

January's Sampler of the Month



Our January sampler of the month is one of my all-time favorites, "The Song They Sang" by *Kathy Barrick-Dieter/Carriage House Samplings* ~ and for the first time ever we were offering the frame as part of the SOM discounts available. 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). We said last week that the frame moulding would be sold on a first-come, first served basis as *Cathy Campbell/Primitive Traditions* had a very limited amount of moulding left in this width. Well, the moulding for the frames was gone in less than 24 hours after sending the eNewsletter. However, we are exploring several possibilities for more moulding and more frames, so if you are interested, we will keep a reservations list and have further information later in the month regarding the frame availability. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

Our Attic Addicts Club

Several of you have inquired about our "AA Club" and rather than answer individual e-mails, I thought I'd include the information here. Membership in the club is **annual** and the membership fee is \$20 annually. Membership benefits include a 15% discount on preselected monthly specials (January's are listed below), early admittance to Market Days, and a one-time shopping spree for your birthday at 25% off. The discount is applicable to most items in the shop, **with the exception of those marked "No Discount,"** such as reference books or other like merchandise on which we do not have a keystone markup. Monthly specials are **limited to merchandise on hand;** items that are out of stock may be ordered for your birthday shop, but please understand that **order fulfillment on items ordered is entirely dependent on when that vendor order is placed.** Because of the costs involved, both in time and in shipping costs, we cannot order one item for you at a 25% discount; your order must wait until the next order is placed with that vendor. When purchasing items as an AA member, please remember to tell us, either at the register or in your e-mail, when purchases are being made at your AA discount.

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

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

January Classes at The Attic



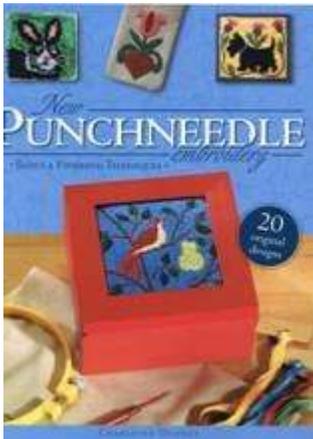
Beginning Hardanger

Instructor: Linda

Two 2-Hr. Classes

Saturdays, January 19 & Feb 9, 10 - 12 p.m. Fee: \$20

Learn the basics of this beautiful Norwegian embroidery technique while creating a lovely sachet from Janice Love's "Hardanger Bible," *Basics and Beyond*. The book (\$15) will be the text for this class with its very excellent and comprehensive instructions, and it includes the class project design as well as five other lacy sachets. As always, students receive a 10% discount on the book + supplies purchased for this class, including scissors.



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

Instructor: Christy Fee: \$60 (includes all materials)

We're changing things up a bit this year, at Christy's excellent suggestion, and using this Charlotte Dudney text as part of this class. Charlotte is almost solely responsible for the recent resurgence of this centuries-old technique, and this book is most comprehensive. The class project will be selected from this book. Your fee also includes everything you need to get started: #3 Punchneedle, special locking hoop, a piece of weaver's cloth, and the necessary threads. 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).



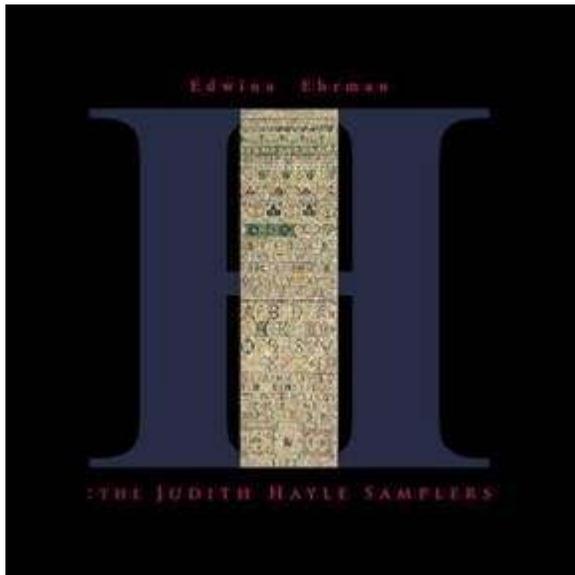
Rococo Strawberry Emery ~ One 3-Hr. Class ~ Saturday, January

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.**

Flat Ornament Finishing

One Class

Instructor: Christy

Fee: \$25 (includes finishing materials)

Tomorrow, Saturday, January 26, 9:30 - 12:30 p.m.

