



# CACTUS

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**SEPTEMBER, 2004**

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BOARD MEETING

Fourth Wednesday of the month at Janet Billington's home.  
• Next Board meeting is September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00PM.

MEMBERS MEETING

Second Wednesday of the month at La Posada Recreation Room.  
• Next Members Meeting is September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM for Social and 10:00AM for meeting

STITCH IN

Fourth Wednesday of the month at Canyon View Club House.  
• Next stitch in is September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00PM.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for October issue is **September 21<sup>st</sup>**. E-mail Donna Lou Hetler at [DLHetler@aol.com](mailto:DLHetler@aol.com) or mail typed copy. Please include CWNewsletter in the subject line.

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Wrens,

Hopefully, the 100 degree plus weather is behind us for the year. Soon, our seasonal members (aka "snow birds") and stitching friends will be returning. A little bird told me that as usual, Camp Cactus Wren was a huge success. I understand that the cocktail parties were marvelous!

As reported in last month letter, we have selected a new project for the Joyce Lukomski workshop scheduled for February 2005. *Cashmir, a Study of Filing Patterns*, is geometric piece worked in blues, peaches, rusts and teals. Please read the detailed description of this workshop in this newsletter. Note that the date of the workshop has changed. It is now scheduled for 7 and 8 February 2005 to accommodate Joyce's busy schedule as editor of *Needlepoint Now*.

Starting 1 October 2004, I will be getting my medical insurance paid by my employer, instead of spending half my monthly paycheck for it. However, that means I must work 30 hours/week, which makes it difficult to take off a day for guild and board meetings.

To accommodate this change, the board has graciously agreed to meet on fourth Wednesday evening of the month at 7:00 PM at Janet Billington's home.

In addition, Janet has agreed to preside over guild meetings, as long as I prepare the agendas. I hope you will all assist Janet in making the meetings run smoothly.

Susan Ettl  
President

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## MONTHLY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

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**September Program and Project –**  
“Peonies” with Dolores Pickell and  
Earla Swope

This will be an all day program, so bring your lunch and stay through the afternoon.

**October Program –** “Embellishments” with  
Reba Ashmore

For those of you who signed-up, bring your usual stitching supplies. Reba will talk about embellishment and show her lovely work with antique and new boxes.

**October Project**

We will work on finishing the Christmas Ornaments for our booth at the Country Fair.

**November Program –** “Black Work” with  
Rebecca Hayes

Rebecca will talk about her work with Black Work.

**November Project –** “Black Work” Details will follow

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### SEPTEMBER MEETING “SCHOOL DAZE”

Back to school and it's sack lunch time! Find your best Barbie Lunch Box and pack it with goodies for the first day of school. PB&J? Fall crop apple? And anything you want to trade!

### ROAD TRIP TO BUSY NEEDLE September 19th

Don't forget to road trip to the Busy Needle. The store will be open on Sunday afternoon, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 just for Cactus Wren members. And we will get a 20% discount on all items as well.

We will car pool to the store. Contact Susan Ettl if you plan to attend and have not yet signed up.

### STITCH OUT AT RIO RICO RESORT November 17<sup>th</sup>

Earl and Norma Pennington have planned another great stitch-out for our guild at Rio Rico Resort and Country Club on November 17, 2004, from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. The cost is \$20.00. Until the Penningtons return from Washington, please mail your checks to Susan Ettl to reserve your place.

## **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON DECEMBER 1ST**

Mark your calendar for our Christmas luncheon, which will be held on December 1 2004 at the Green Valley Country Club. More details will be given in future newsletters when our social chairpersons return from family visits.

## **JOYCE LUMOSKI WORKSHOP FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> –“CASHMIR”**

The new selection for the Joyce Lukomski workshop scheduled for February 2005 is CASHMIR, a study of fun with filling patterns. The rich tapestry of the East comes alive with the depth of colored silks and the opulence of golden threads in this exciting study.

Students of this workshop will not only increase their needlework expertise and stitch vocabulary, but also have fun exploring the many possibilities of filling stitches. A contemporary geometric design in a pleasing hexagon shape will be the vehicle to display wonderful patterns and filling stitches from both European and Oriental origins.

Japanese filling patterns, laid fillings, squared fillings, and scattered fillings will work together to enhance the grid of the canvas. The subtle sheen of silk combined with floss overdyed and the glimmer of metal will work together in countless combinations of color, line and texture.

