistake, one side was $\frac{1}{4}$ inch shorter than the other. With 3 threads available, I suddenly knew what to do—and to think it had eluded me for several weeks prior.

Lastly, it is fun to watch my children and grandchildren try to figure out where I have signed.

So, do you sign your work? Should we sign our work? I guess it is totally an individual thing.

What other "little" things challenge you with your stitching? If you would like to share them, just send me a note.

Until our next meeting, happy stitching.
Linda, President

MONTHLY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

OCTOBER 14 – TIFFANY WINDOW

**a Dorothy Leshler project
taught by Phyllis Richardson**



You may choose your own colors from your stash or use the colors in the Stitch Guide. It calls for Needlepoint Inc, Silk which can be purchased at Family Arts in Phoenix. Also, Barbara Lewis, a Cactus Wren member in Tucson, has some supplies. However, the project may be done with Splendor or Soie d'alger. Floss can also be used.

The colors in Splendor are as follows:

- Red: # 886, 820
- Lavender: # 808, 807
- Blue # 860, 922
- Green # 83, 837, 1062.
- Dark Yellow # 999

For those who want to use DMC floss, the numbers are:

- Reds # 304, 350
- Greens # 502, 522
- Dark Yellow # 729
- Blues # 311, 334
- Violets # 208, 209, 211

Whatever thread you choose, you will need to use:

- #4 Krenick # 032
- #8 Krenick # 002
- Accentuate # 024 and 360.

You do not use much, so it could be shared. But it is nice to have in your stash

The background may be stitched or left as open canvas. If you do not do the background, Phyllis recommends couched #16 Krenick, color #032 around the edge. If you want to stitch the background, you will need White Perle Cotton #8 and #12.

You will need a pair of 12" and a pair of 15" stretcher bars.

This is the program for October and November. According to ANG rules, members must be in class to receive the stitch guide.

NOVEMBER 11 – Continuation of the Tiffany Window Project

DECEMBER 9 – Christmas Luncheon

Menu details and sign-up form are at the end of this newsletter.

STITCH OF THE MONTH CLUB

The monthly gathering of stitchers will be Monday, October 19 at 1:00PM in Phyllis Richardson's home.

You may bring anything you are stitching. However, the group started a new project called Crazy Quilt in September.

If you are interested, it is not too late to start this project. Please contact Phyllis Richardson or see her at the Guild Meeting for further details.

Here's how the Crazy Quilt project looks:





WE ARE MOVING!

Starting in January, we will be meeting at Friends in Deed – Room C. For those who attended the Margaret Bendig class, it is the same room. Although there are no windows in the room, the lighting is good. However, if you will be stitching, you may want to bring additional light.

The room has its own outside door, and is right next to the kitchen.

The 9:30 social time and 10:00 meeting time will not change. Just remember: New Year, new location.

A committee of Linda Lies, Jane Browder and Marge Powers scoured Green Valley for a new location.

Thanks to the committee for all their hard work.

PROPOSED CHANGE IN DUES

As discussed earlier this year, a proposal for a \$2.00 per year dues increase is recommended by the board. To do so requires a change in the Standing Rules.

The current rule under “Members Responsibilities” reads as follows:

3. Local Chapter dues are \$16; and payable February 1.
 - a. New member dues will be prorated.

The new rule to be voted on will read as follows:

3. Local Chapter dues are \$18; and payable by February 1.

The vote will take place at the October meeting. It will be conducted by ballot, and requires a majority of those in attendance to pass it.

CALLING ALL HORDERS

Remember, one person’s junk is another person’s treasure!

Our Patio Sale is in February, but you can start to clean out your house now. Susan Bumstead and Linda Lies have offered their spare garage. They will take all your odds and ends, big pieces, little things or anything else you would like to chuck out of your home.

Whenever you collect a little stash, box it up and send it to Susan or Linda. You can even bring it to a meeting and they will cart it home.

Clothing, kitchen items, furniture, tools, electric gadgets...anything goes.

By sending them now to Susan and Linda, not only will it clean your house out, it gives them a chance to organize and price items in smaller batches.

If you have a large item that needs to be moved, or need items picked up, just let them know.



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The annual Cactus Wren Christmas Luncheon will be held at Grill on the Green on Wednesday, December 9, 2009. Social time is at 11:00AM and lunch will be at 12:00Noon. Guests are welcome.

The menu choices are:

1) Franciscan Chicken Salad – Grilled Chicken Breast served on top of a bed of mixed greens with chopped walnuts, bleu cheese and sliced green apples. Served with raspberry vinaigrette.

2) Beef and Bleu Salad – Grilled top sirloin served on top of a bed of mixed greens with bleu cheese crumbles, cherry tomatoes, red onion and balsamic vinaigrette.

Bread, ice tea, coffee or lemonade and desert are included with either choice.

Cost is \$22.00, which includes tax and gratuity. Make checks payable to Cactus Wren Chapter ANG and give to Linda Nettling (October) or Jennet Parker (November) or Rosemary Johannesson. Deadline date is December 1, 2009.

A sign up sheet will be at the meetings or use the following form.

Name:

_____ Franciscan Chicken Salad

_____ Beef and Bleu Salad

_____ Amount included.

More information regarding the luncheon will be in the November Newsletter.