Some of us didn't get our ornaments finished last month, so here's a chance to get an early start for this year. Bring your stitched ornament and backing fabric, and the rest will be provided. Christy will show you how easy it is to finish your ornaments with twisted cording.

Coming in February

Saturday, February 2 - Semi-Annual Framing Frenzy ~ This is your twice-yearly opportunity to save 20% on the custom-frame costs for framing your needlework heirlooms. Bring in your stitched piece(s), give Sandy your budget parameters and a brief idea of your likes and dislikes, and Sandy will do the rest. A \$20 deposit (plus tax) is required. Many of you have come to know Sandy's eye for selecting exactly the right frame for your needlework piece. This **20% discount applies to custom frames only**, as opposed to ready-mades, **and includes the frame and any mats or fillets**. It does **not** include the labor charge, which is never discounted, nor ready-made frames. No orders will be accepted with a deadline. Depending on the number of orders taken and the materials selected, turn-around time can be several months. It should also be noted that any non-promotional framing orders written at our regular framing rates will take precedence over the FF orders. This very special semi-annual event is open to away customers as well. **Send your finished piece in and include the above information.**

Sunday, February 3 ~ Super Bowl Sale - Noon - 3 p.m. Kickoff is at 4:18 MST and, just in case (Steph says when, not if) the **Green Bay Packers** are there, I will be in front of the TV by kickoff!. The sale time may be extended, depending on who's playing. We'll know more after tomorrow. **GO PACK GO (S OR RY, P AT)**

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.

The entry deadline has been extended without penalty for 2 weeks. We have entry forms at the shop. Please consider sharing your needlework with others to make this yet again a marvelous, not-to-be-missed needlework event. 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 each 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 Tucson.

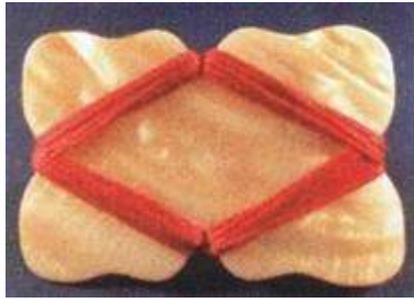
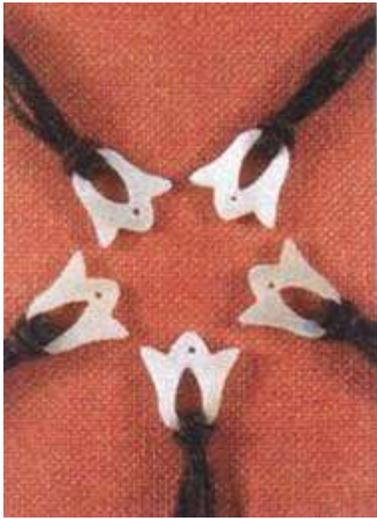
New in the Shop - or Coming!

The Nashville Needlework Market is just around the corner, and you know what that means: LOTS of new and exciting things will be available to all of us there. Some will not be unveiled until then ~ some will be previewed before the market, to give you a chance to preorder what you like. Today we are pleased to show you six wonderful new accessories coming from *Paula/Kelmscott Designs*. You may preorder any of them, for delivery to you after Nashville.

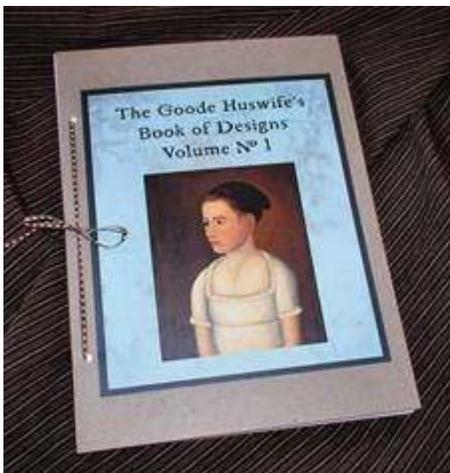
Top row: a 3-inch Mother of Pearl Ruler (\$10) with a hole on the end for your favorite fob or to attach to a huswife, needlecase, etc. The measurements are lasered onto the mother of pearl and are accurate so that this wonderful tool, in addition to being beautiful, is also useful ~ Last year's Sampler House Threadkeep was overwhelmingly popular, so this year's Threadkeep (\$8) is in the shape of a heart and will hold 6 full skeins of silk ~ The Love Scissors (\$10) features holes in the shape of hearts, is almost 4 inches long with very pointed ends, and the color and finish are the same as the Putford scissors.



