

**My Stitching Treasures**

**Instructor: Jean Fee: \$30**  
**Saturdays, February 4, 7, 10 - 12 Noon**

In Saturday's class we will get you started on your borders and thinking about how you will personalize this heirloom piece with charms and motifs. Rhonda Moon's beautiful rendition of this Jeannette Douglas design is shown below. You will be interested to see how Rhonda modified the motifs and charms from the original design to personalize it. The boxes can be ordered in two sizes, with an opening to accommodate 32c or 40c. The future class meetings will be decided by the class based on consensus and personal schedules.



**Beginning Linen**

**Instructor: Linda Fee: \$30**  
**Saturday, February 4, 10:30 - 12:30 p.m.**

Using the classic book, "Linen Stitches," as the class text, Linda will teach you the basics of stitching on linen. The class project is a charming fringed bookmark from the book featuring geraniums. You will learn basic techniques and a wonderful edge finishing stitch, the nun's stitch, as well as stitching with overdyed threads. Needleworkers who have been self-taught have enjoyed this class as well.

**Sunday, 11 a.m. till 3 p.m. ~ Super Bowl Sale!** Join us for this first-ever Super Bowl event at The Attic. I'm not saying First Annual because if the Packers are playing, you won't find me at the shop, and next year's another year for our Packers. We've tried to make this a special event for you by making **Super-Sized Treasure Bags** in all sizes and values ~ all are 70% off of retail, and on Sunday only you may **buy one and select a freebie Treasure bag** from the Quarterback Draw basket. There are even several petite ones ~ and you know what they say about "good things come in small packages."

In addition to the **Super-Sized Treasure Bags**, you'll find **Super** bargains with specially selected items at 30% off. At the register you may draw for an additional discount that will apply to **all** of your purchases. A \$50+ purchase makes you eligible for the drawing for our Super Bowl Gift Basket. The drawing will be at 2:45 p.m. You do not have to be present to win.

However, you are welcome to bring your stitching and sit in the classroom and stitch after you've finished shopping and enjoy some pre-game snacks. And after you see **HAWK** the bargains and find some treasures that are a **STEELer**, you will have worked up an appetite! Anyone wishing to participate in this sale from afar may call our Toll-Free number, 1.888.94-ATTIC, any time during our open hours on Sunday.

**FEBRUARY'S SAMPLER OF THE MONTH**



"An Emblem of Love" from *Ellen Chester/With My Needle* is our Sampler of the Month for February, the month when hearts turn to love. Our shop model is stitched on *Lakeside Linens'* 40c Vintage River Willow with *Gloriana's* Luminescence, Elizabethan Green. Receive 15% off the chart, linen, and silks of your choice during February.

**FEBRUARY PSC DISCOUNTS**

As a PSC member, receive 15% off the purchase of the following items at any time during February:

- All *With My Needle* charts
- All *Gloriana* fibers
- All *Lakeside Linen* fabrics

**PHOENIX NEEDLEWORK SHOW**

If you didn't get your entry forms in the mail for this wonderful biennial exhibition of some exquisite needlework, don't fret ~ you have until February 7th to submit your entry forms without penalty. Your finished/framed pieces aren't due at the Shemer until Saturday morning, February 25, but the entry forms are necessary earlier to allow for the printing of the program and planning the hanging/display of your items. Help make this show the best ever by sharing the efforts of your hands with all of us who love and admire the things so much. It's always an inspiration to see what others have done. If you need an entry form, we have them in the shop, other needlework shops in the Phoenix are have them, or go to the [Web site and print the forms: www.members.cox.net/phxneedleworkshow](http://www.members.cox.net/phxneedleworkshow).

**NEW IN THE SHOP**

- A Limited Edition Kit, "Bloomin' Alphabet" by *La-D-Da*, kitted with 30c Tea Linen and Weeks Dye Works thread - \$20. Some of us can't wait to stitch this over one on the 30c. Stitching it that way, there should be enough to make four of them! Over 2 threads, the design measures 4.1 x 5.8; over 1 thread, it will be 2 x 2.9! How adorable will that be?! Rhonda, it would make a cute ornament for your collection.



