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Friendship.

The dictionary defines friendship as the quality or condition of being friends. A Wikipedia essay says friendship is a term used to denote co-operative and supportive behaviour between two or more humans. Friends welcome each other's company and exhibit loyalty toward each other. Their tastes will usually be similar and may converge, and friends will share enjoyable activities. (Stitching!) Friends also engage in mutually helping behaviour, such as the exchange of advice (How do you do that stitch?!) and the sharing of hardship. (Rip it all out!!)

Camaderie is defined as the goodwill and lighthearted rapport between or among friends.

Any and all of the above could describe Needle Artists by the Sea sponsored Stitch & Chat groups. Or, as I frequently refer to them, "Our ever-more-raucous Stitch & Chats." Stitch & Chats are a wonderful avenue to get to know your fellow Needle Artists members, and, to get advice for that certain project. For those of us "regulars" true friendships have developed far beyond what one would imagine when we began. We have become a community.

I invite all Needle Artists by the Sea members to join us at any or, all, of our Stitch & Chat groups.

Stitch & Chat Central began with just a few ladies meeting in each other's homes and has grown to require the use of a larger meeting place. Thanks to the efforts of Alice Weiss, we now meet at Ports of Call Village, San Pedro; either in the Wedding Chapel or Ports of Call Restaurant. Stitch & Chat Central meets the second Tuesday of each month and there are restaurants nearby if you wish to purchase lunch. A quick call to Alice to confirm the exact location is sometimes necessary.

Stitch & Chat South would not have a meeting place were it not for the generosity of Barbara Larson who has made arrangements for us to meet at the Rancho Del Rey Mobil Home Park Community Room, Huntington Beach. South meets the Thursday immediately following our general meeting. There are no convenient restaurants, but take-out is possible if you are willing to drive to pick it up. The community room has a small kitchenette with a micro-wave if you choose to bring lunch. Call Fran Lambert to have your name added to the list at the guard gate.

Laverne Baker was so inspired by my enthusiastic descriptions of Stitch & Chats that she has made arrangements for a Stitch & Chat North. The planned date for Stitch & Chat North is the fourth Tuesday of the month at the La Tijera United Methodist Church, 7400 Osage Ave, Los Angeles. There are some fast food establishments nearby if you wish to purchase lunch. Please call Laverne if you plan to attend.

All Stitch & Chats meet from 10:00 until 3:00 in the afternoon, but come anytime. Check our web site for Map-Quest links to each location. Bring your coffee cup and I'll see you there...

Kristi

President

2008 Programs

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Margaret Bendig - Desert Dawn Sampler

Margaret returns to finish the last section of this great project!

February, 2008



Come join us February 14, 2008, as Nancy Cucci leads us in stitching her "Wild Heart #2." This tall heart is a sample from Nancy's wonderful "Hearts Gone Wild" design and is perfect for stitching on Valentine's Day. The stitched area is 3" x 3" and includes couching and a background stitched with just one strand of floss. The kit includes everything necessary to complete the project; 7" x 7" white 18-count canvas, #12 Kreinik, floss, over-dyed floss, #12 pearl cotton, #24 needle, and the stitch guide with color photo. All you need to bring is 7" stretcher bars.

Kit cost is \$16.00 and the final day to enroll is the January 10 general meeting.

Jacke Prideaux & Alice Weiss, Programs Vice-Presidents

Membership

ALL DUES FOR 2008 ARE DUE BY JANUARY 31ST. Please see the listing in this newsletter for the amount you owe for this year. These amounts were prorated based on your 2007 renewal date. If you have already paid your 2008 dues, your name is not on the list. This list was made on Dec. 5th, so if you paid your dues since then please disregard the list. Send your check to Mary Ellen Bell, before January 31st to remain a member in good standing.

NEW MEMBERS: We have lost a net of 5 members in 2007. Our goal for 2008 is to replace these lost members, so please ask any of your needle working friends to join us. We are having a membership challenge again in 2008 so there is added incentive to get new members. If anyone has any new member generating ideas, please let me know. This membership effort will require all of us. Thanks in advance for your help.

