

# Cactus Needle

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## ELECTED BOARD

President:  
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## Break Out Groups:

Crazy Quilt – Jane Lovat and  
Jean Firch

Beading – Carol Karrie

## PRESIDENTIAL NOTES:

Welcome to 2005 and a new season of EGA. We have new board members with lots of good ideas so it should be a good year. The Beading interest group is still going strong and now we have a Crazy Quilting interest group starting. It is being led by Jane Lovat and Jean Firch. If you are interested, please contact one of them.

I want to thank Jean Firch and Marj Jordan for arranging all the details for our January program. They showed us all the vestments the St. Phillips Episcopal needlework group has created and made for use by the church leaders. This was a very interesting collection and we had a large turnout.

Our February meeting is back at the Junior League Building. It should be a great program and feel free to bring guests. NOTE: The Gem and Mineral Show will be on with the Windmill Inn being a large venue so there will be lots of extra traffic anyway. Then River Road is being torn up so allow extra time to travel and pay attention to the location of the building . . . I zipped right on by the other day due to piles of construction materials laying in front of the Jr. League driveway.

The Tucson ANG chapter has an exhibit the month of January in the Wilmont Library right in front of St. Joseph's Hospital. Stop by and see it, it is right as you come in the door.

Also, Threaded Treasurers is being held in Green Valley in February . . . see details later in the newsletter. It is always a wonderful exhibit.

Your new President -

Barbara Lewis

## **PROGRAMS.....**

**February** we will have a lecture and slide show featuring Joyce Lukomski. She is a nationally acclaimed teacher of beading and needlepoint. She is also the former editor of NeedlepointPlus and Needlepointers and is the current editor of Needlepoint Now. Her program will last about 1.5 hours so be prepared for that. It should be an interesting and exciting meeting.

**MARCH** will be our pot luck with a talk by Sharon Crescent and Diane Williams. They are two local women so please join us for an interesting talk.

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.....**

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.

In February we will have patterns for Valentine's amulet bags that have been designed by our own Jane Juell. We will work on these bags at the February meeting. A list of supplies needed for this project will be available at the chapter meeting on February 3.

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.

## **CRAZY QUILT INTEREST GROUP.....**

This group will meet on the following three dates: Tues. Feb 15, Mar. 8 and Apr 12 from 9:00 AM to 12 noon at The Westward Look activity room, courtesy of Jean Firch. Jane Lovat, Jean Firch and Marj Jorden will facilitate. Space is limited so sign-up is required.

The February project will be a small, soft, pillow-like ornament. The purpose of this easy project is to learn the "flip" technique of crazy-quilting. After the pieces are machine-sewn together, then we will embellish and finish the ornament. The next two workshops will be slightly more involved and could be a vest, purse, chatelaine, belt, table runner or wall-hanging. The fabric pieces can be almost anything: cotton (plain or pattern); fancy yard goods like taffeta, tapestry, velvet or lace. The first project is small so plan accordingly. A very good source book would be anything written by Judith Montano.

**SUPPLIES NEEDED:** Portable sewing machine with power cord (sharing is encouraged) – Fabric scraps of your choosing and a backing fabric – All kinds of embroidery threads, metallics, silk ribbon, buttons, bits of lace, etc., etc. for embellishing. (See Montano's projects) Cording could be used for edging. Basic sewing supplies, including pins, ruler, pencil, embroidery needles, etc. – We will supply iron and ironing board and filler.

## **HOSPITALITY.....**

Hostesses for February are: Kay Kopp, Marcia Halligan, Helen Crawford and Dami Dunatunga

We will be having an ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON in March. All members bring a salad, vegetable, or side dish (with a serving utensil) for our potluck luncheon. Lunch will be at noon with stitch-in prior; there will NOT be a "social hour".

## **AREA NEWS.....**

Threaded Treasures is just around the corner: February 17, 18 & 19, 2005 at the Continental Plaza (suite 244, Building 210) in the Continental Mall in Green Valley. Hours daily are 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Take the elevator to the second floor and follow the signs.

