

First things first ~ happy birthday to Mozart! Google's interesting way of "dressing" its letters piqued my curiosity, and placing my cursor on the letters explained today's "Google" ~ it's Mozart's special day!

THIS WEEKEND AT *The Attic*

- Tonight, January 27, 7 - 11 p.m.** ~ pizza party with desserts, including a chocolate fountain, door prizes, and blue-light specials. Registration is full. If anyone with a reservation has a conflict at the last minute and can't be with us, please call the shop and we will try to fill your spot.
- Saturday, January 28, 10 - 12 p.m. Catherine Agnes Sampler ~ Five 2-Hr. Classes, \$50, January 28/March 4/April 8/29, May 13, 10 - 12 Noon** ~ Join me on various Saturday mornings through the next several months as we work through this exquisite sampler by Catherine Strickler/Indigo Rose. Lovingly dedicated to her paternal grandmother who first placed a needle in her hand, this is a wonderful design in all ways: beautiful colors and wonderful techniques incorporated in the small motifs that are central to the design. Her model is stitched with *Caron Collection Waterlilies* on 32c Light Sand Belfast. A threadpack will be available for students enrolled in the class. Stitches include the Rhodes stitch and variations, Rice Stitch, Queen Stitch, Platted Stitch, Double Running, Waffle Stitch, Lacin work, Buttonhole Bars, Trellis work, Spider Webs, Encroaching Satin, Bouillon Knots, Alternating Double Backstitch, Twisted Fly Stitch, Reverse Smyrna Cross, Herringbone, Longarm Cross, Chevron Stitch, Basket Stitch, and Platted Fly Stitch. The surrounding alphabet and border is mostly cross stitch. Please state your linen preference when you register, 32c or 36c.



NEXT WEEKEND AT *The Attic*

- Saturday, February 4, Our Semi-Annual Framing Frenzy**, a chance to save 20% on your custom frame order. Bring in your completed needlework, give Sandy your budget, your likes and dislikes (i.e., "I love oak" or "I hate gold filigree"), make a \$20 deposit, and she will select your mats and/or frame. Many of you are already familiar with Sandy's skill in frame selection - after all, she was trained by the master, Be Caulfield Lundy, and she obviously was a good student! Sandy's very familiar with her stock of frame mouldings - we don't have room to display them all nicely; some are in boxes, but she knows what's there and will select the perfect frame for your piece. We at the shop no longer waste our time pouring through the mouldings when we have our own things framed; we know she will do it better than we can. Pieces are not accepted during this special event with any deadlines; and the discount applies to custom-frame orders only, not in-stock, ready-made frames, and to the frame, fillet and mat, if any, but not to the labor charge. **I forgot to say in last week's e-mail that anyone living outside the Phoenix area may participate in this event by mail - send us your finished piece and Sandy will do the rest!**
- Sunday, February 5, SUPER SUNDAY, 11 a.m. till 3 p.m.** ~ For the first time ever, *The Attic* is having a Super Bowl "party," with some Super-Sized bargains, Super-Sized Treasure bags, Super snacks, drawings for Super discounts, and other surprises. If your favorite team is playing, you can still be home or wherever in time for kick-off, scheduled for 4 p.m. MST. More details in next week's e-newsletter.

FEBRUARY'S SAMPLER OF THE MONTH

There's still a few more days to save 15% on January's Sampler, the *Scarlet Letter* kit for the beautiful reproduction of the Ackworth sampler, "Sarah Tatum." The kit is available in either 35c or 40c with cotton (\$65) or silk (\$118) ~ the price increase came from the supplier as the popularity of this reproduction created the need for a reprinting and additional costs.