The Bluebell Thread Rings (10 rings/package for \$8) were inspired by the fields of bluebells that Paula saw while in England; these are the same size as the heart rings and have the second hole for attaching to stitching projects ~ The Baroque Threadwinder (\$7) with all the curves is as ornate as the Baroque era and the mother of pearl looks gorgeous ~ The Lily of the Valley Needle minder (\$9) features another wonderful flower that grows wild on a rich green background.



We showed you a preview of this last Fall, and many of you have your copy already reserved, but as we approach this very busy market with an overwhelming number of new things, we thought we'd show it to you again, in case you missed it then.



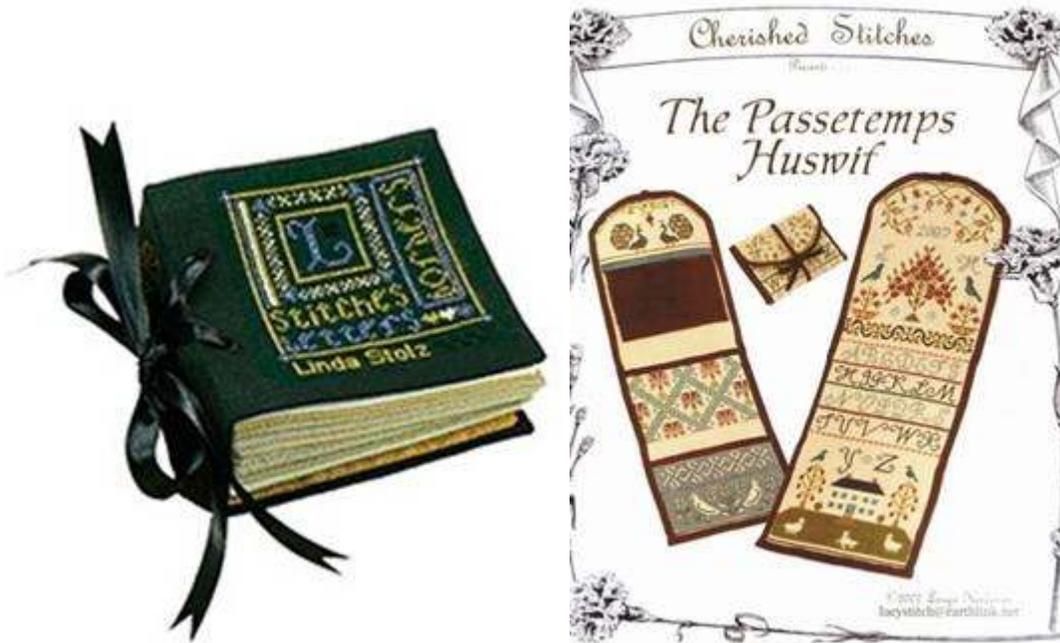
From *Anne Brown/The Good Huswife*, a new publication that will be available at Nashville! This is some of the most exciting news to come about in a long time for us sampler lovers. If you missed the opportunity to add these patterns to your collection when they were first available, here's a second chance ~ and we don't get many of those in our life. Anne has put together 10 charts, each one in a 9 x 12 envelope printed in color with the name of the design and the chart inside the envelope, a place for you to gather your linen and fibers so it's ready to stitch! The envelopes are bound together between a hard cover front and back, tied together with ribbon. Very nice presentation. The patterns included are: "With My Needle" (one of my favorites) ~ "Live Simply" (a motto that becomes more meaningful the older I get and the more complicated life becomes) ~ "A Primitive Bird" (I've always loved this one as well) ~ "Ellen Birdseye" (my all-time favorite because I love its verse, "All of my scattering moments are taken up with my needle ~ that's me!) ~ "Nine Patch" ~ the very popular "1798 Quaker Sampler" ~ "June Morning" (one of the most beautiful designs done on black ~ this will look great on Lakeside's Black Forest ~ I'm glad I waited for the perfect fabric) ~ "The Birth Sampler" (one of the best in this category as well, because of its verse: "One night as old St. Peter slept He left the door of heaven ajar When through a little angel crept And came down with a falling star." We loved this one so much that, for the first time in the history of the world, we made TWO shop models of the same design ~ soon we can get our models up again!) ~ "Mattie Graves' Quilt" ~ and, last but not least, "Elizabeth Easton" (a wonderful design based on several antique sampler styles that will look familiar to you). So, as you can see, this is quite a bargain at \$79 for all of these designs, some of which have sold on Ebay for over \$140! You may reserve your copy now, available next month, by making a deposit of \$40. We have a copy in the shop for anyone to see.