Threaded Treasures will have a new look and location from previous years. The Cactus Wren ANG chapter of Green Valley have been stitching for two years and it will be a really big show. Ribbons will be presented for "Peoples Choice", "Members Choice" and "Best of Show" this year. So select your choice and place your vote!

There will be an opportunity for everyone to win a finished needlework piece by purchasing a raffle ticket. There will be three beautiful pieces to win. A Christmas stocking, a southwest standing figure or a southwest needlepoint box. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

There will also be small items that will be for sale at the Mini-Boutique that have been stitched by the Cactus Wrens. These small treasures make great hostess, birthday or other gifts throughout the year.

## **REGIONAL NOTES.....**

Please read the enclosed letter from the Regional Director. Also enclosed is a bulletin on "Stitchin' on the Dock of the Bay" information for the Southwestern Region Seminar to be held May 31 to June 4, 2005. Registration ends February 14, 2005.

PSR will be selling note cards featuring original needlework and beadwork, created by our many talented members. Full credit to the designer and a bit of information about the featured piece will be noted on the back of the note card. Tucson has so many accomplished stitchers, and I want to strongly encourage you to consider submitting a piece for consideration – the submission form is in this newsletter.

PSR is also accepting prepaid orders for an insulated lunch and snack carry-all; the order form is also in this newsletter.

September 1-3, 2005: Sampler Symposium in Atlanta, Georgia, immediately prior to the EGA National Seminar. Barbara Kammerzell is National Chairman for this event.

EGA jewelry prices reflect current market trends and are subject to change at any time.

The following is a list of members whose dues are due in the first quarter of 2005  
Please send your renewal checks to Honey in time for her to have them by March 1, 2005

**PRIMARY:** Beveridge    Fenz    Green    Skoczek    Wall    **PLURAL:** Smith, Polly  
Dunatunga    Frecker    Sayre    Spooner

**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:** Helena Jones, Angela Bertolino and Barbara Snow.

**(NOTE to Members: See "Members Only" area of Website for info.)**

**NOTES FROM THE EDITOR OF THIS NEWSLETTER.....**

The deadline for the next newsletter is March 10, 2005. Please submit your information by e-mail to Dale Miller at [dmm12647@msn.com](mailto: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. There is a new roster in this newsletter, please check your information and advise me of any corrections or changes. AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, after my first attempt at writing this newsletter, which involves a lot more than just writing or scanning - organizing all the bits and pieces of paper involved (handed at you before or during meetings or emailed with names spelled wrong , etc.) and with Connie's loving help chasing down all of the advertisements MY HAT IS OFF TO JANE JUELL and all of those that have done this job before us!

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**PSR's Latest Addition to Our Lunch and Snack Carry-Alls....**  
**An Insulated 420 Denier Navy-Blue Nylon 6-Pack Picnic Cooler With White PSR Logo**  
**Size: 9" x 6.5" x 6"**

Name	Chapter(s)
Address	
City, State, & Zip Code	
Email Address	Telephone #
\$10.00 each including tax	Number Ordered
	Amount Enclosed



Please make checks payable to Pacific Southwestern Region, EGA, and mail to

BettyLou Pendleton, PSR Finance Chairman  
 2300 N. Maselli St., Visalia, CA 93291-9078

**NOTE:** We intend to deliver these to each chapter's region representative during our March 13<sup>th</sup> PSR Meeting in Visalia; thus, we are not charging postage fees. If the bags arrive earlier than expected, we may be able to deliver them "in person" to individual chapters.

## PSR DIRECTOR NOTES...

Dear Stitching Friends,

As the new Region Director for the Pacific Southwestern Region, I would like to increase all our members' knowledge of both the regional and national organization of EGA. We have a lot to offer you, but sometimes chapter members, especially newer members don't realize all the programs and help we have available.

Our region consists of twenty-four chapters covering three states. The chapter presidents and region representatives are the voting members of the region board. With the advice of the region executive committee they set the policy and make the decisions about how our region will be run.

