

THIS WEEKEND AT **The Attic**

Beginning Linen

Instructor: Linda

One 2-Hr. Class

Saturday, March 3, 10:30-12:30

Fee: \$30 (includes all materials)

The longest running class at the shop continues to inspire needleworkers of every age! 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 are self-taught have enjoyed this class as well.



Flat Fold Finishing

Instructor: Christy

One Class

Saturday, March 3, 10 - 12:30 p.m.

Fee: \$40 (includes text & finishing materials)

This unique finishing technique for stand-ups can be applied to many designs. Bring your stitched piece along with your chosen backing fabric to class, and Christy will teach you this finishing technique that is especially wonderful for Holiday decorations ~ when the holiday is over, these are easily stored in a box. The class text, *The Flat-Fold*, a finishing book by Judy Odell, is included with your fee.

COMING to **The Attic**

Punchneedle

Instructor: Christy

One 2-Hr. Class

Saturday, March 10, 2 - 4 p.m.

Fee: \$50 (includes all materials)



Here's another opportunity for you to learn this fun, fast and easy centuries-old technique. The class project is your choice of either of the pins shown here ~ both designs come in your kit. In the 2 hours you may be able to complete your pin. Your fee includes everything you need to get started: #3 Punchneedle, special locking hoop, design printed on weaver's cloth, and a threadkit. Christy will show you this very easy technique and a number of her beautifully finished models featuring a variety of finishing techniques. You will also receive a 10% discount on all supplies ~ patterns, thread, etc. ~ for your next punchneedle project(s).



(Actual size: 1 3/8 x 1 7/8)

Stitching on Silk Gauze (& 40c Linen over 1) One 2-Hr. Class

Instructor: Jean

Fee: \$25

Saturday, March 17, 10 - 12 Noon

Join us for this class and see how quick, easy, fun, and rewarding it is to stitch on 40c silk gauze (or 40c linen, as shown in the scan above). Create a design in nearly half the time because you're only doing half the number of passes of the needle! Included with your class fee is a *Threads Through Time* design of your choice, a mounted piece of 40c silk gauze, needles and threader.

DIANE CLEMENTS WORKSHOP ~ MAY 5-6



Acorn Etui

Only a few more days to register for this weekend workshop coming to The Attic **Saturday-Sunday, May 5-6**. A few spots remain, and **registration closes on Monday, March 5** to allow time for kit preparation and shipping. The kits will be shipped no later than March 23 for completion of the eight hours of pre-work. A 50% deposit of \$125 is required before issuance of a kit. The balance is due on or before May 1.

Class Description: Thirteen colors of silk and ecru cotton combine to create this colorful, multi-technique sampler in a sewing case format. The exterior of the case is a band sampler divided into three panels separated by two spines. Counted patterns, some original, some adaptations of traditional designs, fill the embroidered sections. A variety of crossed stitches, queen stitch, chain, eyelet, outline, satin, and blackwork add texture and interest. An original reticello-punto in aria design adorns the front cover. The lace acorns have trellis caps and cloth stitch bodies. They are held in place with branched and double buttonhole bars. Of course there are Venetian picots to further embellish the lace design. A mattress pincushion, needle book, and scissors fob complement the case. Construction techniques will be discussed, and all finishing materials will be provided. **Eight hours of pre-work are required.** This consists of basting, completing the padded edge and four-sided stitches on a practice square, and cutting away the surrounded fabric. The advanced/adventurous students may set up the lace panel on the case as pre-work also. We will cover the lace in detail during class and briefly review the counted patterns.

Merry Cox Workshops ~ November 2007

The kits for three of the workshops (Flowers in the Fall, Shepherd's Retreat Sewing Case, and A Diminutive Sewing Set) should arrive in the next week, and we will ship them to all registrants. A minimum of a 50% deposit is required to receive your prestitching materials, with the balance due on or before November 1. For a complete description of each workshop and to see photographs of the projects, please go to our Web site www.atticneedlework.com and click on "Newsletter" and then on "Past Newsletters." If anyone needs the eNewsletter resent, please let me know. Please note that there is no pre-stitching provided for "A Beautiful Day in Williamsburg," scheduled for Saturday afternoon, November 10, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

March Sampler of the Month

The "New England Sampler," a new design (\$18) from Brenda Keyes of *The Sampler Company*, is our Sampler of the Month ~ which means you may save 15% on the chart, fabric, and/or threads for stitching this month's very charming selection, with something in it for everyone, whether you like houses, mermaids, ships, animals, or trees. The chart model is stitched over 1 on 25c Floba with DMC, but we will have some alternative suggestions for you next week when we show you our choice for fabric and fibers.



