

January's Sampler of the Month



I have always loved this sampler, "The Song They Sang" by *Kathy Barrick-Dieter/Carriage House Samplings* ~ the motifs, the birds, the verse ~ as well as the frame! As always, you may save 15% on any combination of the chart (\$9), the fabric (\$10), or the silks, charted for 9 colors of Needlepoint, Inc. (\$36) ~ stitched above with 7 colors of Belle Soie (\$38.50). But this month we have a unique, very limited opportunity for our Sampler of the Month. In addition to the usual supplies, you may also save 15% on the frame (\$56). *Cathy Campbell/Primitive Traditions* has a very limited amount of moulding left in this width and the frames will be made to order, depending on your count fabric, **on a first-come, first-serve basis.**

January's Attic Addict Specials

As an Attic Addict, save 15% during January on the following items:

- Charts by *Carriage House Samplings*
- Standard Linens/Evenweaves
- *Needlepoint, Inc.* Silk

January Classes at TheAttic



Beginning Linen

Instructor: Linda **One 2-Hr. Class**

Saturday, January 5, 10:0-12:30 Fee: \$30 (includes all materials)

What a great way to begin the New Year, by perfecting your needlework skills in this class with Linda. The beautiful geranium bookmark is the class project, with the classic book "Linen Stitches" as the text. You will learn basic techniques and a wonderful edge finishing stitch, the nun's stitch, as well as stitching with overdyed threads and many tips

and techniques from Linda's vast needlework experience.



Waterfield Band Sampler continues . . .

Waterfield Band Sampler Study/Stitch Group Sessions: ????

Saturday, January 5, 10 a.m. - Noon Fee: \$25 for 6 sessions or \$5/session

It's January, and some of you are making great progress on this masterful design by **Page Dorsey/*The Sampler Workes***. We will spend several hours together again tomorrow morning learning from each other, and I hope to get inspiration from those of you who are progressing much better than I am (if I can find my instruction notebook). Please call to let us know you will be joining us.



Punchneedle ~ One 2-Hr. Class ~ Saturday, January 19, 10 - 12 a.m.

Instructor: Christy

Fee: \$50 (includes all materials)

Have you tried punchneedle yet? There are some fabulous new patterns in the shop, some in our ***Stone & Thread*** trunk show currently on display, that will make you want to learn this fun, fast and easy centuries-old technique. The class project is your choice of either of the pins shown here ~ both designs come in your kit. In the 2 hours you may be able to complete your pin. Your fee includes everything you need to get started: #3 Punchneedle, special locking hoop, design printed on weaver's cloth, and a threadkit. Christy will show you this very easy technique and a number of her beautifully finished models featuring a variety of finishing techniques. You will also receive a 10% discount on all supplies ~ patterns, thread, etc. ~ for your next punchneedle project(s).



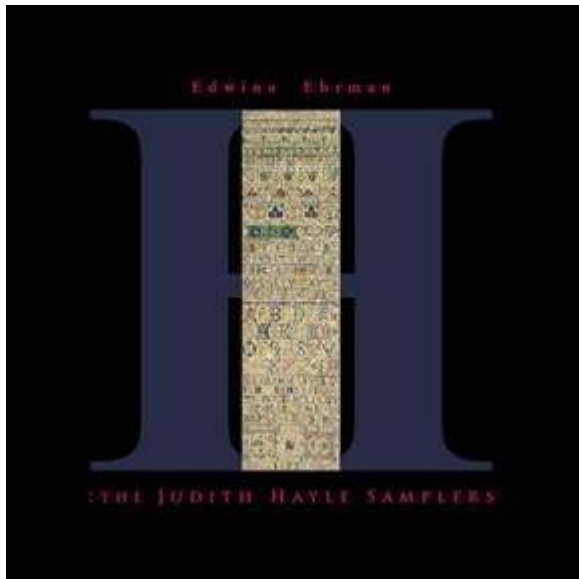
Rococo Strawberry Emery ~ One 3-Hr. Class ~ Saturday, January

19, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Instructor: Christy

Fee: \$15

This new kit (\$15) includes everything needed to complete this delicious Rococo Strawberry Emery. Join us while Christy leads us through the easy steps to finishing this wonderful accessory. The kit includes the scroll top cap, a vial of pure Turkish emery, the red rococo fabric as well as a piece of 100% cotton twill lining, the green ribbon, Soie 100/3, and a #10 crewel needle. What a grand way to keep your pins and needles sharp!



Sampler Sunday Fee: \$10

Sunday, January 20, 1 - 4 p.m.

