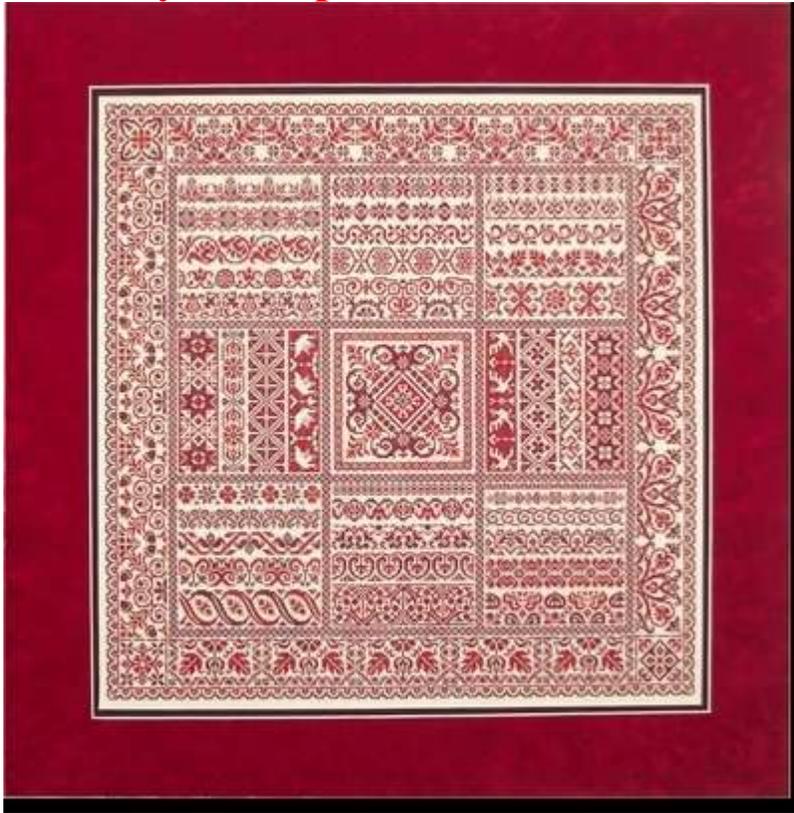


February's Samplers of the Month



I have been so excited for weeks now to show you our selections for February's Sampler(s) of the Month. These exquisite designs by *Sampler Cove/Diane Jourdan* seem the perfect choice for the "Valentine" month stitched in my favorite color, glorious shades of red silk. Of course, if blue or lavender or green or ??? is your favorite color, these would be equally lovely. Make it yours by stitching in your very favorite shades in lovely silk threads.

- The framed model, "Rhapsody in Red Ribbon Sampler," (\$20) is stitched on 40c Newcastle cream linen (341 x 341) with *Gloriana's* Cranberry and Crimson. I've scanned two similar *Belle Soie* silks (Cranerry and Rose of Sharon) on 40c Vintage Chantilly Creme from *Lakeside Linens*. The chart's suggested amount of each color

is 6 skeins.

- "Rhapsody in Red Part Two" (\$28) begins a series of accessories in three charts ending with a surprise at the end, something in which to carry the accessories! The projected publication dates for the remaining parts in this series: Part 3 in March, Part 4 in May, and the surprise, sometime in late summer. Part Two includes the stitching instructions and VERY detailed and clearly photographed finishing instructions (even I could do the finishing with these wonderful instructions) for the biscornu, huswif, pincushion, AND the thread winders! Aren't those the cutest things you've ever seen for your favorite sewing basket?! How very clever indeed! Included as well is a linen layout on a stitcher's quarter of 36c *Lakeside Linens* Magnolia ~ or the color of your choice!

During the month of February you can save 15% on the charts, fabrics, and silks for these wonderful projects.