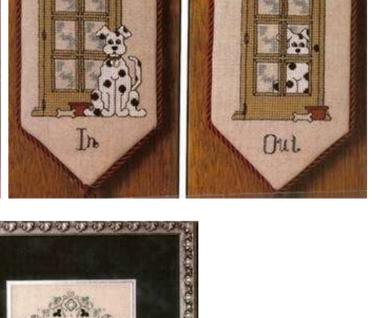
In a few short days we welcome February, and in 17.7 days it's that special day when hearts abound and love messages are exchanged between friends, family, and loved ones on candy and Hallmark cards in recognition of the holiday that began in ancient Rome when Juno, the goddess of women and marriage and queen of the Roman gods and goddesses, was honored. So, in that vein, for February's Sampler of the Month we have chosen "An Emblem of Love" from *Ellen Chester/With My Needle*, a sampler in the Quaker style with medallions, half medallions, and other charming Quaker motifs. Ellen's models were stitched on 32c Light Exampilar from *Lakeside Linens*. Unfortunately, last night I forgot to scan our model, done on *Lakeside Linens* 40c Vintage Green (and right now I can't remember which one ~ Tundra perhaps?) ~ with *Gloriana's* Luminescence in Elizabethan Green. We chose to stitch it in green to offer a variety of monochromatic in-shop models, and it is very beautiful, as you will see next week.



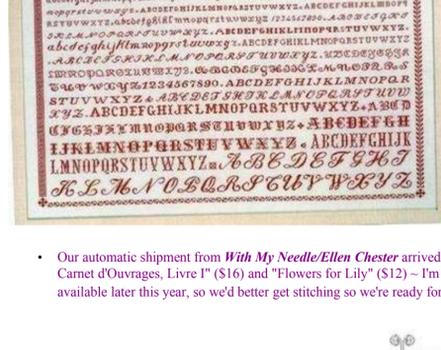
NEW IN THE SHOP THIS WEEK

Our automatic shipment arrived yesterday from *The Sweetheart Tree/Sandie Vanosdall* of Paradise Valley, Arizona, and it was a VERY exciting box to open. A few things we knew about because we're fortunate to be Sandie's framer, so we get a sneak peek of the latest from her design studio before they go to print, but the fobs and knockers we don't see until you do. Here's what was in the box:

- The long-awaited "'C' Is For Kitty-Cat," a complete kit on 28c Summer Khaki Cashel linen, with the most adorable Sterling Silver Cat Paw charm, ivory pearl heart, antique cream pearls, Mill Hill petite beads, and thread ~ \$18
- Another complete kit, "Cupid's Teenie Sampler," just in time for Valentine's Day with its Sterling Silver Cupid charm, 35c Lamswool linen, beads, and thread ~ \$18
- "Chili Pepper Fob," chart + chili pepper charm, a Southwest staple ~ \$8
- "Catnip Kitty Fob," chart + adorable kitty charm, another irresistible design for cat lovers everywhere ~ \$8
- "Blackberry Fob," chart + beads, featuring a very unique beaded trim ~ \$8
- "Dog In ~ Dog Out" Knob Knocker kit, a wonderful way to help us remember where Fido is, in or out ~ \$17
- "Weeping Violets" Special Edition Sampler, with 32c Platinum Belfast, Amethyst hearts, beads, WDW Basil, and floss ~ \$35
- "Irish Blessing Sampler," with a beautiful verse: "May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow and may trouble avoid you wherever you go," with Sterling Silver shamrock + paillettes ~ \$19



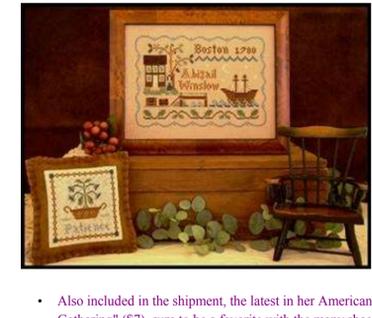
- Also new this week, a Permin kit that we special-ordered for a customer who loves alphabets, and we knew there were lots more of you who love alphabets and love red samplers, so we ordered more. The "ABC Red Alphabet Sampler" is kitted with ivory 35c linen as I count it and a red cotton, DMC 3831 ~ \$88



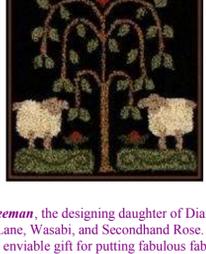
- Our automatic shipment from *With My Needle/Ellen Chester* arrived this week, and I'm including the photos here again because these are so beautiful. "Petit Carnet d'Ouvrages, Livre I" Entry deadline for your registration forms is fast approaching, with a January 31, 2006 or before postmark to avoid a \$5 additional fee per entry. We have entry forms in the shop or go to the Web site, www.members.cox.net/phxneedleworkshow



- And new in our shop from *Little House Needleworks/Diane Williams* also arrived this week ~ I know I showed you these photographs last week, but these are so wonderful that I'm including them again, and now we await the release of the newest *Crescent Colours*, some used in the new series, "Dear Diary." First in the series is "Abigail Winslow, 1780" (\$9) and second, "Mary Horton, 1878." (\$9). Each chartpack contains the diary entry, an antique gold key, and the sampler as well as the pillow design, which are mounted onto her Sampler Daye Works wool. After Abigail finds her younger siblings rummaging through her personal things to find her diary, Abigail hides the key to her diary in her pockets.



