



CACTUS WREN

Green Valley AZ

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September 1, 2011

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BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting is on Monday, September 26th at 10:00 a.m. at Rosemary Johannesson's home.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Stitchers,

Where has the summer gone? Although I feel I have stitched and stitched, I've also read and read and so my to-do list hasn't shrunk very much. I have made inroads into several pieces though.

I always feel when we start in with regular meetings that we are really starting the new year. Our membership numbers are down, so please bring you friends in for a visit, and maybe they will get the needlepoint bug.

We have again received some threads, canvases, hoops, and kits. I will bring them to the meeting in September so you can look over them and see if you want any of it. I really don't want to put any more things in our storage unit.

Bring your completed items as we would all like to see what you've been up to.

Rosemary

BOARD NOTES

FUND RAISER

Your board has decided to have a garage sale for the fund raiser this year. Phyllis Richardson has volunteered her garage, and Linda Lies has agreed to store any items starting now. So thank you to both of them. The sale will take place after the holidays, so that our snow birds can have an opportunity to buy some of our goodies.

COMMUNITY PROJECT

The stitching piece we are doing as a community project is coming along real well. We will have it at the September meeting for all so see. If you have a little time to donate to this project, it would be appreciated.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT

> Aren't you all so glad that we have our needlepoint and stitcheries to keep us busy while we hibernate indoors to keep cool! It makes the days go so quickly plus we have something beautiful to show for the time spent. I want to thank those who were able to spend time together at our summer Stitch-Ins. They were small groups but it was still lovely to have some quiet, relaxed time to spend together chatting and stitching. A special thanks to Janet and Norma for being such wonderful hosts! I was fortunate to be the host for June and I can only hope those who attended enjoyed it as much as I did. Hopefully, even more will be able to come if we continue the Stitch-Ins next summer. It's a great way to get to know each other a little better while doing what we love doing.

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> And now Summer is drawing to a close. We've been a bit short on rain but long on heat and humidity (by AZ standards). But we have some wonderful programs planned for the upcoming months so we hope you will all plan to attend. I'm sure that some of it will be new to even long-time stitchers.

In **September**, we are having a "Cords and Tassels" lesson. These are the touches that make a project look really professional and elegant.. We have had considerable floss donated so feel free to bring your own colors or to use the many colorways included in the donations. Please do bring your sewing supplies needed (needles, scissors, braiding clamps if you them; if you don't, even a clipboard would be handy for holding one end of the cord).

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> **October** brings a guest teacher to show us Kumihimo. Huh? Say that

again! Okay: ku' me He' mo. If it sounds Japanese, that's because it is. Linda Germaine will be introducing us to this Japanese braiding technique, yet another wonderful technique to include either in a project or in finishing it. We can't have too many wonderful and fun techniques to draw from, now can we? We will probably do a sign-up sheet for this class to get an idea how many will attend. There is no cost but if the expected attendance is low, we may invite some guests from other needlework clubs to join us.

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> In **November**, we will be doing a special project that we will stitch on during the meeting and then proceed to the finishing technique in JAN or FEB. And, of course, we are all looking forward to the annual **Christmas luncheon in December**.

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> So, as you can see, we have lots of fun stuff planned and we hope you will all plan to join in and support these programs. There will be more details as we approach each month. Til then, as my long departed southern mother-in-law used to say "Y'all come now, ya hear!"

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> See you there!

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> *janelle*

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Along with your Needle Pointers magazine, you received the ANG Education Directory for 2010-2012. There is more than one that caught my eye. Since lessons start about 8 weeks after registration, I want to recommend that if any of us want to do one as a group, we should plan on registering so that we can work on the piece over the summer. Please take a good look at the directory, and I will have a signup sheet at meetings. Call me if you have questions. Rosemary Johannesson (399.3056)

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the next issue is Tuesday, September 27th.

E-mail Phyllis Gilbert with your news: phyllis@rpgilbert.com.
Put Cactus Wren Newsletter in the subject heading.

FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON

In order to keep our roster up to date, please let me know of any changes in your address, zip code, phone number or e-mail address.

You can let me know by email tnsbumstead@cox.net or by mail:

802 E.Vault Mine Ct. Green Valley, Az 85614

You may also give me information at our next meeting.

Thank you.

Susan Bumsted

TREASURER'S REPORT

CACTUS WREN CHAPTER, THE ANG, INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JUNE, 2011

Check Book balance as of June 1, 2011		\$6,429.76
Income:		
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Expenses:		
Community Project	\$29.79	
Check Book balance as of June 30, 2011		\$6,399.97

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR AUGUST, 2011

Check Book balance as of August 1, 2011		\$6,399.97
Income;		
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Expenses;		
Web Site	\$105.00	
Check Book balance as of August 22, 2011		\$6,294.97

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Margaret Tilly,
Treasurer