Now that our busy November and December have passed, we look forward to getting together once again for our monthly Sampler Sunday. Our topic will be needlework instructress Judith Hayle, the subject of the newest book by Edwina Ehrman, *The Judith Hayle Samplers* (\$48). Bring your sampler stitching, any finished or in-progress pieces for show-and-tell, a favorite part of this gathering of needleworkers, and spend the afternoon with us. Refreshments will be served. Therefore, **please call to register.**

Coming in February

Saturday, February 2 - Semi-Annual Framing Frenzy ~ your opportunity to save 20% on custom framing

Sunday, February 3 ~ Super Bowl Sale - Noon - 3 p.m. Kickoff is at 4:18 MST and, just in case the **Green Bay Packers** are there, I want to be in front of our TV by kickoff!. The sale time may be extended, depending on who's playing.

Saturday, February 16 ~ Nashville Market Day! 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. ~ with a special early hour of shopping beginning at 9 a.m.. for our Attic Addicts

Sunday, February 17 ~ Sampler Sunday, 1 - 4 p.m.

Thursday - Sunday, February 21 - 24, Junipine Retreat ~ registration is full for this year

Friday, February 29 ~ Opening Tea for the Biennial Phoenix Needlework Show, 2 - 5 p.m. Preregistration deadline for this event is February 15.

Coming in March

22nd Biennial Phoenix Needlework Show ~ March 1 - 21, Shemer Art Center & Museum, 5005 East Camelback Road, Phoenix.

Whether an exhibitor or a visitor, this is a needlework event that you will want to put on your calendars. Needlewomen travel from the far corners of Arizona as well as other states to see the beautiful entries on display. There are always original pieces as well as designs you may be familiar with, all beautifully displayed in this historic museum.

Entry forms are available at the shop. There is a \$10 fee for entry forms postmarked on or before January 10, 2008. Entry forms submitted after that date are \$15 per entry.

Entries will be accepted from 9 - 12 Noon on Saturday, February 16, at the Shemer and may be collected there on Saturday, March 22, from 9 - 12 Noon. Informational bookmarks are also available at the shop as well as other needlework shops throughout Phoenix and Scottsdale.

New in the Shop

With the several-week hiatus in newsletter publications while we paused to enjoy the Holidays, there are many new things in the shop ~ and some of them with even a Christmas theme that we didn't have an opportunity to show you in December. We'll try to catch up over the next several weeks, before the onslaught of new things from our industry's most exciting market, Nashville!

>From *Barbara Hutson/Queenstown Sampler*, one of the most beautiful reproductions to come along in a very long time, "Mexican Garden Sampler c. 1860" (\$12) ~ Barbara stitched her reproduction on 45c over 3 threads. Fearing no repercussions from the sampler police, I think I will stitch this on 40c over 2. I can't do the over 3 ~ it's too ingrained in me to begin southwest of a vertical thread, and I want to enjoy stitching this lucious garden.



On its way from France, a new sampler design by *Jackye/A Mon Ami Pierre* that she has entitled "A Perfect World" ~ wouldn't it be a perfect world if we could do our needlework under the apple tree among the squirrels or while watching the ducks or while tending the sheep? Talk about leading a charmed life! While we don't know the exact exchange rate until we receive the invoice, this one will sell for approximately \$28 - 30. Shown with it is a sampler that would make a lovely companion piece, "Generation de Brodeuses," (\$30) currently being stitched as a shop model.



Also from *AMAP* and in stock, "Epique" (\$15) ~ Christmas Bellpull w/charms (\$15) ~ "Octagonal Quaker" (\$20) ~ "RougeRed" (\$16.50) ~ "Quaker Style AMAP" (\$27) shown finished in several different ways, including two different framed samplers and also as a "pochette de brodeuse" ~ "Quaker Book 1 et Quaker Book 2" (\$25)



Quaker Style Amap





Four designs from *Stacy Nash Primitives*: "Homespun Stocking & Mitten Ornament" (\$10) ~ "Seek Joy In All Things Pinkeep Pillow" (\$10) ~ "Christmas Partridge Pinkeep Pillow" (\$8) ~ "Winter Woolens" (\$10)



From *Notforgotten Farms*, "Jingle All the Way" (\$8) and "Parson Brown" (\$8)



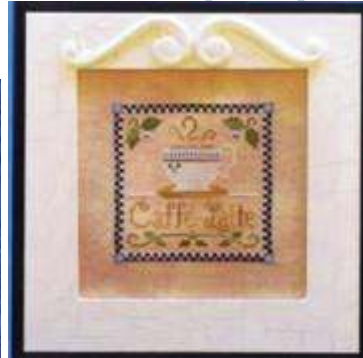
From *The Primitive Needle*, two charts: "Yule Game Board" (\$9) and "Hornbook Angel" (\$9) shown two ways, with the one on the right being only a small portion of the design finished in a tin frame from *Twisted Threads*.