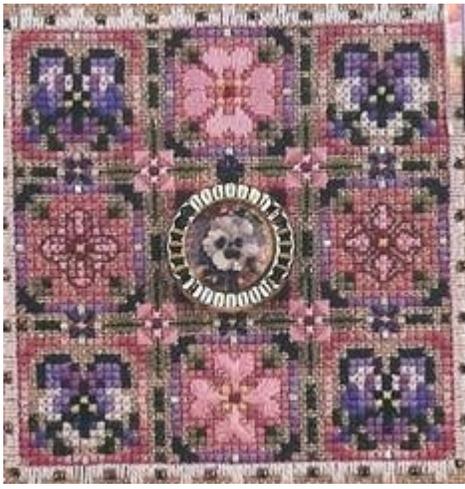
March PSC Discounts

As a PSC member, you may purchase the following items during March and receive a 15% discount:

- Other *Brenda Keyes* designs
- *Crescent Colours* hand-dyed threads, silk or cotton
- 29c hand-dyed Glenshee linen, the perfect linen for stitching over 1

WHAT'S NEW IN THE SHOP

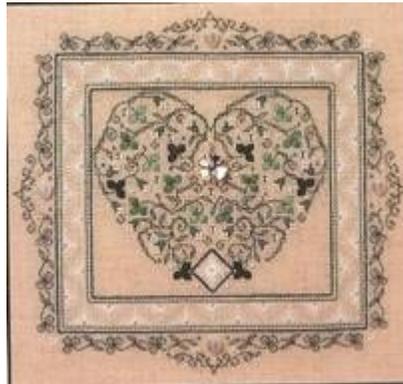
From *Just*nan*, many very lovely new things: "Pansies Please" (\$15), which includes the beautiful pansy charm for the center, and a smaller variation from the same design, the WhimZi Pansy shown in a purple pansy WhimZi frame (\$18.50) ~ and another WhimZi Limited Edition, "Cherub Garden" (\$18), which includes the beads and the adorable WhimZi frame ~ a beautiful "Queen's Heart" (\$10), also with its exquisite frame (\$36) ~ "Making Friends" (\$12), which includes a beautiful snowflake charm ~ and choose any one of the four snow gentlemen to stitch and frame in the Winter WhimZi with Snowman (\$19)~ "Daffodil Run" (\$10), with a most adorable daffodil bouquet charm ~ and its own special frame (\$36)



Shipping to us **March 19**, and taking reservations now, "*Lady Scarlet's Secret Garden.*" This **limited edition kit (\$50)** includes an enameled and jeweled Lady Scarlet box, and cleverly hidden inside is a beautiful little needlebook and petite flower pincushion. Everything is included to complete this very charming needlework accessory except floss and a cotton ball to stuff the pincushion. Lady Scarlet measures approximately 3 inches in diameter. You will want to be on the reservations list for this treasure!

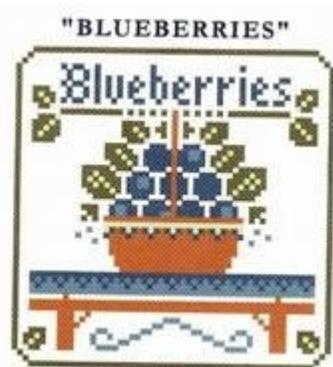


From Sandy/*The Sweetheart Tree*, several new kits: the newest in her very elegant alphabet series, this one is sure to be as popular as its predecessors ~ "F is for Frieds & Flowers" (complete kit, \$19) ~ a 70 x 70 design; "Sparkling Shamrocks" (\$18), which includes a Sterling Silver shamrock; and "Lavender Radiance" (\$18), with 4 beautiful Amethyst cats-eye luminescent hearts ~ and more Chubby Nutcrackers, each \$8 with beads ~ "Easter Bunny" CN; "Wild West Sheriff" CN; and "Moon Doggie, The Beach Bum" CN ~ and "Classical Roses Sampler," a special edition kit with everything included for \$36.





From *Diane/Little House Needleworks*, her most charming design yet, in my opinion, "Nature's Beauty," (\$7) and the next two in the threadpack series with *Crescent Colours*, "Blueberries" (Fruit Chartpack Series) and "Patience" (Scripture Chartpack Series), each \$12, each including 5 full skeins of *Crescent Colours* cotton.



And coming mid-March, the first in a new threadpack series featuring the beautiful Belle Soie silks from *Crescent Colours*, each threadpack containing a charming design in the Four Seasons Series and 5 silk colors with 2 yards each, all for \$15.50 ~ a great way for you to introduce yourself to these lovely new silk threads.



There's much, much more that's new in the shop, but that will have to wait for another time, I'm afraid, because it's past noon here and if this doesn't go out soon, some of you may begin to wonder. Last Friday afternoon there was no eNewsletter either ~ because I **had** to be in Sedona at our annual retreat with the group pictured below. It's a tough job sometimes, but someone has to do it. It was another fun-filled, memorable weekend at the Junipine Resort, with lots of good food and chick flicks and wonderful needlework projects and lots of laughter and hugs. The gang from Surprise, Nancy, Sally, Jan, and most especially Karen, kept us in stitches the whole weekend. Linda and Dee, glad to get out of cold New York, have been there each year since 1999 when we began this annual trek to the red rocks of beautiful Sedona, and Renee and Elayne, also escaping from Milwaukee's cold, have only missed a year or two. This year we dearly missed Liz and Zelma, who have also been with us for a number of years. The reservations list for next year's gathering is full, but if you wish to be on the waiting list, let us know..



More exciting news and new things in a week or less ~ in the meantime, make it your practice to not let the day end without some time spent with your needle. It makes the people around you much happier, don't you think?

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