February's Attic Addict Specials

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

- Charts by *Sampler Cove* ~ go to

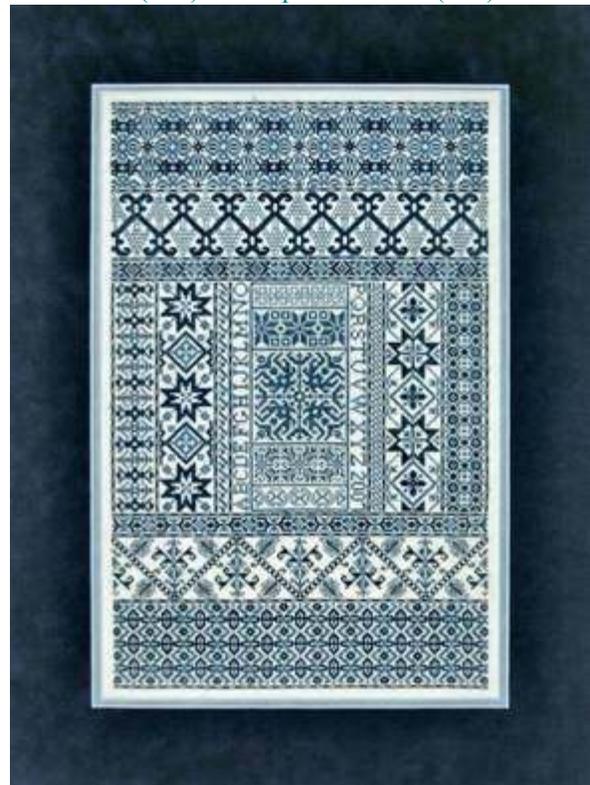
<http://www.samplercovedesigns.com/designs.html> to view all of Diane's designs ~ here are two of my favorites:



"Spanish Rouge" (\$22) and "The Greatest Loss" (\$28)



And two new ones being released at Nashville next week: "Siam Fusion" (\$20) and "Spanish Blue" (\$22):



- Custom cuts of *Lakeside Linens*
- *Needlepoint, Inc.* Silk
- Additionally, as an **Attic Addict** you may purchase one Nashville Market item of your choice at a 15% discount. (except "No Discount" items) **February Classes at The Attic**



Beginning Linen

Instructor: Linda

One 2-Hr. Class

Saturday, February 2, 10:30-12:30 Fee: \$30 (includes all materials)

It's again the first Saturday of the month ~ (where did January go?) ~ and that means there's another opportunity for you to perfect 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, February 2, 10 a.m. - Noon Fee: \$25 for 6 sessions or \$5/session

And we meet once again to continue our work on this masterful design by **Page Dorsey/The Samplar Workes**. We will spend several hours together again tomorrow morning learning from each other ~ if you've been tempted to join us as we work this beauty, please do. You won't be far behind some of us ~ and with little effort can be caught up in no time. You will enjoy stitching this heirloom design..



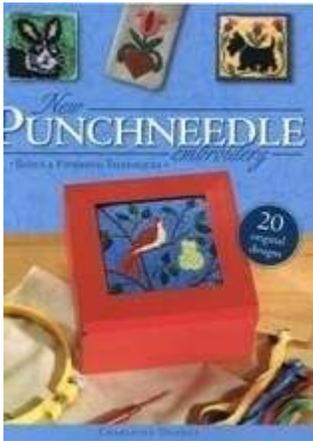
Beginning Hardanger - Part 2

Instructor: Linda

Part 2 - 2-Hr. Class

Saturday February 9, 10 - 12 p.m. Fee: \$20 for Parts 1 & 2

This is the second meeting of this class, where you will 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) that is the text for this class has 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, magnification, etc.



Punchneedle ~ One 2-Hr. Class ~ Saturday, February 23, 10 - 12 p.m.

Instructor: Christy Fee: \$60 (includes text + 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. Christy's finished two different hearts shown above as options for your class project. 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).



Reversible Cross Stitch

One 4-Hr. Class

Instructor: Linda

Fee: \$30

Tomorrow, Saturday, February 23, 1 - 5 p.m.

In this four-hour class Linda will teach you four reversible cross-stitch methods: the marking stitch, the Italian reversible, and two other methods. You can do this on either linen, evenweave, or aida; give us your choice when you register. Above is a scan of both the front and the back of Linda's exemplar.

Sampler Sunday Fee: \$10

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

Special guest speaker: Vickie Jennett ~ the topic hasn't yet been selected, but you can be sure you will enjoy Vickie's informative and enthusiastic presentation. I've not met anyone who loves samplers more! **Call early to register** ~ we may necessarily need to limit the size of the group because we will be relegated to the main part of the shop as the classroom tables will still be displaying the Nashville Market merchandise ~ unless, of course, you take it all home with you on Saturday! Bring your samplers in progress for show and tell. Refreshments will be served.

March Classes at The Attic

We Learn Together Workshop

Workshop Facilitator: Jean

3-Hr. Class ???

Saturday March 1, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Fee: \$15

Choose a needlebox from one of two designs (\$9 each) currently in stock from **Charted Imagery** that include all precut matboard and easy-to-follow instructions. You provide your own fabric. No sewing involved! Shown below are the Prism Needlebox (uses approximately 6" x 45" of fabric + lining fabric) and the Double Pyramid (uses 7" x 45" of two fabrics). DeAnne and Dorothy will be visiting from out of town that weekend; both asked what classes were scheduled, so we hope they like the class/project we've chosen.



