

The washer and dryer are going, I've got my suitcases out and ready to pack ~ now I'm waiting for dry clothes to pack, so I'll dash off a quick pre-Nashville update for you as to what's come in this week.

LOOSE FEATHERS #18 from Blackbird Designs



These bi-monthly designs keep our stitching baskets overflowing with great projects ~ this one will be a favorite for many, using for 8 of its 10 colors the fabulous overdyed thread from *Crescent Colours* ~ dyed right here in Tucson, Arizona ~ we tell Sharon it must be something in Tucson's water because the threads stitch so smoothly, almost like silk, and the colors are glorious! We got the 28c Creme Brulee used by the designer ~ and for our 40c devotees, we show you four beautiful linens from *Lakeside*, each one more beautiful than the next, all Vintage: Tundra, Pearled Barley, Autumn Gold, and Pear. So you will have a choice ~ and if we run out of your choice, more *Lakeside* is being shipped very soon, and if we're lucky and are one of the first in their door, we will bring some more from Nashville.

FROM Lizzie Kate

~ and these weren't even priced yet when I grabbed them to scan:

- "Charity" and "Joy" in her very popular new series, **12 Blessings of Christmas**
- Next in the Boxer Series, "Spring-ily"
- A new chartpack with embellishments, "Spring Things"
- And my personal favorite, a new patriotic one that I forgot to scan ~ it will have to wait till next time



FROM The Heart's Content/Maureen Appleton ~

~ four wonderful new kits:

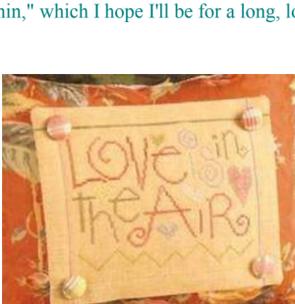
- 2006 Ornament, "Be Merry and Bright" - \$42 ~ isn't this a charmer? Ms. Holiday will add whimsy to your Holiday for sure!
- "Bucket of Berries," a most apt title indeed, which comes kitted with a gorgeous solid hardwood frame, \$85
- "Splendor XIV," \$53, with my favorite, a stag, a beautiful border, and much more to make this a wonderful addition to this series
- And last but certainly not least, one which made us gasp as we opened the box ~ quite different for Maureen but simply wonderful, "French Harvest," \$46, with pumpkins that Maureen calls French Cinderella pumpkins



Trail Creek Farm's LATEST PRETTY PILLOWS

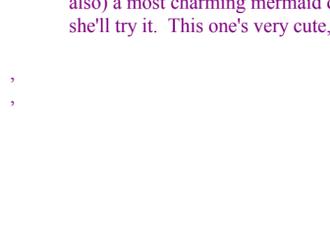
The first several of these have been in the shop several weeks but we forgot to include them in the newsletter, and this week two more arrived, so we thought we should show you all of them. In order of appearance (and again, I apologize, I didn't note the prices and I'm at home with my laundry and don't have access to that information ~ but a phone call to the shop will answer it very quickly):

- "Love Pink Star Pillow"
- "Flowers and Plaid Heart Pillow"
- "Love Is In The Air Pillow"
- "Forever Stitching Friends" ~ which comes with a substitute charted saying
- and a whimsical polka-dot egg pillow, "Spring Chickin Stitchin," which I hope I'll be for a long, long time!



FROM Erica Michaels

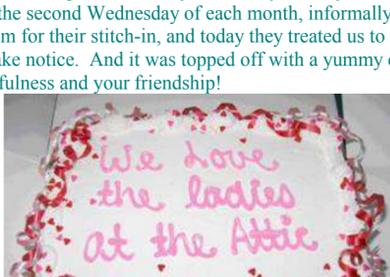
- For the growing number of punchneedle enthusiasts out there, some wonderful new designs that include hand-dyed Weaver's Cloth by *Lakeside Linens* ~ I've only scanned in the design for March in this Seasonal Hanging Series. The banner shows the Lion and the Lamb for March on top, and then April and May below it. Pretty adorable, aren't they? BUT I forgot (and it will have to wait till next time also) a most charming mermaid design ~ Sandy grabbed that one up real fast, and she's not done punchneedle yet but for a mermaid she'll try it. This one's very cute, and it can be done in either punchneedle or French knots ~ I'm sorry you'll have to wait to see her.



- And a cross-stitch leaflet entitled "Joy" ~ framed (we have this frame!) and as a pillow, "Joy Unspeakable"



Well, the laundry's done and it's time to pack the suitcase and try to get some sleep before an early morning dash to the shop before heading for the airport ~ I remember well the first few needlework markets I went to I was like a kid anticipating Santa Claus ~ it was hard to fall asleep with all of the anticipation ~ but tonight I think I'll sleep some. Today was a very full day with a very special mid-day respite ~ a luncheon "catered" by a group of ladies who visit us on the second Wednesday of each month, informally tagged the "East Side Bag Ladies." They've been coming for years now, using our classroom for their stitch-in, and today they treated us to a delicious salad bar, complete with fresh roses, that would make Sweet Tomatoes sit up and take notice. And it was topped off with a yummy cake with a wonderful sentiment. Thank you, June and friends! We appreciate your thoughtfulness and your friendship!



So off to Nashville we go to shop, shop for you! It's a tough job, but we're happy to do it for you! We'll be back with "A Most Noble Pursuit," "Emblems of Innocence," more Kelmscott Design NeedleMinders, and much, much more. And a quick note to tell you that the long anticipated "Beatrice Potter Quaker Sampler" is on its way to us from England. February will surely be a banner month. Remember, Market Day at The Attie is scheduled for Saturday, February 18. Doors open at 9 a.m. for a special shopping hour for our PSC members ~ and at 10 for everyone.

Good night!

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