



We're back from Nashville, bags unpacked, merchandise sorted, priced, and almost ready for tomorrow! Today's eNewsletter is just a small taste of what filled those suitcases and captured us for two days at the Embassy Suites. What follows is a combination of photos and scans, some better than others, but before we get to what's in the bags, here's a few other items of importance:

February's Sampler Sunday ~ rescheduled for Sunday, February 25, 1:00-4:00 p.m. ~ and Vickie has graciously agreed to present the program for us. If any of you have registered and/or prepaid for this and the rescheduling won't work with your life, a refund will be given. Any of you who want to attend but have not registered, please do so. We will be out in the store proper for this month's gathering because the classroom tables are filled with all of the goodies from market.

Flat-Fold Finishing Class ~ with Christy has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 3. More information to follow in a subsequent eNewsletter.

And now for a small sampling of what was in all of those suitcases!

Prairie Moon's beginnings for the "Prairie Moon Companion" we told you about a few months ago, a collaboration between **Prairie Moon**, **Crescent Colours**, **R&R Fabrics**, and **JABC Buttons**. Here's a "distant" photo of the very charming tree and its ornaments + the tree skirt with its buttons and motifs ~ montly stitched ornament kits will be a part of this Halloween treat ~ more details in a next eNewsletter with a photo of our tree.

And speaking of Halloween, here's "Tis Halloween," a very limited kit from **Blackbird Designs** with 30c Sheep's Straw linen, thread pack from **Crescent Colours**, a whimsical thread card, all packaged in a beautiful fabric bag (\$48) ~ originally part of **Shepherds Bush Retreat 2006**.



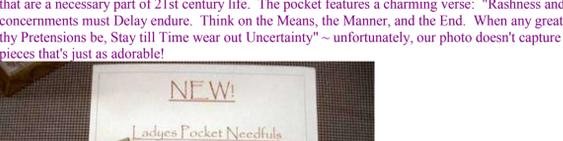
Also from Barb and Alma of **Blackbird Designs**, "With Needle & Thread," (\$26) a 48-page book featuring nearly a dozen projects of all types, framed pieces, pincushions, and sewing boxes, including "Tis Halloween," with an alternate verbiage, "Tis Autumn," and many other charming designs in the Blackbird tradition: "My Quaker House," "Be Thou the Rainbow," "Simple Harvest," "Friendship's Sheltering Vine," "Victorian Pins & Needles," "Bluebirds Needles & Pins," "Pink House Sewing Box," "Tulip & Star Pinkeep," and "Small Sampler Pillow" ~ the only dilemma: which one to stitch first?



A Special Edition Kit in a collaboration between three of our favorites: **Little House Needleworks**, **Crescent Colours**, and **Kelmscott Designs**, each kit signed and numbered by Diane Williams of **Little House**. "Thread Gathering" (\$27), featuring Diane's wonderful design that is applicable to anyone working with thread, whether an embroiderer, seamstress, quilter, or ??? and 7 skeins of **Crescent Colours** thread AND a beautiful Mother of Pearl threadkeep from Paula of **Kelmscott** ~ don't delay on adding this bargain to your collection ~ only 1,000 were made, and it is my understanding that there are no more ~ so whatever is in the hands of shopowners now is it!



Here's a photo of Cathy Campbell of **Primitive Traditions** in her Embassy Suites room with her new designs, all of them fabulous, and a photo of a collection of her favorite music to stitch by, "Stitching to the Classics," (\$12) ~



Next, her three-part accessory series, each \$12, "Ladies Pocket Needfuls," a spectacle case designed to hold two pairs of glasses, separated by an interior fabric divider, a checkbook cover with two interior pockets, and a small purse for keeping all the membership cards and "plastic" that are a necessary part of 21st century life. The pocket features a charming verse: "Rashness and Haste make all Things insecure. All great concerns must Delay endure. Think on the Means, the Manner, and the End. When any great Design thou dost intend And if uncertain thy Pretensions be, Stay till Time wear out Uncertainty" ~ unfortunately, our photo doesn't capture it, but there's another side to each of these pieces that's just as adorable!



And speaking of charming verses, this one brought tears to my eyes: "The Shelter of Each Other," (\$12) a piece Cathy designed in honor of her mother, who had always been her closest confidant, loyal supporter, and inspiration extraordinaire. The verse speaks volumes about the wonderful relationship enjoyed with a dear friend: "How prized and esteemed is a Friend On whom we may ever depend Our Joys when extended increase Our griefs when divided are hushed into Peace." The cartouches at the bottom are perfect for your initials and those of your special friend. In order to fit the frame in the photograph, the sampler must be stitched over 1 on 36c. We have the frames as well

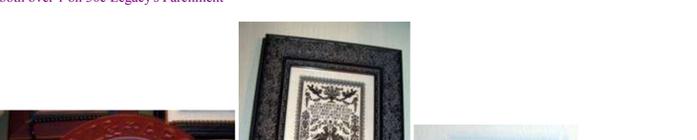
And last but not least, another charming verse on a reproduction sampler, "A Sunday well spent Brings a week of content. And health for the toils of the morrow. But a Sabbath profaned, Whatsoever may be gained In certain proportion is strow." I'd like to list the title and price here, but, LOL, we can't find this among our Nashville goodies, so when it surfaces, we'll provide that information for you.



