

There's so much to show you, so this will come in short parts throughout the week. At least that's my goal! It's difficult to put all of the wonderful things that we saw in any order, so this morning I'm including a few of the **WOW!** things ~ and there were lots of those, more than will fit in this morning's time slot, but here's what came out of the suitcases and my brain first!

### *From Blackbird Designs*

Oh, why, oh, why didn't I photograph the tree in their booth with all of these on it?! It was, in a word, **F-A-B-U-L-O-U-S!** Their new Stockings of the Month chartpacks have three stockings in each, and by the end of the year we can all have a tree with 36 of these precious petite pretties! Each chartpack is \$9. You may get on our reservation/subscription list to receive this chartpack each month ~ and watch for the upcoming meeting/social of our Blackbird Stocking Society



And in their booth was the model for the first **2009 Loose Feathers** design. Even if I'd remembered to take out my camera, I couldn't have shown you this ~ but believe me when I say that you won't want to miss it! It will be out in a few weeks, the first in another fabulous LF series from these two very talented ladies that begins another year of these VERY popular designs. There was also LOTS more from Barb and Alma that I'll show you later this week.

### *The Buddy Case*

Everybody needs a Buddy! Here's a colorful accessory for all of your essential STUFF! Small enough so that you can bring your Buddy along filled with all of your essential tools, the Buddy Case features hidden magnetized interior walls to keep your needles, needle threader, and other metal items in place and a removable interior divider ~ and the best thing about this is it's made of lush animal-friendly faux leather that FEELS like leather. Contrast stitching, solid construction, and snap-button closure, this little accessory is well priced at \$16 so that you can own this in several of your favorite colors.



And later this week I'll show you a matching bag to hold even more of your STUFF!

### *From The Heart's Content*

These sewing birds from Maureen Appleton are absolutely adorable ~ and so functional! They don't photograph as petite as they are in person, but both designs are wonderful! As you have come to expect from *The Heart's Content*, the "Floral Monogram" and "Sampler Bits" come as complete kits (\$55) and should be quick to stitch and finish as a wonderful gift for someone special ~ like yourself!





There are LOTS more new designs from Maureen, including some Fabulous Fobs featuring stunning flowers ~ coming here later this week.

### *From Olde Colonial*

The combined talents of this couple have brought us a number of wonderful things through the years, but this one has to be one of their best ever! Pam designed this "Mending Box" based on her mother's or grandmother's sewing box, and now I can't remember which it was, but it was there to see along with her interpretation of it! And Bob and his beautiful boxes! I didn't photograph this well, and I'm sorry, but the foundation for this wonderful design is one of his beautiful burl wood boxes, in walnut. The kit is complete with everything, including finishing instructions. (\$79)



There's much more from Pam and Bob coming in a later edition!

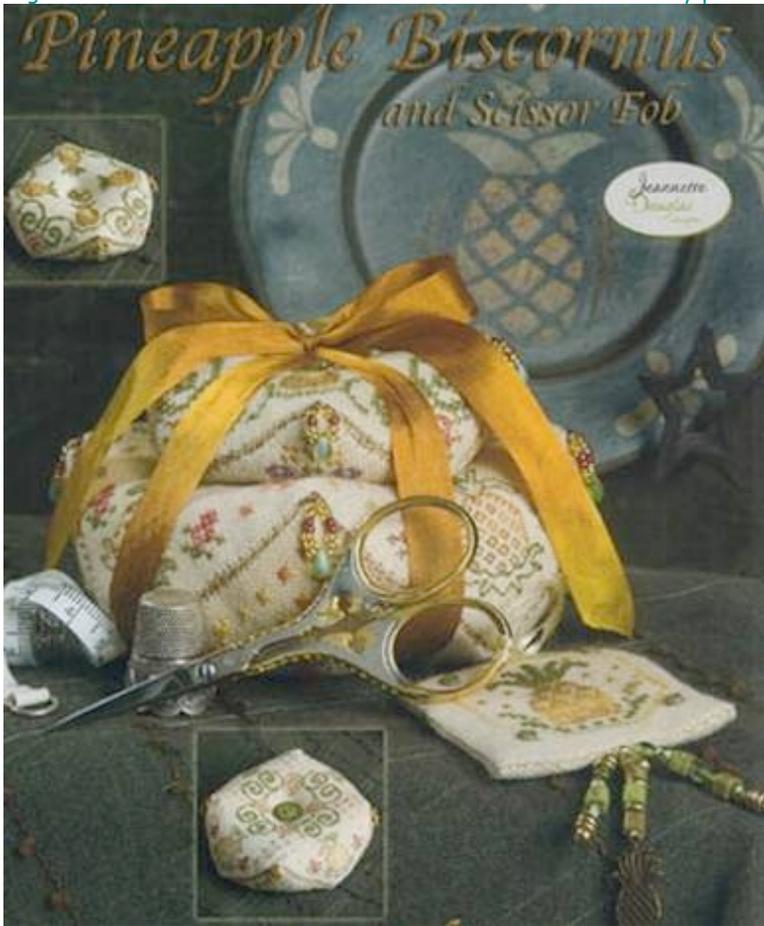
### *From Jeannette Douglas Designs*

This was definitely an "Oh, WOW!" moment for me at the Friday night Meet & Greet gathering from 7 - 9 p.m. I know you've seen this before, but Jeannette had someone's version of this fabulous album stitched on 40-count! It was to die for! I was so thrilled to see it

because that's what I've started mine on, 40-count Vintage Light Exemplar from *Lakeside Linens* ~ and after seeing it stitched, I am excited to get further along on this project. And I am reminded that, in my rush to get the Class Schedule out before boarding the plane to Nashville, I inadvertently left it off the schedule. I will amend that as soon as I have time. Watch for the first class to be in March. And, of course, some of you will choose 32-count as Jeannette did, and it's equally beautiful on that. This is a fabulous project, and I look forward to taking the journey with you.



Jeannette also had another "Oh, Wow" design, her "Pineapple Biscornus & Scissors Fob" + embellishment pack, packed with luscious silk from our favorites, including Belle Soie, Gloriana, NPI, Soie d'Alger, and Thread Gatherer, as well as beads and charms. You couldn't begin to assemble the silks and beads for the cost of this accessory pack. The chart + embellishment pack are \$47.



And there were more lovelies from Jeannette as well, coming later in the week.

Much more to come! It was again a real pleasure, one of the best parts of being involved in this business, to shop for you at this Nashville needlework Mecca. Needless to say, in today's world economy it's expensive to be there, but it's so very important to see the models in person. There's no digital photograph that can do justice to this artform. It's always very special to visit with the designers and the talented people who bring us these wonderful projects that give us such joy.

Thanks for your interest in *The Attie's* perspective.

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