

THIS WEEKEND

Saturday ~ It's Nashville Market Day at *The Attic*, and we're VERY excited to show you the things we brought back for you ~ lots of wonderful stuff to inspire you to spend more time with your needle ~ doors open at 9 a.m. for current PSC members ~ and at 10 a.m. for others ~ eight suitcases full of wonderful goodies ~ I wish I had the photo taken at the airport as Niles, Vickie's husband, was about to unload for the skycap ~ it truly was a sight to behold, and a picture is worth a thousand words. Where is the picture, you ask? Let's ask Vickie!

We brought new designs from all of your favorites ~ and some surprises from some "new" to us, as well as new linens, new threads, new gadgets. Come early for best selection ~ some items are very limited.

- Most things are orderable if we run out ~ and something very special that we will have to take orders on simply because its size limited us bringing back more than four (9.5 x 13 x 4) but we will take orders! This **Angel Worke Box and Accessories** (\$98) results from a collaborative effort between *Hand Wrought Designs* and *Liberty Hill*. The smalls designed by Susan/*Hand Wrought Designs* are included with the box: scissors fob, scissorsholder, and stitching pouch. The threadwinders that you see are not included with the box but can be ordered separately. The inside lid of the box is a bit different today ~ this is a photo of the first one, but it now includes a deer (!!!!!) on the left hill and a stream. What makes it extra special is it is actually of a size to be usable! It was one of the biggest and best "finds" at the market. And the good news: there's another "small" coming in six months to go with this set. The box is available in garnet or mustard, i.e., where you see the garnet on this box, it is painted mustard instead.



Here's just a smidgeon of what I'll show you in photos next week:

- A new designer to Nashville from Western Australia, Janie Hubble/*The Cat's Whiskers Design Studio*, brought some very special designs with her, and she was thrilled to see how well they were received and gobbled up ~ we bought LOTS from Janie, but more is on its way.
- A sampler lover's shopping dream come true in Kathy Barrick/*Carriage House Samplings* room: sampler necklaces, sampler blocks, sampler boxes that open to a pincushion, sampler notecards, AS WELL AS sure-to-be-very-popular "Tavern Signs" and "Tavern Signs Too" all framed in wonderful *Primitive Traditions* frames.
- New to us but not really new, *Hob-Nobb Designs*, wonderful little projects with the **most** adorable buttons, all neatly packaged in wonderful easy-to-take-with-you see-through plastic containers.
- Many more wonderful **punchneedle** designs, and some from your favorites, like *Lizzie Kate* ~ if you haven't tried this centuries-old needlework technique recently, you're missing the boat! Sign up for Christy's class next Saturday morning and see what all the excitement's about! In fact, our next newsletter will tell you about a new club you'll want to join: Punch and Cookies, an exclusive limited series from *Pine Mountain Designs* ~ more information to come about that.
- Adorable wool applique featuring the beautiful hand-dyed wools from *Weeks Dye Works* ~ the cutest pillow I've ever seen from *Sandra Sullivan/Homespun Elegance*, with an adorable bunny playing among the flowers
- Kits and special Nashville kits from *Indigo Rose, M Designs, Olde Colonial, Hands to Work* and others.
- New designs from *Blackbird Designs, Teresa Layman Designs, Milady's Needle, Chessie & Me, Wild-Heart Designs, Plum Street Samplers, Errica Michaels, Brittercup* (with more cute cat stuff) and so much more!
- "A Most Noble Pursuit" ~ I know you've seen it, but I'm hoping somehow I can capture the essence of this collaborative effort between 10 very talented designers ~ I wish all of you could see it in person as we did. It's an amazing accomplishment that all designers involved need to be very proud of, and it was the "buzz" of the Nashville Market for sure. In addition to the large framed collaborative sampler, we could see each designer's contribution framed individually in her booth. This is a Limited Edition, ladies, and please don't make the mistake of passing this up and regretting it in a few short months when it's no longer available. For those of you that are waiting, we're mailing as many as we can get out each day ~ my mailbag yesterday was almost too heavy for me to lift!
- "Beatrix Potter's Quaker Sampler" also arrived this week to add to the cornucopia!

Look for scans of many of these in the next newsletter.

Sampler Sunday ~ the third Sunday means it's time once again for this monthly get-together, from 1:00-4:00. We'll be meeting, as we always do in February, in the main part of the store since our classroom tables will be filled with Nashville goodies ~ that is, unless you take it all home tomorrow ;-)!

TRUNK SHOW

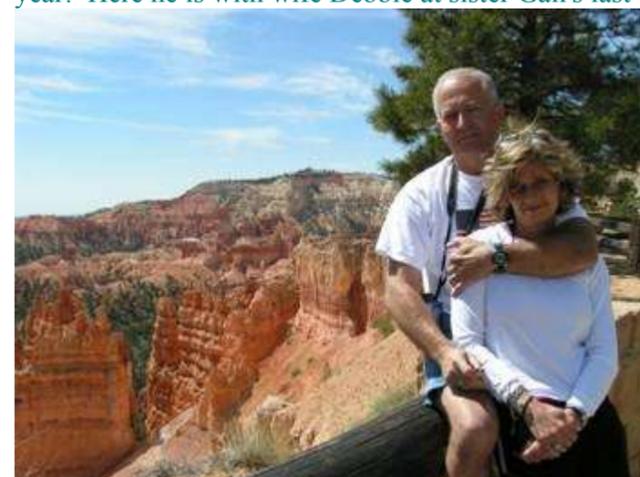
Now showing, a wonderful trunk show from *My Big Toe Designs*, whose charts cover both ends of the spectrum, from cute and charming charts (like "4 out of 5 Voices in my head ... say eat the chocolate" OR "Cat hair ... just another specialty fiber") to the very beautiful and elegant "Namesake Sampler" where you decide whether to feature your first-name or last-name initial, "The Lord's Prayer," "The Beatitudes," and the very beautiful "Morning Prayer." I'll have photos next week, but in the meantime, go to Debbie's Web site and see these for yourself. Debbie also included as part of her trunk show her wonderful beaded accessories: scissors fobs, thread counters, marking pins, and thread pickers (also known as "frogging tools"). Go to www.mybigtoedesigns.com/ if you can't get to the shop to see all of Debbie's wonderful things.

PUNCHNEEDLE CLASS NEXT SATURDAY!!!!

Call to register for this month's Punchneedle class with Christy ~ and see what all the excitement's about! Quick to finish, stress reliever, a needlart with many applications ~ framed, cushions, clothing embellishments, accessory embellishments, etc. ~ the class fee includes all the materials you need to get started, a locking hoop, a #3 punchneedle, a small design on weaver's cloth kitted with overdyed thread, and your instruction ~ \$45. Next Saturday morning from 10 - Noon.

That's all there's time for today. Time to enjoy breakfast with our visitors from Wisconsin, where Watertown is buried in 15 inches of snow right now ~ great timing, huh? ~ brother Jer and his wife Nancy are here for a week so that John and Jer can attend the Arizona Wood Turners Symposium this weekend and Nancy and I will be at the Lost Dutchman Race in the Superstitions on Sunday morning ~ Nancy's doing the half marathon, and I'll be walking the 2-mile run. Here they are on our Utah trip last summer.

And happy birthday, dear brother Michael! Wish we were there to share your special day ~ you're getting more handsome with each passing year! Here he is with wife Debbie at sister Gail's last Thanksgiving Day with his "winter/hunting face." He's even nicer than he is handsome.



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