Here are two Moda fabrics designed by none other than *Barb+Alma/Blackbird Designs* that would be wonderful, I think, for this project. If you wish, I can order these for you for your project ~ or visit your favorite quilt shop and select your own.



Also Coming in February

Saturday, February 2 - Semi-Annual Framing Frenzy ~ your opportunity to save 20% on custom framing ~ the guidelines for this event have been set forth in previous newsletters.

Sunday, February 3 ~ Super Bowl Sale - Noon - 4 p.m. Here's your opportunity to save \$\$\$\$\$ and at the same time help us make room for all of the wonderful new things coming next week. Deep discounts (up to 40%) on select merchandise, overstocked items, and close-out items, including fibers, fabrics, accessories, frames, kits, punch needle, and, of course, charts. Also some "fun" Super Bowl discounts: For the Patriots fans, or anyone who claims to be, save 25% on anything patriotic ~ and for the Giants fans, **giant** -sized Attic Treasure Bags with **giant** -sized savings. And for all of my compatriots who are as sad as I am because the Packers aren't in this **BIG** game, just

by wearing green and/or gold on Sunday you will be eligible to draw a football from our **Punch Bowl** to determine a discount amount for non-sale items. Well, okay, you don't have to wear green and gold ~ just show your sympathy and due respect for us cheeseheads and you will qualify. No "ha-ha-ha the Packers didn't make it" allowed!

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. Special Guest Speaker: Vickie Jennett

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.

In the Mail and on Their Way to The Attic

Wow! *Maureen Appleton* of *The Heart's Content* has been VERY busy since last we met. Several weeks ago we showed you two of her newest designs, and here are more!!! Four new fobs: The "Black Cat Scissors Fob," "Seahorse Scissors Fob," and "Squirrel Scissors Fob" (each \$49) **INCLUDE** the scissors in the kit! The "Cabbage Rose Scissors Fob" (\$36) will make an absolutely lovely addition to one of your unadorned favorite scissors



"Be Kind To All" (\$12) is a leaflet ~ you choose your favorite count + fibers for this most charming design ~ and another in Maureen's magnificent Splendor Series, Splendor XVIII, "Floral Magenta" (\$46)! Always, always, these Splendors make me wish I didn't have to take time out to sleep so that I could have all of these stitched!



And last but certainly not least, in her Fruitful series, "Tangerines & Tambourines" and "Cherries" (\$38 each)

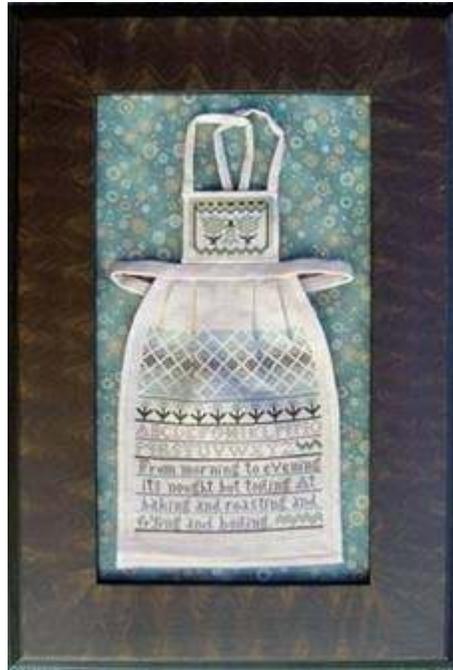


Coming from Carriage House

Kathy Barrick-Dieter has been VERY busy as well, and we are certainly the beneficiaries of her inspirations. Here's her much-anticipated "Shores of Hawk Run Hollow," already a favorite of many. Kathy's model is stitched on *Lakeside Linen's* 40c Vintage Autumn Gold. Many of you are aware of the extra dyeing time it takes to produce these double-dyed fabrics, and frequently another of their very beautiful colors work equally as well. Here we show you a scan of the NPI silks with 40c Vintage Sand Dune. We think it's quite lovely and will show off the design elements beautifully. You may order your copy, fabric, and silks now if you'd like. We have a good deal of 40c Vintage Sand Dune in stock, but it will go fast, I know (Pat at Lakeside thinks we're making drapes with all of the Vintage Sand Dune we've ordered!). Notice the lovely frame Kathy chose for her "Shores" ~ a beautiful hand-grained frame from *Joy+Janet/Valley House Primitives*.



Also coming from *Kathy/Carriage House Samplings* is a design Kathy calls "Baking & Roasting & Frying & Boiling," inspired by an antique miniature apron. The apron is shown on an antique doll, reproductions of which will be available, and a smaller version of the apron in a *Valley House Primitive's* frame. Complete finishing instructions for the apron are included.