What fun it was yesterday to open the package from Ann and Liz at *BrightNeedle* and find their adorably charming new designs! These two talented ladies have been very busy teaching and traveling, and it's been too long since we've received an automatic shipment from them. But it was worth waiting for!

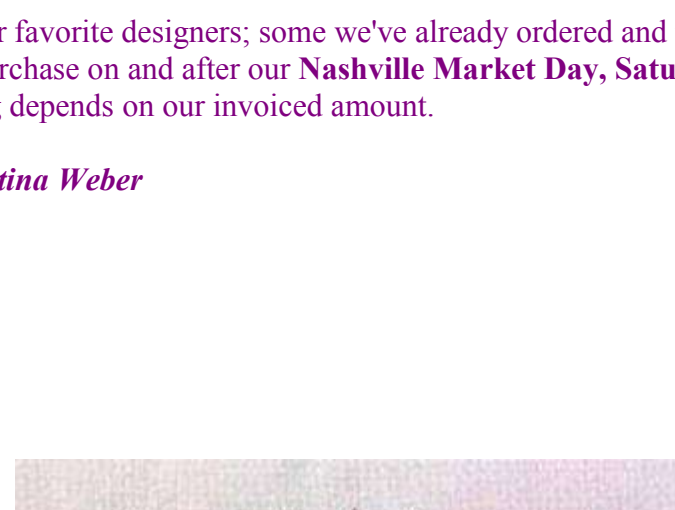
- We love their sense of humor, evident in "Ezmeralda's House." They've stitched this on 40c Zweigart New Castle Flax linen over 2. Here's what they say on the cover about this whimsical design: "Our resident witch is quite the princess. Her father Jacques prepares the family meals and Sparky the butler keeps track of all the skeleton keys, while Mother haunts the front hall for the daily mail. Brother Igor prefers the dozy quarters of the attic, at rest in a prefab coffin of his own design ~ he loves to hear the seconds of time ticking away to eternity. (See what you can find hidden in the stonework.) And just where is Ezmeralda? Why, out shopping for a new hat to add to her seasonal collection, of course. (Ask your shopowner if you haven't seen this cute, small needlebook/fob chart). Spooky stitching!" And with their shipment came this news about Ezmeralda: "Nashville Special - Hatz Boutique - a small companion chart featuring Ezmeralda, including a Diane Clissold button." So we will bring home the companion piece from Nashville for you.
- "Feather Tree Ornaments" chartpack with 12 Holiday and 12 Anytime Motifs ~ \$10. In addition to Holly and Bell and Stocking and Christmas Tree, etc., there's also a Cottage, Bird, Berries, Apple, Bluebells, Rooster, a Heart, and more!
- "Something Blue" ~ \$7 ~ features a pinkeep and scissors fob and can be stitched over 1 or over 2 ~ a perfect companion for last year's "Pretty in Pink." Here's what the chart says about "Something Blue": "Calming, strong, steadfast, friendly ... in many cultures blue is thought to bring peace or keep bad spirits away. A natural and universally loved color, cool blue makes time pass more quickly and even helps us fall asleep. True blue, out of the blue, blue ribbon, blue blood, bluestocking, the Blues, baby blue and ... something blue. Our favorite touches: a blue moon, bluefish, blue dog (a nod to our previously released sampler of that name), a bluebird, the ladies' blue bonnets, and Texas bluebells, a favorite of Ann's from her Houston days."



