



# CACTUS WREN

P.O. Box 183  
Green Valley AZ 85614  
www.gvang.org

**SEPTEMBER 2005**

## **LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

### ELECTED BOARD

PRESIDENT	Phyllis Richardson
VICE PRESIDENT	Muggs Tilly
SECRETARY	Nancy Sour
TREASURER	Honey Montrose
DIRECTOR AT LARGE	Dale Miller

### APPOINTED BOARD

CAMP CACTUS WREN	Judy Burgess Sharon Skoczek
EX-OFFICIO	Susan Ettl
HOSPITALITY	Ermaline Hannum
KEEPER OF THE FEATHERS	Marti Harris
KEEPER OF THE RECORDS	Margaret von Kuegelgen
LIBRARIAN	Ruth Wallace
MEMBERSHIP	Judy Burgess
NEWSLETTER	
EDITOR	Donna Lou Hetler
PUBLISHER	Jan Towery
PHONE TREE	Judy Kowalski
PROGRAMS	Muggs Tilly
PUBLICITY	Ruth Deobler
SOCIAL & STITCH-OUTS	Eloise Fredrickson
WEB SITE	Margaret von Kuegelgen

### BOARD MEETING

Fourth Monday of the month at Phyllis Richardson's.  
• Next meeting is September 26th at 9:00 am.

### MEMBERS MEETING

Second Wednesday of the month at La Posada  
Recreation Room.  
• Next meeting is September 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am for the  
social time and 10:00 am for the meeting.

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the next issue is September 26<sup>th</sup>. E-mail  
Donna Lou Hetler at DLHetler@aol.com or mail  
typed copy. Please include CWNewsletter in the  
subject line.

Hi Happy Stitchers

As many of you have heard, Phyllis Richardson took a nasty fall while on vacation in Connecticut. She broke six ribs and was hospitalized for over a week. Her recuperation has been at her daughter's home.

She is doing much better, and is anxious to get home. Her spirits are good, though still in pain. At least she now has lots of time to just sit and stitch! Our prayers are with her. Cards may be sent to her home. She will be returning to Green Valley sometime before Labor Day weekend. Hope to see you soon, Phyllis.

For our winter visitors, forest fires are not enough for us this year. On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, more rain fell on our area and the Santa Cruz River crested near the top of its banks in Tucson. Yes, CRESTED at 12 feet.

Behind the recreation center at La Posada, the river was flowing fast enough to white water raft with a really good ride.

We truly live in GREEN Valley.

Keep a Happy Face,  
For Phyllis our President,

Cactus Wren Board and Chairpersons

## MONTHLY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

### September Program and Project – “Dynamic Diagonals Bag” with Pat Phillips



We start our bag with Pat this month. For those who still have not gotten all your threads, please see previous issues for details, or call Pat.

#### Prior to class:

Find the center of your canvas and measure out to the final piece size. Using a hard pencil, lightly outline the borders of your bag. Attach your canvas to narrow stretcher bars.

#### Bring to class:

Usual stitching supplies:

- scissors
- 22 and 24 needles
- stand, frame, frame weights or clamp
- laying tool
- doodle canvas and threads
- magnification or lamp if needed.

- colored pencil or pen for marking on paper.

The cost for the class will be \$5.00 to defray to printing cost. You may pay that day.

### October Program and Project – “Dynamic Diagonals Bag” with Pat Phillips

This is a continuation of September’s program. For those who could not attend September’s program, arrangement has been made. You may order the instructions and start on your own, then join us at the October session for further assistance.

If you can not attend either, but still want the instructions, they may be ordered. In either case, contact Muggs Tilly, Program Chairperson to reserve a copy for you.

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

We are asking members to search their stash and bring a project that they have given up on or don't want to complete. It must have all the necessary threads, etc. needed to complete the project.

We will have the auction in the morning, and then reserve time after lunch to work on the project or on one of your own. Here’s a great chance to clean out all those “someday” projects so you can start the new year with more!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON September 14th**

Since we have a full day program, please bring your favorite lunch goodies to enjoy a mid-day break. Even if you do not plan to stay for the entire session, bring a lunch and enjoy the company.

### **STITCH OUT TIME October 26<sup>th</sup>**

The fall Stitch-out will be held at Palo Duro Creek Golf Course in Nogales on October 26. We will gather around 9:00 a.m. and stitch until our noon lunch. Lunch will be a choice of either a chicken Caesar salad or a beef or chicken taco salad with blueberry or cherry empanados for dessert.

After lunch, we will stitch again until 3:30 p.m. The cost of the day will be \$14.00 per person, if we get twenty people to attend.

Put this day on your calendar and plan to attend. You will get a lot of stitching done as well as make friends with your fellow stitchers.

Sign-up will begin at the September meeting. Please contact Eloise Fredrikson if you have any questions.

### **CLEAN OUT THE CLOSETS November 4<sup>th</sup> Patio Sale**

The date of the patio sale has been *changed from October 21 to November 4*. The time will remain the same, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will be using two houses; Jennet Parker's and Ruth Deobler's, both in the Canoa Seca Estates II subdivision.