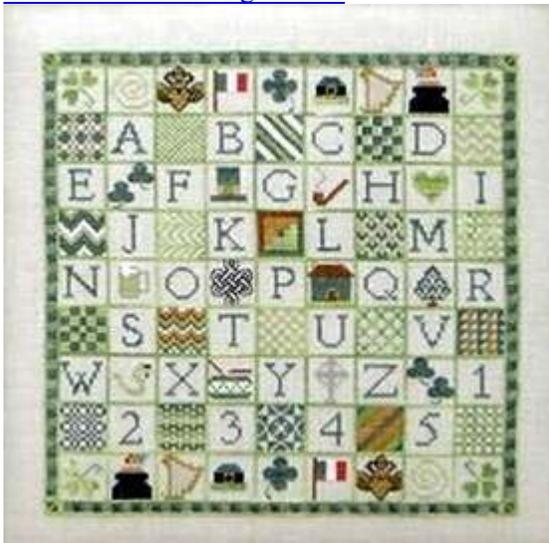
Arrivals This Week

Here are the wonderful things that came in this week.

From *Belinda/Blue Ribbon designs*, "Small Tokens of Affection" (\$12) offering us many options: a framed sampler, a sewing pocket, pinkeep, needlebook, and scissors fob. How very clever! The scans below show the front, back, and insides of the various pieces, all stitched on one of my favorite linens, 32c Bittersweet from *Lakeside Linens*



Also just in from *Blue Ribbon Designs*, "Letters, Leprechauns, and Luck" (shown on 40c Tundra) and "Bunnies and Blooms" (shown on 40c Navy Bean), each \$10 ~ and "Black Velvet Inscription Sampler" (\$12), lovely companion pieces to Belinda's earlier designs, the "Red Velvet Inscription Sampler" and the "Blue Velvet Inscription Sampler." Go to www.blueribbondesigns.com/ to see them all.





From *Sandie Vanosdall/The Sweetheart Tree*, wonderful biscornu kits (that match her fob designs with the same names): "Cherry Blossoms Biscornu Pincushion" and the "Rhodes Butterfly Biscornu Pincushion," both \$19 for the kits ~ and in her alphabet series, "M Is For Mittens" (\$19 for the kit)



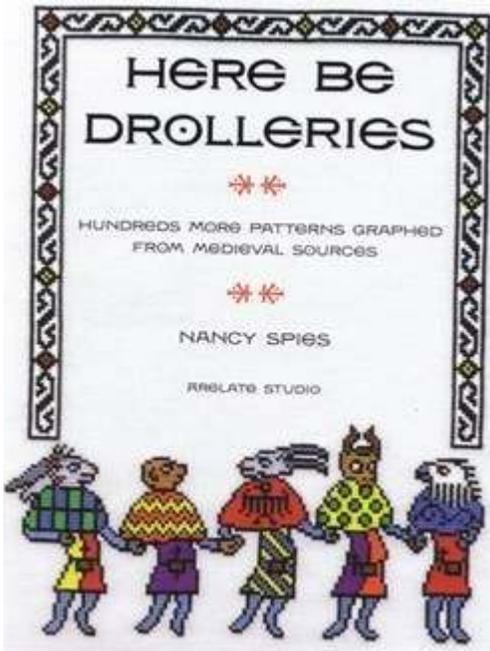
"Sparkling Forget-Me-Not Sampler" (\$37 limited-edition kit) ~ and "Blue Mountain Bunny" (\$9 w/embellishments), named for the Dinky Dyes thread used for the design worked over 2 on Lavender Mist Belfast, equally lovely in monochromatic worked over 1 thread of the linen ~ choose your favorite colors for this charming design!



"Think Snow" (\$9 w/charm) is adorable and a comfortable thought for us desert dwellers who remember what you're enduring in other climates this wintertime ~ "Strawberry Quilt Block" (\$9 w/embellishments) ~ and the first in a series that Sandie calls "Just For Fun" ~ this one is "Fiesta Flowers" and the teenie tiny 2 x 2 inch presentation box also includes the embellishments, all for \$5!



A new spiral-bound book from *Arelate Studio* with hundreds of patterns graphed from Medieval sources, "Here Be Drolleries" (\$30) ~ for all of you mermaid fans out there, the section entitled "Water Creatures" has several wonderful mermaid graphs. And from *Erica Michaels*, the last few charts that Linda had for this adorable needlebook design that describes many of us: Needle Nut! ~ "Acorns!" (\$6) also includes a pillow design and a framed "Bountiful Welcome" design.