**NEW AND COMING TO *The Attic* SOON**

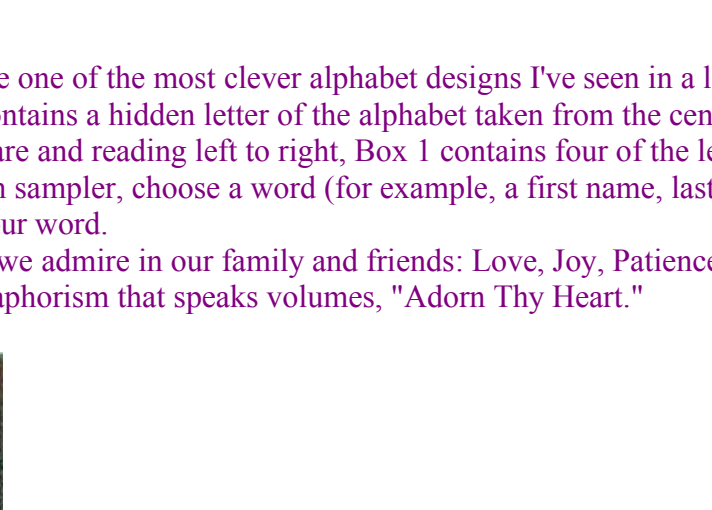
Pictured below are new releases from some of your favorite designers; some we've already ordered and they're on their way; some will be picked up in Nashville and will be available for purchase on and after our **Nashville Market Day, Saturday, February 18**. There are no prices because they haven't arrived yet, and pricing depends on our invoiced amount.

- "Taj Majal" from *Chatelaine Designs/Martina Weber*



From *Blue Ribbon Designs*:

- "Red Velvet Inscription Sampler." This has to be one of the most clever alphabet designs I've seen in a long time. Here's what the designer says about this design: "Each square contains a hidden letter of the center of the letter 'A,' Box 2 contains four of the letter 'B,' etc. To design your own inscription sampler, choose a word (for example, a first name, last name, 'Welcome' or 'Love') and stitch the squares containing the letters of your word."
- "Heart of Gold," which lists many of the virtues we admire in our family and friends: Love, Joy, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control ~ and an aphorism that speaks volumes, "Adorn Thy Heart."



From *Paula/KelmScott Designs*:

- More *ThreadWinders and NeedleMinders* and new designs being released in Nashville. Last Friday's shipment was in the shop less than 24 hours before they were all gone! We've ordered more, should be here within days, and then we'll have new designs available at Nashville, including Betsy Ross presenting the flag to George Washington (anyone who knows me knows I'll be having one of these)! Also, "Sisters" and "Cranes on Navy." The Hibiscus on Blue, although not new, is currently out of stock with the designer and will be available in March. These are a real treasure to add to your needlework box; at \$8 they make wonderful gifts for others or for yourself!



It's a wonderful thing, being able to show you a bit of what's to come from the industry's biggest cash 'n carry market. Betsy and I leave a week from today for Nashville, and we will again be bringing back suitcases packed to the gills, taking some classes, learning new things, visiting with designers, seeing their models so we can tell you about them, the little things that aren't always obvious in the photo, sharing ideas with fellow shopowners, and shopping, shopping, shopping! It must be where the phrase "Shop till you drop" originated.

We will be bringing home the much-anticipated "A Most Noble Pursuit," the limited edition collaboration sampler from ten of your favorite designers. We have reservations from many of you; some were on the list very early and we didn't get an indication if you also wanted the special-cut fabric from *Lakeside Linens* (36c or 40c) or the threadpack from *Needlepoint, Inc*. An e-mail will be going out to all of you on our reservations list tomorrow regarding your choices if we don't already have them noted.

We've all been on baby watch this past week as Debra awaited the arrival of her second granddaughter. Rachel Claire was born earlier this week, a split overdue but very healthy and beautiful, according to Grandma, and mother, baby, father, older sister Sarah, and grandparents are all doing splendidly. I was hoping to be able to include a photo, but none has been available yet, so we'll all just have to wait to see this new little darling.

Thank you for allowing me to come into your "In" box with news from our needlework world. Let me know if you have any questions. I'll be back in touch soon with LOTS more exciting things to share.

Enjoy your week ~ and do find some time to spend with your needle! It's wonderful therapy.

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