Remember to wear your stitched name tag to the meeting. You will get a free ticket for the opportunities and it is a real help to our newer members.

Mary Ellen Bell, Membership Chair

Hospitality – Thanks to Jacke Prideaux, Laurie Zurcher, Mary Ellen Bell, Barbara English, and Joan Stewart for the goodies in November. The Board will take care of goodies for the January meeting. Don't forget to bring your coffee cups!

Hospitality Chair – Currently Vacant

NAS Community Outreach Project

Please continue to stitch for this very worthwhile project. How about one or two pillows a month? It doesn't take long. Need a chart? We have them for you!

Marlene Ezratty, Community Outreach

NAS 2008 Year Long Project

The Year Long Project will be Designers Delight. It is a band sampler to be done on 18 ct white (or your color of choice) or 24 ct. congress cloth. Threads are suggested in the booklet or you can choose threads from your own stash. The directions booklets will be distributed at the January Meeting. No need to sign up. If you choose 18 ct fabric you will need a piece that is 14" wide and 34" long. You will need a 12" x 27" piece of 24 ct congress cloth.

Alice Weiss, Year Long Project

CHARM AWARDS

Please inform me of completion of your project(s) no later than Tuesday before the monthly meeting. You can contact me by phone or email. Awards shall be presented monthly at the regular meeting and the project must be presented to the membership at the meeting. Notifications received after Tuesday will be awarded the following month.

A listing of projects qualifying for charm awards will be available at the General Meetings.

Ginger Colton, Charm Awards

Show and Tell

We are ready to resume our normal monthly Show and Tell. Bring your finished projects to share with all of us!

Betty Van Acker

2007 November Luncheon Report

The November luncheon was enjoyed by all who attended, we had 55 members and 4 guests present. The theme for this year's event was "Golden Leaves" and the tables were beautifully decorated with golden chiffon and golden leaves. Each attendee received a gift at the door which consisted of a magnetic pin cushion, threads, name tag and a cross stitch pattern.

Thirty three members stitched the project of the day, which was called "Golden Chimes". It was designed by Rachel Watkins, taught by Frances Packer with a stitch guide provided by Polly Womack.

The food was provided by Lisa's Bon Appetite, everything was delicious and enjoyed by all.

We want to thank the many members who bought Opportunity baskets: we used these to decorate the room and the tables. The total count of Opportunity Baskets was 33, many members brought more than one, thank you, ladies. A special thanks to Janet Halliday, Margaret Fleming and Anne Lenker who provided hand made opportunities. The Ott Lite was won by Lorraine Bowman.

Special thanks to the following members who worked so hard to make November 8, 2007 a very special day: Jacke Prideaux, Sonja Kalman, Mary Croes, Ann Perkins, Anne Lenker, Tammy Kritz, Nancy Caughlin, Laura Herrmann, Kristi Todd and Linda Dunsworth.

Many thanks to everyone who attended and participated this year. If you were unable come this year we hope to see you in 2008.

Rachel Watkins, Luncheon Chair



Calendar

- Jan. 3** **Board Meeting** (10 am to ?)
Convoid, 2830 California Ave, Torrance
- Jan. 8** **Stitch and Chat Central** (10 am to 3-ish) Our new meeting spot is the Wedding Chapel at Ports O' Call Village in San Pedro. Look for the white building with a spire. Please call Laura for more information.
- Jan. 10** **General Meeting** (10 am to 12:30 pm)
Community Room, Via Cabrillo Marina, San Pedro
- Jan. 17** **Stitch & Chat South** (10am to 3pm)
Rancho del Rey Mobile Home Park
1622 Monterey Dr., Huntington Beach
Call Fran Lambert for information.
- Jan. 22** **Stitch & Chat North** (10am to 3pm)
We will meet at the La Tijera United Methodist Church, 7400 Osage Avenue, Los Angeles. Please contact Laverne Baker if you plan to attend.



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