Each student will be encouraged to create a favorite filling pattern based on techniques tried in the class. The project was designed to fit into the lid of a 7 1/2" square box top, but can also be framed.

### **Kit Includes:**

24-count ivory congress cloth size 12" x 12"  
Au Ver a Soie silks and cotton flosses in an

assortment of colors, several different stitchable and non-stitchable metallics, an assortment of needles, colored photograph and complete instruction booklet.

### **Student to Bring:**

12" x 12" stretcher bars with thumb tacks, sharp scissors and a pair of old scissors.

Please note that the dates for the workshop have been changed from February 10th and 11th to February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> due to Jocye's busy schedule.

Class cost will be \$85.00, with \$40.00 at registration. Class is limited to 24 participants. Registration will begin on 8 September 2004, which is the date of the September meeting. Checks received on that day or post-marked on 8 September 2004 will be given first consideration. After 10 November 2004, the workshop will be opened to members of Tucson ANG and Tucson EGA, so reserve your spot early.

Checks should be mailed to Janet Billington. If you have any questions on the project, contact Janet Billington.

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## **TIBITS OF NEWS**

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### **MENTORING FOR NEW MEMBERS**

Cactus Wren Board has decided to establish a mentoring system for new members to pair new people with seasoned members. The mentor's commitment is to welcome and inform our new members so that they will feel a part of our group and will be aware of all the possibilities and activities, which are open to all our members.

The first area is to welcome them by encouraging meeting attendance. This may even include offering a ride, or give a reminder call before the meeting. At the meetings, welcome the new member, introduce them around and sit with them.

Also, take some time to go through the New Member book to review what is there

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Since we are an educational organization, participation in our community projects should be encouraged. Also, national opportunities, such as national and regional seminars, Needlepointers Magazine, correspondence courses, cyber courses, by-mail workshops, and internet resource need to be explained. Finally, local education such as first aid for stitchers, class projects, local and national teachers, chapter library, monthly newsletter and our own website.

If you are interested in being a mentor to new members during the next year, please contact Judy Burgess, Membership Chairperson.

### **MEMBERSHIP DUES DUE**

Please send checks to Maxine Freed, Treasurer, and mark it "Membership Dues". Membership fees are \$45 for Primary and \$16 for Plural.

**Members whose dues expired August 1, 2004. Checks are needed now.**

Ruth Connors  
Miriam Parsons

**Members whose dues expire October 1, 2004. Checks are needed September 1<sup>st</sup>**

Primary:  
Erlene Adams  
Alice Cook  
Alice Homiak  
Bonnie McCormick  
Janice Meitl  
Jan Towery  
Geraldine Troupe

**Members whose dues expire November 1, 2004. Checks are needed October 1<sup>st</sup>**

Plural:  
June Elliot  
Barbara Eubank  
Jo Middlestead  
Ann Mosher  
Ann Seese  
Catherine Staneslow  
Margaret von Kuegelgen

**Members whose dues expire December 1, 2004. Checks are needed November 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Patricia Duthweiler  
Rita Grzybinski  
Joan Huff  
Lucille Kardell  
Carley Linn  
Jane Lovat  
Maggie Niggemeyer  
Jennet Parker  
Patricia Schwarzin  
Katherine Siggins  
Muggs Tilly  
Ruth Wallace  
Ruth Whitaker

If you have any questions, please contact Membership Chairperson, Judy Burgess.

### **BRAVO**

Congratulations to Barbara Richardson for having her piece, *Diamond Elegance*,

featured on the cover of *Needle Pointers* and also for having another project included in the recent issue of *Needlepoint Now*. We are very proud that she is a member of OUR guild!

## **A REMINDER!**

Be courteous and refrain from using any fragrance when attending any of our guild's events, including meetings. Many people have allergies and they want to enjoy themselves without have to suffer.

## **EDITOR'S NOTE**

Due to the change in Board Meeting time, the newsletter editor will be unable to attend most board meetings. Therefore, it is important to submit all information by the deadline printed on the first page. If e-mailing, sent it in Arial type, 12 pt, single spaced, no indented paragraph. If mailing, be sure to allow a few extra days for delivery and retyping. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Lou Hetler.

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## **TIPS AND IDEAS**

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### **EMGERGENCY ROOM HELP**

To answer any stitching questions, bring them to the Emergency Room for Stitchers at 9:30AM on meeting day. Our thanks to Jane Lovat for her help at the September meeting.