From *By the Bay*, "Rollings Hills of Winter" (\$9) ~ two from *Eye & Eye & Friends*, "Christmas to Remember" (\$6.50) and "Heart in the Garden" (\$7) ~ from *Heart in Hand*, "Celebration Winter" (\$9 with 3-dimensional snowflake button)



"Winter Spell" (\$20) from *Just*Nan* includes the WhimZi frame with the snowflake charm ~ *Diane Williams/Little House Needleworks'* November and December releases in the Coffee & Tea Series, "Caffe Latte" and "Spiced Tea" (\$13 each) and "Night and Day," (\$5) in the Simple Sampler Series



November and December releases from *Country Cottage Needleworks* with "Bluebell" (\$12) and "Cottage Garden" threadpacks finishing off the series of six.



Belinda/Blue Ribbon Designs' latest release is perfect for that special someone in your life, "Stitched With Love" (\$11), stitched with gorgeous *Belle Soie* ~ and from *Midnight Stitching*, "A Spot of Love" (\$8)



Quick-to-stitch kits from *Pine Mountain Designs* range in price from \$18 - \$23 "Be Merry" ~ "December Delivery" ~ "Christmas Gifts" ~ "The Best Things"



This *Kay's Frame* for this *Hinzeit* design was a special order for someone out there ~ unfortunately, the special-order card written during the busy Merry Cox weekend didn't include the customer's name :- (~ so if anyone out there is waiting to hear from us that it's in, it's here! And so is "'Tis the Season" (\$7) from *Val's Stuff*



Two samplers of special note: "Elizabeth Meadow - 1691" (\$25) is a Judith Hayle sampler from *Scholehouse for the Needle*, pictured in Edwina Ehrman's new book ~ and the latest from *Needleprint*, "Mary Peacock's Sampler from Ackworth" (\$23)



The newest in the Red Thread Series from *Bent Creek*, "County Fair" and "Wreath" (I have them pictured out of order), each is \$4.50





This year's Double Flip Series from *Lizzie Kate* has been VERY popular, two designs per chart (\$8 w/charms) with the first two ~ "Dream Love" and "Remember Give" available now. Shown below is the entire series stitched as one. And also from *Lizzie Kate*, "Be Mine" (\$4)



Gloria Moore/Milady's Needle has three new designs: "Quaker Christmas Smalls" (\$12 w/ acrylic key chain included) ~ "Rejoice" (\$8) ~ and "Winter Skey" (\$8).



The newest punch needle from *Stone & Thread*, so adorable, "Bob, the Snowman" (\$11) ~ "Be Mine" (\$12) ~ "Ol' Snowman Mitten" (\$14) ~ and in cross stitch, "Snowflake Mitten" (\$5/with button)



We still have the *Stone & Thread* trunk show through the weekend, so if you've not seen their models, be sure and stop in tomorrow. Here are just a few of them.



Some new models and pieces in Sandy's framing studio: "Quaker Christmas" by *Midnight Stitching* mounted in a beautiful box from *Olde Colonial* ~ "Sarah Abraham 1831" by *Threads of Gold*, photographed before it was mounted in its frame and shipped off to its home in New Jersey ~



"Quaker Christmas Samplers" by *Carriage House Samplings* framed in a beautiful hand-grained frame from *Valley House Primitives* ~ "Stella Jones" by *Exemplars from the Heart* fresh from Debra's needle ~ and Sheri's over-one on 29c hand-dyed Glenshee, *Blackbird Designs'* "Autumn Song"



It's so late this afternoon that the rest will have to wait till next time. Here are some photos taken in and out of the shop during the past several weeks.



Our Dickens Christmas Tea with the staff: Standing, Betsy, Linda, Sandy, and Debra. Seated, Bunny, Amy, Christy, and me ~ and the Dickens Carolers themselves!



The table of some of the treats at our Kris Kringle Party with Carolyn's delicious vegetable pizza pictured ~ recipe to follow in a subsequent newsletter ~ and a photo of those who participated in the ornament exchange, each with their new ornament.



And, lastly, photos taken at the Cherry Street display here in Mesa with Ralph's incredible Nikon ~ without a flash!

Thank you all for your friendship and patronage ~ and your expressions of concern in this newsletter hiatus. We were just taking some much-needed time off. We hope you had a celebratory Holiday Season and we wish you a joyous and healthy New Year.

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