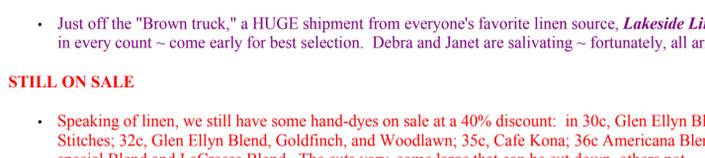
- Also included in the shipment, the latest in her Americana line, "Colonial Homes" (\$7) and her latest punchneedle designs, "Folk Art Crow" (\$7) and "Sheep Gathering" (\$7), sure to be a favorite with the many sheep lovers out there.



- And new in our shop from *Country Cottage Designs/Nikki Leeman*, the designing daughter of Diane Williams, "Rose Cottage Pillow" (\$6.50), shown here on 28c Cashel cream linen using several *Crescent Colours*, Country Lane, Wasabi, and Secondhand Rose. The pillow is another beautiful combination of fabrics from a Susan Ebringt/Trail Creek Farms, who continues to show an enviable gift for putting fabulous fabrics together ~ the back of the pillow and the buttons are in a floral stripe that perfectly complements the design. The pillow is on its way and should be here early next week.



- Also new in the shop this week are the exquisite and unique ThreadMinders from *Paula/Kelmscott Designs* ~ as Paula's business line says, "designing the extraordinary," and that's what these are! The beautiful Celtic rose ThreadWinder is \$6 and the various ThreadMinders are \$8.



- Just off the "Brown truck," a HUGE shipment from everyone's favorite linen source, *Lakeside Linens*, with a wonderful array of colors in every count ~ come early for best selection. Debra and Janet are salivating ~ fortunately, all arrive in plastic bags.

STILL ON SALE

- Speaking of linen, we still have some hand-dyes on sale at a 40% discount: in 30c, Glen Ellyn Blend, Sheep's Straw, and Three Stitches; 32c, Glen Ellyn Blend, Goldfinch, and Woodlawn; 35c, Cafe Kona; 36c Americana Blend and Autumn Leaves; 40c, Korty's special Blend and LaCrosse Blend. The cuts vary, some large that can be cut down, others not.

PHOENIX NEEDLEWORK SHOW ~ March 4 - March 17, 2006

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Reservations for the Preview Tea Party, scheduled for Friday afternoon, March 3, 2 - 4:30 p.m., are due by February 18, 2006. If you did not receive a mailing about the tea and would like to attend, please contact the show chairperson, Elaine Steuk, for a response card. Admission can be reached by e-mail at raesteuk@aol.com or by phone at 480.991.7539. Please note that all proceeds from the show, including entry fees and donations for admission to the show, benefit A Stesteuk Foundation.

It's time for me to close and get about the business of the day, getting last-minute things for the pizza party tonight and for the chocolate fountain dessert! Thank you for allowing us into your "In" box for another week ~ I think you'll be thrilled with what's coming, a most exciting time in our needlework world, with the Nashville market just around the corner and the release of the beautiful Collaboration Sampler, "A Most Noble Pursuit," a limited edition, and the release of the reproduction sampler from England, "Beatrice Potter's Quaker Sampler."

Another new Quaker design being released in Nashville that we've also preordered is from *Louise Henderson/Cherished Stitches*, "Emblems of Innocence." Louise, the designer who has brought you a number of wonderful samplers, boxes and what-nots, as Louise refers to them on her Web site, has designed a wonderful accordion book inspired by Quaker motifs and alphabets. Go to her Web site at <http://www.cherishedstitches.com/index.html> to see photos of this new design. We'll have it in the shop for you upon your return from Nashville. If you wish to reserve a copy, please e-mail me or call the shop on our toll-free number.

Enjoy your week, with no NFL!

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