Next week we'll show you previews of the MANY new designs coming from "our own" Courtney Glau in *Courtney's Collection*. She's been VERY busy since her first release, the very popular "Mermaid's Folly," hit the marketplace last February, and she and her daughter will be at the Nashville Market in person this year exhibiting her framed models.

While some of the following items have been in the shop for a while, they have never been featured in one of our

eNewsletters.

"The Sampler Book" (\$11) from *Erica Michaels* is the **companion finishing instructions** for the 2006-2007 Stitcher's Surprise Design Series. The entire alphabet series is available as free downloadable charts from *Rainbow Gallery* at <http://www.rainbowgallery.com/freechartdownloads.cfm?ID=11> ~ there you'll find the entire two-year series from "A is for Acorn" to "X is for X-ray" ~ below on the right, "The Passetemps Huswif" (\$14) from *Louise Henderson/Cherished Stitches*, stitched on 36c Lakeside Exemplar with mostly NPI silks ~ we have the hand-dyed silk ribbon needed for finishing on its way from Louise.



In the Designing Ladies 2007 Needle Casket series, here is "The Chase Casket" (\$15) from *Elizabeth Talledo/Finger Work*. Included in the chartpack are designs for not only the casket but the needle custodian, a needle roll, and a needle cushion, all stitched on 32c Vintage Tundra from *Lakeside Linens*. A separate finishing instruction booklet by *Judy Odell/Just A Thought* is available for \$14.50.





From *The Sampler Girl*, "A Turn in the Garden" (\$9) and "Mrs. Darcy of Derbyshire" (\$14).



From *Passione Ricamo*, "The Shepherdess" and "Circe the Sorceress" (each \$19)



From *Nora Corbett for Wichelt Imports*, adorable reindeer: "Dasher" on the left and "Donner" on the right, both \$11 ~ design size, 80 x 100. Very adorable ornaments on 40c (4 x 5) ~ and from *Kit & Bixby*, "Woolies 2" (\$9)



Two more pillow kits from *Pine Mountain Designs*, "My Cup of Tea" and "Family," both \$18.



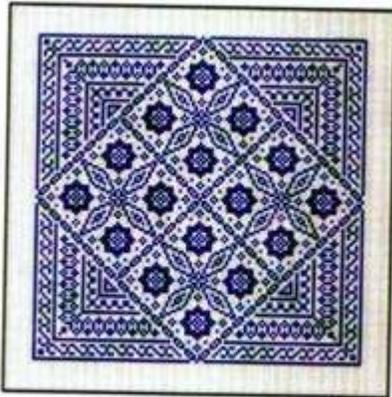
From *Whispered By the Wind*, "Adagio" ~ "Largo" ~ "Rondo" ~ "Scherzo" ~ "Lucy's Window" ~ "Country Morning" ~ each \$7



