



CACTUS WREN

Green Valley AZ 85614
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SEPTEMBER 2009

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

ELECTED BOARD

PRESIDENT	Linda Nettling
VICE PRESIDENT	Elizabeth Farmer
SECRETARY	Linda Lies
	Marge Powers
TREASURER	Rosemary Johannesson
DIRECTOR AT LARGE	Phyllis Richardson

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HOSPITALITY	Jane Browder Ermaline Hannum
SOCIAL	Jennet Parker Phyllis Gilbert
MEMBERSHIP	Susan Bumsted
NEWSLETTER	Judy Burgess

BOARD MEETING

Fourth Wednesday of the month at 9:00AM
• Next Board meeting is September 23 at Linda Nettling's home.

MEMBERS MEETING

Second Wednesday of the month at La Posada Recreation Room.
• Next Members' meeting is September 9.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

Some months an editorial thought pops into my mind. To get an idea if my thoughts are in line, I like to see what other chapter president's say to their membership – to include what Barbara Richardson has to say in "Needle Pointers". Over the course of the past months, I have come away with this impression. Attracting new members is a huge issue, money is an issue, and programs are an issue etc – not unlike issues we address each month.

The art of needlepointing needs to be continued and one way to perpetuate it in history is for each of us to pass our skills on to others. Just as with family traditions, we have to be the matriarch or patriarch and ensure its traditions and future. Next time you hear of someone stitching by themselves or someone with an interest, let your ears perk up and your love of the art propel you to them and encourage them to join the guild. For those who stitch now, it behooves us to learn the skills of others around us even if it isn't our chosen medium.

To those who have attracted new members to the guild and to those who have helped in resolving other issues, I say THANK YOU. All of you have given of your time and faced the good, the bad and the ugly.

Until our next meeting, happy stitching.
Linda, President

MONTHLY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

SEPTEMBER 9 – ORT BOX taught by Linda Nettling

At this session, the finishing techniques for the box will be demonstrated. Bring your project, no matter what stage of stitching is completed.

OCTOBER 14 – TIFFANY WINDOW

a Dorothy Lesher 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.

If you want the computer printed canvas, Phyllis will need to know by September.15.

NOVEMBER 11 – Continuation of the Tiffany Window Project

STITCH OF THE MONTH CLUB

The monthly gathering of stitchers will be Thursday, September 17 at 1:00PM in Phyllis Richardson's home.

You may bring anything you are stitching. However, a new project to be started is called Crazy Quilt.

If you want to start this, you will need a 8x8 piece of canvas and miscellaneous threads. You can purchase the stitch guide for \$1.00.

Please let Phyllis know if you want to start this project, or if you will be working on something else.

Here's how the Crazy Quilt project looks:



WE ARE MOVING!

Due to changes at La Posada, outside clubs may only use their facilities if at least 20% of the active members live at La Posada. We will be at our usual room through the November meeting. But starting in January, we will meet at a different location.

A committee of Linda Lies, Jane Browder and Marge Powers have been scouring Green Valley for a new location. Negotiations are taking place, and our new home should be announced at the next meeting.

Stay tuned for the details, but mark on your 2010 calendar that the place will change.

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.

MENTORS NEEDED

We are fortunate to have several new members recently join, and each is in need of a mentor.

The job is easy...just make them feel welcome. Pick them up for the next meeting. Make sure they know where the luncheon will be held. See that they know where to get supplies for the project.

We need 3-4 mentors, so if you are interested, please contact Susan Bumstead. She will be glad to arrange for you to start.

DECLUTTER YOUR HOME FOR THE PATIO SALE

Tired of the full closets, cluttered drawers and stacks of stashed stuff. Now is the time to start to declutter your home.

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...yes, some people have spare garage space! They

will take all your odds and ends, big pieces, little things or anything else you would like to chuck out of your home.

How to start? Put a box, bag or even a laundry basket in a central location. Every time you handle something you don't want or never use, toss it in the container. Don't put it back!

When it gets full, box it up and send it to Susan or Linda. You can even bring it to a meeting and they will cart it home.

We want that odd scarf Aunt Emma knit that goes with absolutely nothing...the old CD that turned out to not make you tap your toes like you wanted...all those books you wanted to read, or have already read, or don' care if you ever read...those tin containers you got with the fruitcakes, cookies and such. 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.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Earla Swope is now living at La Posada. Her new address is: Apt # 1304, 635 S. Park Centre Avenue, Green Valley AZ 85614. Her phone is 520-393-6643.

CALLING ALL NAME TAGS

Just a reminder that name tags are required at all meetings. If you forget yours, it is a 50¢ fine. So if you know you forgot yours, get ready to pay up!

Your name tags may be as simple or as elaborate as you like. And new members get a three month pass so they may complete theirs.

CACTUS WREN CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUGUST 2009

Checkbook balance
as of August 1 \$5251.01

Income
 Dues 16.00
 Southwest Books 12.50

 Total \$ 28.50

Expenses
 Postage 2.38
 New Member Book 20.36
 Computer Service 105.00
 ANG Memorial
 - Morton 50.00

Total \$ 177.74

Checkbook balance
as of August 31 \$ 5101.77

CD# xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx0450 \$1,669.82
CD# xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx0829 \$1,101.58

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