And here's a peek inside at **Little By Little's** suite and all of its wondrous designs. Watch for future information on having a "Sampler" box of your very own to store your accumulating "smalls" inside!



The most special treat from Cynthia this year is "The Counting Book" (\$12), pictured below, and several of the "smalls" created from the book, and alongside "The Counting Book" is another project taken from the book but available as a chartpack as well.



These next photos were taken in the suite of **A Stitcher's Hands**. Many of Becky's designs are stitched over one, some have been previously published and available but haven't received enough publicity, each of them strikingly beautiful! From left to right, "Welcome" (\$25, which includes the ABC tin plate), published under her other design name, **Becky's Boos** ~ "Beloved" (\$14) and "Honest, Kind and Good" (\$14), both over 1 on 30c Legacy's Parchment



"Dorothy's Garden," a favorite of mine since I first saw it several years ago, and "My Friend," both \$14 and both stitched over 1 on 32c.



"Needle Station," over 1 on 30c Legacy Parchment (\$10) ~ and ??? ~ this is from our photos taken inside the booth and I again can't find this one in our Nashville suitcases ~ Hmm! And the last one, "My Gift is Small," (\$14) over 1 on 28c.



Another very special and awesome display of beautiful designs, **Jeannette Douglas Designs'** suite was breathtaking. Here are the newest, and some to come, from Jeannette: First, three new in the Stitches Series: "Seaside Stitches" (\$66 with embellishment pack of silks with Soie d'Alger, Silk N' Colors, and Luminescence and Princess Perle + hand-painted crab charm) ~ "Acorn Stitches" (\$64 with embellishment pack of silks with Gloria and Soie d'Alger + hand-painted acorn button) ~ and "Garden Stitches" (\$72 with embellishment pack of silks with Soie d'Alger, Needlepoint, Inc., and Soie 100/3 and Gloria's Lorikeet + grape charm and buttons and beads)



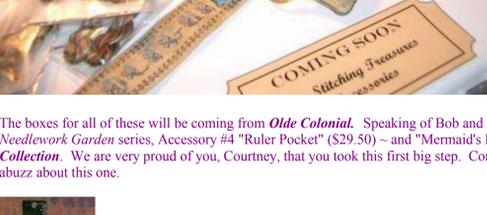
"We Stitch, We Share, We Create - A Stitcher's Petit Companion," formerly Jeannette's teaching piece, now available as a chart (\$14), it uses Caron Collections' Kelp, Soie d'Alger, and Needlepoint, Inc. silk. If you don't want to finish it as a needlebook, it makes a very beautiful tri-fold framed. The photo on the right Vickie took just as she was leaving the suite; unfortunately, I'd been there earlier, made our purchases, but didn't see this one ~ so I don't even know its name or anything about it, but I will find out!



We were very excited to see that coming very soon will be "My Stitching Treasures Accessories," pictured below, a needlebook, pinkeep, and scissors for, plus a band to fit inside your treasures box!



The boxes for all of these will be coming from **Olde Colonial**. Speaking of Bob and Pam, here's Pam's latest addition to her VERY popular **Needlework Garden** series, accessory #4 "Ruler Pocket" (\$29.50) ~ and "Mermaid's Collar," (\$25), the first design from **Courtney's Collection**. We are very proud of you, Courtney, that you took this first big step. Congratulations! The Nashville Embassy Suites was all abuzz about this one.



One last series to show you for today, from **JBW Designs**. Marking her 20th year in the industry, Judy has published "The Anniversary Collection" (\$14) featuring six of her early designs that are now out of print. The titles chosen were very popular and are still requested. Grandmother to five of the most beautiful grandchildren ever born (and you know that's saying a lot coming from Tyler and Hannah's grandmother), Judy is one of the loveliest people you will ever meet, and she is certainly a tribute to this industry that she has graced for the past two decades. It is a pleasure to know her! Here are three of her new designs in her VERY popular French Country Series: "Cat" ~ "Rooster" ~ "Love" ~ each only \$3! And we have all of their respective pillows in stock as well!



There's much, much more to show you, but that will have to wait for Part 2 another day. It had been my intention to publish an eNewsletter a day this week, but that was not to be. I came home with what some call the Nashville crud or something else, I'm not sure what it is, and have spent much of the past week at home trying to recover from a cough and a fever. Fever's gone for now and I'm trying to be better for tomorrow's NASHVILLE MARKET DAY and to enjoy spending Sunday with some of my Wisconsin family ~ brother Jer and his wife Nancy are here till late Monday. And today is my brother Mike's birthday, and I wish we were together as well to celebrate that very special day. Happy birthday, dear Michael! You get more handsome and more dear with each passing year.



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