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Break Out Group

Beading – Carol Karrle

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

We are winding down for the summer….people are leaving or have already left, the weather is getting hotter and it is the time to "chill out". Raynelle has done a fantastic job of getting programs lined up for the coming months. Stay tuned…they sound very interesting! If you hear of something that might make a good program, please contact Raynelle. Raynellle and Marguerite are spearheading the Habitat for Humanity samplers that will be handed out at the June meeting. They figure we will need to come up with about 25 a year. They are easy and fast so please volunteer to stitch one or two.

I want to say a few words about Helen Crawford. She will be leaving the area about mid-September for 'retirement' in Pennsylvania. She should be getting to that area when it is the prettiest. Lucky her! Helen was one of the founding members of our chapter of EGA. She was the second President and has held almost every other office available except Treasurer. She has been the Community Outreach Chairman since 1995 and has produced countless "Wee Care" gowns. Along with being active in EGA, Helen has been active with The West. She has been volunteering there since 1978 and has taught just about every form of needlework there is ..stumpwork, goldwork, crewel and even framing.

Helen the EGA is going to miss you, The West is going to miss you, and the Tucson community is going to miss you. You have enriched our lives with your stitching prowess and willingness to share all your knowledge. We have also learned a lot from all your tales in Saudi Arabia. We wish the best to you and hope you will keep in touch. Please remember the EGA and all your stitching friends!

Hope to see you all at the June meeting. Have a safe and happy summer!

KEEP STITCHING - Barbara

PROGRAMS..... Raynelle Duhl

Hi girls, here is the schedule for the rest of the calendar year and into January:

June 2, 2005 – Punch needle demonstration by Susan Byrd-Lehew of the Busy Needle

September 1, 2005 – Picnic (food provided by board members)

October 6, 2005 – open

November 3, 2005 – Bookmaking with decorative bindings by Judy Burgess

December 1, 2005 – Christmas ornament exchange - bring a **wrapped, finished and stitched ornament**, (*one that you would be proud to bring home and display*), or a Christmas related stitched item, i.e. small Christmas pillow, or a small banner, etc. This item should not be from a workshop offered to EGA members. **If you choose not to participate that is OK**, therefore, if you don't bring an ornament, etc. you will not receive one. I know that this is a busy time of the year, but I am giving you several months notice, so you will have time to prepare and won't be rushed, also our meeting is the first day of December, so this still leaves you time to work on your other projects for Christmas. Happy stitching.

January 5, 2006 – Merrilin Wilder - Smocking

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. During the summer we will be catching up on unfinished projects or getting some help with problems. This is a great way to stay out of the summer heat. Bring a sack lunch or pick up something from nearby restaurant.

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, 749-3865. To all our Beading Buddies that leave for the summer, think of us in the dry heat and we will see you in the fall!

HOSPITALITY..... Earla Swope

Hostesses for June are: Martha Hirsch, Sharon Crescent and Judy Beckman

When we return in September the Board provides a picnic – see you then!

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.

I know that the dues increase will be a hot topic at national seminar in September. I am planning to attend and would like to hear your comments, positive and negative. You can call or e-mail me: see my new e-mail in the members section.

The lunch bags are being sent to me and should be here by the June meeting.

ODDS AND ENDS .....from Anyone

There will be a table of "pre-estate items" at the June meeting; donations requested. You may bring items, priced or unpriced, to add to the sale if you wish. Items remaining after the meeting will be donated elsewhere.

Connie Lagergren has a black spinner rack that holds fibers available for a donation. It will not be at the meeting; contact her if you are interested in it.

Ladies the following is a note from one of our members we haven't seen for awhile:

Yep, that's me! Still driving a truck, which is why I still never get to meetings. I did reactivate my bar license this year, but I'm not sure if I'm quite ready to leave truck driving. Don't have much time to stitch now, unfortunately, and when I do, I'm working mostly on 22-count because my hands are too rough to work on the tiny silk. Just as an aside.... I did have items in the Phoenix show last year, getting blue ribbons again, and it wasn't mentioned in the newsletter article. But I'm planning on having things for February 2006, so watch for them! Thanks for remembering me... I feel kind of disconnected out here sometimes! (Oh.. my email address can be added to the directory. I have my computer on the truck, connecting to the internet by "WiFi" wireless connections at the Flying J truck stops. Means I can't check my email every day because I can't always stop at the J's, but at least I'm back online.) Please say hello to the other ladies in the group for me..
Marilyn

CONGRATULATIONS to Mary Ellen Searcy for her First Place Ribbon and Judges Choice for her Mixed Media piece she exhibited at the Exemplary 2005 National Academy of Needlearts held during the annual Assembly for Embroiderers at the Fairmont Kansas City at the Plaza.

Please see enclosed "Article II Show and Share" submitted by Martha Hirsch

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

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Helen Crawford much happiness and good health in this next journey that life is taking her. After living in the desert in Saudi Arabia and Arizona, most people would find the winters cold in Pennsylvania. However Helen's warm heart and never ending smile (that is like the sunshine itself) will keep her and all those lucky enough to be around her as warm as fresh baked apple pie! Thanks for all the lessons in stitching and life.

The deadline for the next newsletter is August 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 by June 1, 2005

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

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June 2	*General Meeting, Kiva Room, Tucson Jr. League 9:30 Stitch-In* *12:30 General Meeting Program: Susan Byrd-Lehew Punch Needle* *Hostesses: Martha Hirsch, Sharon Crescent & Judy Beckman*
June 9	*Beading Interest Group Meeting 9:30 AM*
July 14 & *August 11*	*Bookmans at Grant and Campbell*
June 17	*Board Meeting*
Sept. 2	*General Meeting, Kiva Room, Tucson Jr. League 9:30 Stitch-In* *12:30 General Meeting* *Hostesses: Picnic from the Board*
Sept. 8	*Beading Interest Group Meeting 9:30 AM* *Bookmans at Grant and Campbell*
Sept. 15	*Board Meeting*

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