



A STITCH IN TIME

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PROGRESS REPORT

The walls in Tapestry 218 are lined with panels form the first half that are at or near completion - what a fantastic sight. The stitchers have outdone themselves these last few months. The first twelve panels have been joined into three 6' sections, with more to follow shortly. Creating the 6' sections introduces the next stage of stitching - the seamlines, border outlines and verbiage in the bottom border is now ready to be tackled. Since this work is being done in the Tapestry room, more stitchers are getting to know each other. Our feeling of community is growing daily. The potluck lunch we've started having when the Seattle stitchers are in town is another activity that has rewarded us with not just great food, but wonderful times together. The first week in May is the next potluck - call 992-0975 for details!

EXHIBITS!!!

The month of April saw a major portion of the Fort Vancouver Tapestry in Stevenson, WA. The show in the gallery of the Stevenson Library was an overview of our work in progress; check out our website for some photos of the Opening. The assistance of our friends Robert Bradley and MaryJo Brun was greatly appreciated in the hanging and takedown of that exhibit. Opportunities abound in the next few months to show the Tapestry to your visitors and friends. Starting on Mother's Day, May 12, we'll be at the Air Museum at Pearson Field; we'll stay through the Airfield Open House Roll-out and Family Fun Day on May 18th. The Air Museum is open Tues.-Sun, 10-5. A small admission is charged. The months of July and August will see us in Portland at The First Presbyterian Church, 1200 SW Alder, in their Chapel Gallery, open Sun-Fri, 10-5. In the works is an exhibit at the Clark County Historical Museum, date to be announced later.

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SWIFT SUPPORT

The folks at **Southwest Washington Independent Forward Thrust** came through for the Tapestry in a very big way on Nov 28,2001, by awarding a grant in the amount of \$7,063.00 - the full amount requested. This grant will pay all the costs for our project videographer, photographer and newsletter costs for an entire year. To show our very deep appreciation for their support, we have donated a small stitched panel of a horseman which was auctioned at their annual Art Auction Fund-Raiser. The value and appreciation of partnerships like this just cannot be expressed enough.

THE WORD IS SPREADING

Tapestry 218 has seen quite an interesting array of visitors in the past few months. We've hosted the quarterly meeting of the Columbia Stitchery Guild - who is sponsoring Panel # 10, "Trappers", and also the monthly meeting of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Committee. This writer has just finished two weeks of introducing the Tapestry project to all the art classes, grades 1-12, from our homebase, The Washington School for the Deaf. The array of questions ranged from "What is carbon paper?" to "What will this tell visitors about our town?" We lucked out by having two stitchers walk in during one session so the kids got to see them in action! Some also tried stitching and said "It's hard!" From across the Pacific came a large group of Japanese Soroptimists - they were very familiar with why we have a Japanese greeting in the top border of Panel #13.....are you? And from up north came three Seattle Stitchers, Bev Twing, Betty Hoogerwerf and Linda Downing. Over three days, they got great work done on various panels. They'll be back.

Russ the Web-Guy...

Our resident Renaissance Man.....he taught art for 20 years, has built houses, does stained glass, teaches computer at PCC... and now is our own Webmaster. Thanks Russ!

NEW FACES

Two new members have joined the hard-working Tapestry group:

Jane Hagelstein is our new grant-writer - in less than a month one is already in the mail!!!!

Judy Clark has taken over the bookkeeping job from Joan McConnell. Our thanks go to Joan for all her hard work and Judy, welcome!!!!



UPPER BORDER PRINT FROM PANEL 4

PRESENTATIONS

Wild applause has met our presentations lately - we must be getting good! The Ladies Club of Fairway Village turned out in force and asked wonderful questions. We had a truly fun evening with the Eagles in downtown Vancouver - they're trying to decide which panel to sponsor. Women traveled in from far afield for the annual meeting of Delta Kappa Gamma, a teaching sorority. And this coming weekend we travel to Orcas Island to address The San Juan County Textile Guild. Our scheduler, **Marilyn Andrews** has hooked us up with very diverse and interesting groups to talk to. We always enjoy the presentations very much, especially since each time there is more to tell.

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Eileen & Alfred Ono are sponsoring Panel # 9, "Roasting Meat". Eileen also volunteers weekly!!



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