More Seasonal designs: From *Twisted Oaks Designs*, "Merry Noel" (\$20 includes beads), a collection of stitching smalls that includes a chicken pin cushion, snippets tray, and scissors fob. Wouldn't it be gorgeous with these beautiful Belle Soie colors on Vintage Lakeside fabric?

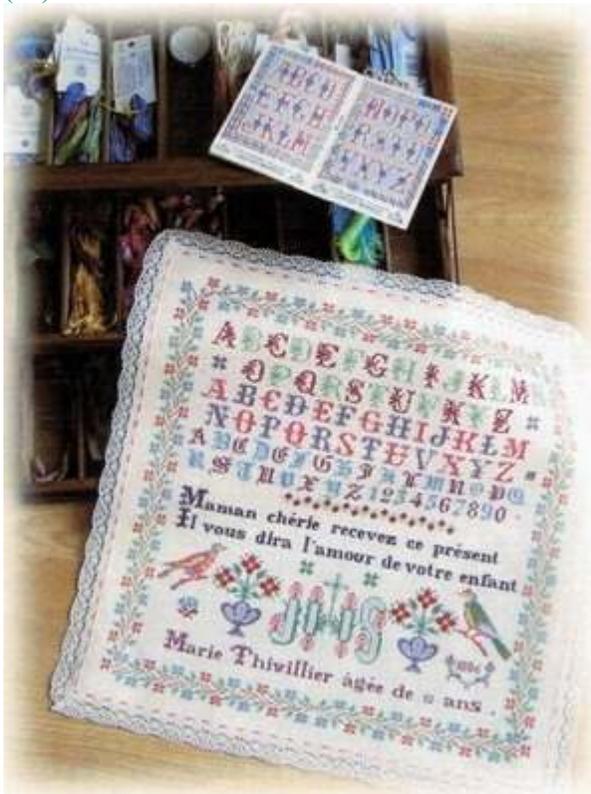




And from *GPA* in Italy, in the Designing Ladies 2007 Needle Casket series, "The Night Before Christmas" (\$16)



And from *Reflets de Soie* out of France, "Marie Thivillier 1886" (\$17) ~ "Dominique Bachelet 1895" (\$19) ~ "La Rose" (\$7)

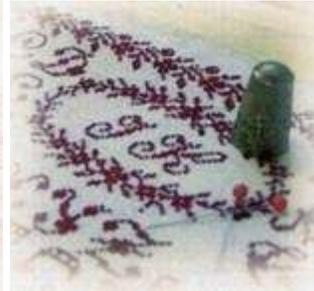
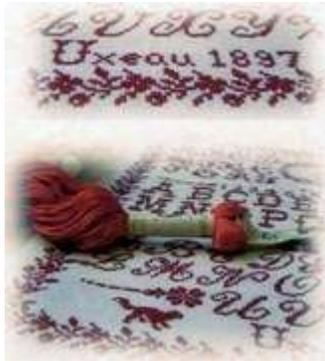




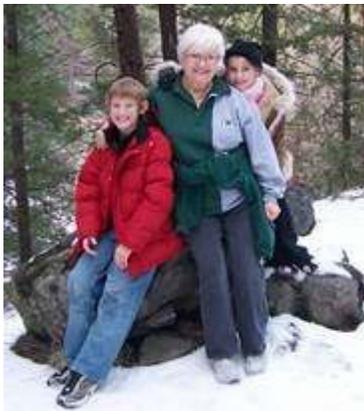
And "Marie Meillon 1893" (\$16)



And "Uxeau 1897" (\$14)



Well, I've again run over my time available today ~ next week at this time we'll be in Nashville, shopping for you! Last weekend we had a wonderful time in Sedona with Tyler, Hannah, Ralph, and Amy. It had snowed Thursday, with enough remaining on the ground for Tyler and Hannah to make a mini snowman, throw snowballs at each other, and for Hannah to make a snow angel. A hike on the opposite side of the creek on Saturday afternoon ended abruptly, however, when we came to a very narrow, slippery down slope on the trail, so we stopped and took pictures. Sunday's rain-soaked drive home provided some scenes of the Sedona red rocks I'd never seen in all my years in Arizona: the beautiful red rocks shrouded in very low clouds. If you had planned your vacation in Arizona around Sunday being your day to "see" Sedona, unfortunately, there wasn't much "showing."



I can't help but include, in closing before this **Super Bowl** weekend here in the USA, a photo from Berangere in Belgium, someone we had the real pleasure of meeting last November when she came for our Merry Cox weekend. There are Packer fans all around the world! Thank you, Berangere, for making me smile out loud!



Have a **SUPER** weekend, wherever you are!

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