Adagio



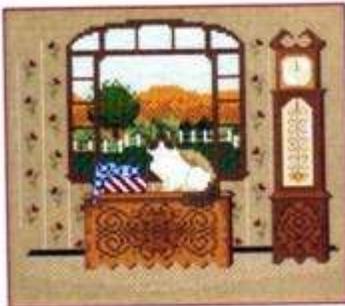
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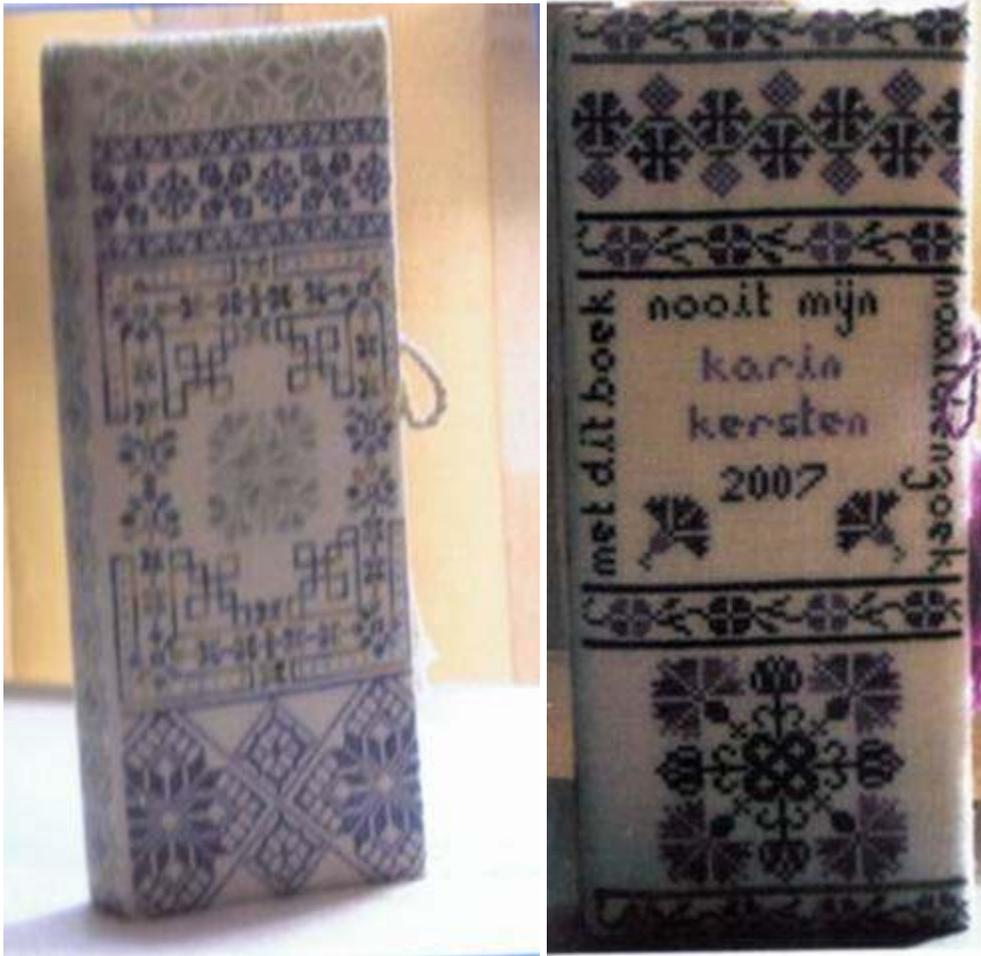


Lucy's Window



Country Morning

Ultimate Needle Book designs: "Needle Book Palzdorf" (\$17) ~ "Needle Book Angelier" (\$17) ~ finishing instructions by Judy Odell are available in a separate chartpack for \$14.50.



"The Ultimate Needle Bopk - Peacock" (\$17) ~ shown both outside and in



More European designs from the Netherlands: "Who Writes Remains Sampler" (\$21) from *Jan Houtman* ~ "Randen Lap Pfalzdorf" (\$16) from Joke ~ "Folkart Winter" (\$13) by Iris



"Green Flowers" (\$15) from *Beardie Designs* and "Uit de oude doos" (\$17) from Iris



That's all there's time for today. I'm thrilled to show you Tamami's beautiful rendition of *ByGone Stitches'* "Quaker Christmas" stitched on 40c Vintage Basketweave using three Belle Soie: Cranberry, Collard Greens, and Cinnamon Stick. Isn't it magnificent?



We're a sickly crew here ~ Debra's not well, and I'm not either, but we're seeing progress each day. The antibiotics are diminishing my cough. I tried to get better in time for my brother Jer and sister-in-law Nancy's visit. They arrived Wednesday, and now Jerry has the flu. Yikes! But, no matter what, we'll be cheering on our Packers tomorrow afternoon. And Nancy must stay well so she can run in the Rock 'n Roll Marathon on Sunday.



Have a great week!

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