For this to be a successful fund raiser, start searching for those unwanted items you have stored...you know those things that take up unnecessary room in your homes. Just donate them to the sale. Remember, all items must be priced before dropping them off and, please, no clothing.

We will need a cashier and at least two helpers in each of two shifts. Also, help will be needed with set-up the day before.

This can be a fun event, as well as make money for our chapter. Any questions, please contact Jan Towery or Phyllis Richardson.

### **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON December 14<sup>th</sup>**

Mark your calendar for the annual Christmas party that will be held at Splendor Resort at Rio Rico. A wine bar will be provided for the social hour that begins at 11:00 a.m.

At noon, we will be served a grilled chicken Caesar salad and warm bread followed by a dessert of Mexican flan and Christmas cookies. The cost for this will be \$21 per person, based on attendance of 40 people.

This is a do-not-miss event for Cactus Wren members. If you are lucky, you may go home with a prize. Contact Eloise Fredrikson if you have any questions.

## TOUR OF STITCHERS' HOMES January 28<sup>th</sup>

Three homes have been volunteered for our home tour on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Two more are needed to make it a great day. Please consider putting your home on one tour.

Start thinking about what pieces you may want to display. There will be no restrictions as to the pieces. They may be new, shown before, or a little out of the ordinary. This is not a judged show, but rather a chance to show the public how we decorate with our art.

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

### TIDBITS OF NEWS

#### BOOK NOOK REVIEW Marnie Ritter's Canvas Patterns Book 2

In this book, a variety of stitch patterns incorporating the use of beads is presented. For each pattern, Marnie offers thread and bead suggestions.

She also offers patterns using composite stitches, Florentine patterns, and basket weave variations.

For those who are taking Pat Phillips "Dynamic Diagonals Bag" and would like to make another bag using other stitches, this book presents a variety of interesting diagonal stitches.

Visit the Cactus Wren web site for a complete listing of the library books or contact Ruth Wallace.

## CAMP CACTUS WREN

Mother Nature was jealous of us who got to go to camp. She wreaked a mighty micro burst over in front of our hotel, tearing down power poles and turning them into match sticks. Grant Avenue was closed from Swan to Craycoft almost the entire time!

The stitching room filled with tales of adventures in road-sleuthing. We all made it through back parking lots and driveways, like the intrepid campers that we are. Stitching, swimming, cocktail parties and jokes were the orders of the day.

Our invited guest, Catherine Stanislow, spent hours on the road trying to reach us. She made it in the back way. We were glad to have a chance to visit and stitch with her for the day.

Head counselors, Judy Burgess and Sharon Skoczek presented each camper with a lap cloth emblazoned with the newly designed camp logo. For the final day Sharon had made up a Halloween themed mini-kit for each camper

We need a head counselor for next year. Because of the coming of National Seminar to Tucson, we talked about moving camp to July. Many of our campers are dual members and will be involved in that event. We could possibly go back to two nights or hold it down our way. But we who love CAMP would hate to miss a year. How about some suggestions and help

#### TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY

Checkbook balance 07/01/05	\$2916.62
Income	\$ 552.50
Disbursements	\$1168.71
Checkbook balance 07/31/05	\$2300.41
Committed Funds	\$
Operating Funds	\$2300.41

## MEMBERSHIP DUES DUE

Please send checks for \$16 for the year 2005 to Honey Montrose. Judy Burgess will be on the road for two months.

Lifetime Members listed in Cactus Wren past due for 2005

Brenda Hart  
Susan Hill

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

Miriam Parsons  
Sue Strause

National will invoice members for \$29 directly. All members are to send checks for the local chapter of \$16 to Honey Montrose as Judy will be on the road until Oct 15<sup>th</sup>. Membership expiring September 30<sup>th</sup> are the following:

Collette Briody  
Ellen Cooley  
Karen Dolan  
Olga Edwards  
Arlene Ehli  
June Elliot  
Barbara Eubank  
Maxine Freed  
Ermaline Hannum  
Sharon Skoczek  
Donna Lou Hetler  
Marjory Jordon  
Claudia Juell  
Carol Karrle  
Kay Kopp  
Connie Lagergren  
Barbara Lewis  
Janice Meitl  
Patricia O'Malley  
Jo Middlestead  
Ann Mosher  
Earl Pennington

Norma Pennington  
Dolores Pickell  
Margaret Powers  
Phyllis Richardson  
Judy Robertson  
Mary Sawyer  
Valmai Schoeller  
Kathy Statz  
Jan Towery  
Ann Seese  
Catherine Stanislow  
Margaret von Kuegelgen

## STITCHING TIPS

### PULLING A CUT END OF FLOSS

Most stitchers do not realize that DMC does offer a guide to pulling a cut end of floss. Turn the color number tag to the back side. There will be a tiny sketch of two hands. Follow the sketch and you will be drawing out the floss in the proper manner and less tangling will occur.

### DAMPENING THREADS

Amazingly some threads become more manageable if they are slightly dampened. This is very true for floss and silk.

To dampen a thread, wet a make up sponge in cold water. Be certain to wring out nearly all the moisture and then gently run the sponge over the stranded thread. The moist thread will immediately lay flat on the canvas.

A word of caution. Dampening any rayon based thread may diminish the shine, as well as decrease its tensile strength.