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Newsletter – Dale Miller

Break Out Group

Beading – Carol Karrle

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hope you are enjoying the great weather and beautiful wild flowers! Almost too nice to stitch! I hope you enjoyed the lecture/slide show by Joyce Lukomski. We are so fortunate to have her in our area. A special thanks to Jenny Coniglio for hosting her, Connie Lagergren and Carol Karrle for “beading” her, Myldred Richardson for arranging space for the workshop, Marcia Halligan and Ann Seese for making sure the participants got fed properly. And to all the workshop participants who brought goodies, Carol Karrle and Marj Jorden officially and many, many more on their own. Of course, stitchers NEVER go hungry. Thanks for all for making it a success.

WRITE YOUR OBITUARY NOW!! A strange but urgent request. Recently one of our members died and it wasn't until we read her obituary in the newspaper did we realize what a wide and varied stitching experience she had. It turned out she had achieved Mastercraftsman status from EGA, had set up/hung/managed several large exhibits, etc. There were many things we could have learned from her and her experiences had we known. People in my generation were always taught to “be humble” “don't blow your own horn”. Well, I am asking you to forget that. If you have some special ability or experience in stitching that we could use, please tell some one. If you are embarrassed to speak about it, just send me a note or an e-mail. We would love to be able to avail ourselves of the talents of our members **WHILE THEY ARE ALIVE!** Please don't be shy.

A special Thanks to Earla Swope and her committee and Connie Lagergren for the March pot-luck. We had a large turn out which made for incredible eating. The flowers and tassels were gorgeous and everyone got to take a tassel home, what fun.

A special thanks to Jean Firch, Jane Lovat and Marj Jorden for leading the Crazy Quilt interest group....it has come to an end but we learned a lot and appreciated the use of Jean's rec. room.

Raynelle has great programs planned so mark your calendars for the **FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH....we hope to see you.**

HAPPY STITCHING

Barbara Lewis

PROGRAMS..... Raynelle Duhl

April will be Mary Ellen Searcy doing a program called "Silk Fusion".

May is Alice Coates Hall with a program on her "needlepoint", per the article in the newspaper.

June will be Susan from The Busy Needle presenting a program on punch needle.

Do you have any suggestions for programs? Is there a technique you would like to learn at a meeting? Please let me know. You can send me e-mail or you can call me at home or on my cell (my cell is usually turned off after 5 pm). Thanks so much for your help. – Raynelle

BEADING INTEREST GROUP.....Carol Karrle

The Beading Interest Group meetings have been scheduled for all of 2005 at Bookmans, Grant and Campbell, Community Room the second Thursday of each month from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM.

We have a great deal of fun at these meetings, and invite any member of EGA to join us. If you have an interest in learning to bead, join our group and we'll help you. If you have questions call Carol Karrle.

HOSPITALITY..... Earla Swope

Hostesses for April are: Mary Ellen Searcy, Jane Lovat and Sharon Skoczek

Hostesses for May are: Carol Karrle and Judy Burgess

I would like to THANK everyone for bringing food for the Spring Potluck making it another great time with wonderful food. If you have any suggestions of good a restaurant to hold our Spring Luncheon next year, please let me know so I can contact them.

REGIONAL NOTES.....Connie Lagergren

There will be a \$10.00 increase in national dues effective fourth quarter (beginning in October) so total dues will then be \$45.00. While this seems like a substantial increase, it is in line with other national needlework organizations. EGA has not raised dues at the national level for fourteen years though operating costs and printing/postage costs have escalated; also national seminars have not been profitable in recent years, and many funds are restricted. You may remember that PSR region dues increased in the first quarter from \$1 per primary member to \$3; however, our chapter is absorbing the extra \$2 for each person this year. If you have questions or comments, please call or email me.

LOST AND FOUND.....Barbara Lewis

FOUND – on the sidewalk outside the Junior League Building the day of our last meeting, an EGA correspondence course pin. Please call me and identify.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR OF THIS NEWSLETTER.....Dale Miller

The deadline for the next newsletter is May 10, 2005. Please submit your information by e-mail to Dale Miller at dmm12647@msn.com Please proof read your articles as they will be scanned into the newsletter – MISTAKES and all. Check the spelling of names as well. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS for this DEADLINE DATE.

The following is a list of members whose dues are due in the second quarter of 2005

Please send your renewal checks to Honey in time for her to have them by June 1, 2005

PRIMARY: ALBAUGH, BECKMAN, EWBARK, FELLO, HALLIGAN, JUELL, LOMEN, LOVAT, MIDDLESTEDD, MILLER, D, PADILLA, RICHARDSON, B, ROSENLIGHT, SPITZ, THOMAS, VON KUEGELGEN, WATSON

PLURAL: FETTEROLF, JONAS, REIQUAM, KAPSNER, SEESE

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ e-mail _____

City, State & Zip _____

Please mail your check (made out to Tucson Chapter, EGA) to:

___ PRIMARY \$35

Honey Montrose
2910 S. Placita Nublada
Green Valley, AZ 85614-4658

___ PLURAL \$16

WE HAVE THREE NEW MEMBERS:

Helen Anderson

Lynn Midili

Sharon Crescent

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 7* *General Meeting, Kiva Room, Tucson Jr. League 9:30 Stitch-In
12:30 General Meeting Program: Mary Ellen Searcy
Hostesses: Mary Ellen Searcy, Jane Lovat & Sharon Skoczek*
- April 14* *Beading Interest Group Meeting 9:30 AM
Bookmans at Grant and Campbell*
- April 22* *Board Meeting*
- May 5* *General Meeting, Kiva Room, Tucson Jr. League 9:30 Stitch-In
12:30 General Meeting Program: Alice Coates Hall
Hostesses: Carol Karlle and Judy Burgess*
- May 12* *Beading Interest Group Meeting 9:30 AM
Bookmans at Grant and Campbell*
- May 26* *Board Meeting*

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