There are thirteen regions in the national organization and the region directors and the national executive committee make up the nation board. As region director, I am the conduit for information between national and the region, just as the chapter presidents and region representatives are the conduit for exchange of information between chapter members and the region board.

EGA is a very unique organization. It is a living museum of the heritage needlework from the past and the cutting edge of the creative process that is still going on. We have an outstanding collection of museum quality pieces that have been donated and that are available for study. We have a huge library available for our members. We are the source for learning techniques seldom found elsewhere. We also offer correspondence courses, design and color courses, a judging program and a teaching program. A beginning stitcher joining EGA has the resources available to become an expert stitcher, a teacher, or a needlework judge.

Education is EGA's main objective, but as important as that is to each of us as members, I suspect that it is the companionship and sharing that is most important. How often do you meet someone who really wants to know what you've been stitching? Anywhere you go there will be a group of friends waiting to welcome you.

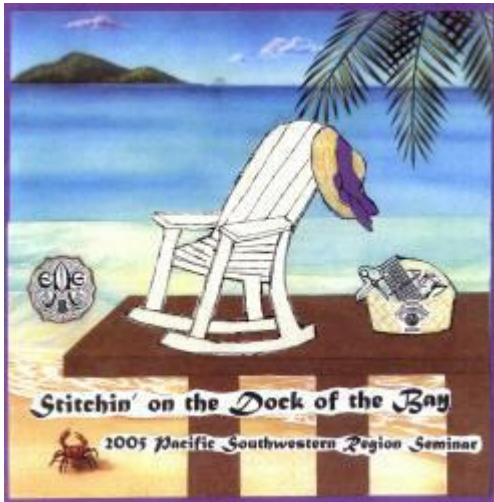
I hope that you will use all the resources EGA has to offer. Soon you will be receiving the 2005 Educational Catalog. Take some time to read it. Everything EGA offers is listed and explained in the Catalog and there is a directory of people to contact for further information.

Finally, as the holidays approach, I wish you all great happiness, health, friends, and time to stitch.

Fondly,

*Sharon Shimohara,*

Pacific Southwestern Region Director



## Stitchin' on the Dock of the Bay

**2005 Pacific Southwestern  
Region Seminar**

**May 31 to June 4, 2005**

**Hyatt Regency Islandia  
San Diego, California**

### FACULTY and CLASSES

Carol Algie Higginbotham – crewel and blackwork  
Betty Chen Louis – silk on canvas  
Nan Tyson Euler – sampler, design & social history  
Susan Goodman – sampler, interpretation & design  
Jonalene Gutwein – Hardanger, drawn thread & filet  
Candace Hartmann – mixed media  
Deanna Powell – beading  
Marion Scoular – studio time  
Kay Stanis – silk and metal embroidery  
Lynn Wilkinson – bargello, color & design

Registration is now open and ends February 14, 2005  
For further information:

[www.psrega.org/seminar2005.htm](http://www.psrega.org/seminar2005.htm)

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

February 3	General Meeting, Kiva Room, Tucson Jr. League 9:30 Stitch-In 12:30 General Meeting Program: Joyce Lukomski talk & slide show Hostesses: Kay C. Kopp, Marcia Halligan, Helen Crawford Dami Dunatunga
February 10	Beading Interest Group Meeting 9:30 AM Bookmans at Grant and Campbell
February 14	Registration Ends for Stitchin' On the Dock of the Bay
February 15	Crazy Quilt Interest Group 9:00 AM The Westward Look Activity Room
February 17	Board Meeting
February 17, 18 & 19	Threaded Treasurers – Green Valley, AZ
March 3	General Meeting, Kiva Room, Tucson Jr. League 9:30 Stitch-In ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON – POTLUCK – Program: Talk By Sharon Crescent and Diane Williams
March 8	Crazy Quilt Interest Group 9:00 AM The Westward Look Activity Room
March 10	Beading Interest Group Meeting 9:30 AM Bookmans at Grant and Campbell
March 17	Board Meeting

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