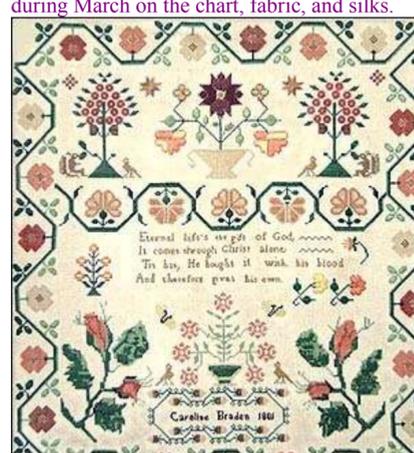


Good morning to all of you in our e-newsletter database. I know it's been several weeks since we sent a newsletter, and there's so much to show you that's new since the Nashville market, but this afternoon is the Phoenix Needlework Show's Preview Tea ~ lots to do to be ready to serve the guests at 2 p.m. at the Shemer Art Museum in Phoenix, so this will necessarily be short. Yesterday, two days into March, I realized I hadn't selected our March Sampler of the Month, so thank you, Mary Louise, for your suggestion! It's a wonderful sampler, and next time we'll have a photo of our in-shop model.

**MARCH SAMPLER OF THE MONTH**

"Caroline Braden - 1801" ~ a reproduction from *Threads of Gold* ~ this is a scan from the chart ~ we did ours on 40c Vintage Pear from *Lakeside Linens* with *Needlepoint, Inc.* silk ~ it looks quite different. I LOVE the roses in the lower right- and left-hand corners ~ and the border ~ and all of the flowers! It's done in mostly cross stitch with a bit of satin stitch for some of the flower petals. Receive a 15% discount during March on the chart, fabric, and silks.



**MARCH PSC DISCOUNTS**

All during the month of March our PSC members will receive a 15% discount on their purchases of:

- *Threads of Gold* charts
- *Au Ver A'Soie* products
- *Trail Creek Farm* and other premade pillows

**The Attic's 2006 Junipine Retreat**

No newsletter last week because I was away at our annual retreat in Sedona with 16 wonderful women, stitching and eating and laughing. The beautiful Junipine Resort and its lovely creekhouses situated in the quietude of Oak Creek Canyon was again the setting for this special four-day weekend in the pines. This was the ninth year for us there, and as was true of the first year, the weather was springlike, with midday temperatures in the 70's and stitching on the patio in the afternoon sun a special treat.



This year's project, an adorable new wool applique design from Sandra Sullivan/*Homespun Elegance* called "Spring Rider" was a new technique for me ~ ten of us did the project. Linda was the first one finished ~ a photo of her and her project ~ and a photo of everyone's completed projects.



One of our favorite things about our time at the Junipine is the food! Wonderful food served in the Junipine Cafe by Annette and her staff. The almond-crusted brie, the smoked trout, the almond-crusted trout, the Sedona Sunrise breakfast ~ well, you get the idea! Food is a BIG part of this weekend, and it's always as good as we remembered from the year before.



Saturday night it was hot fudge sundaes for dessert in our creekhouse ~ they've never tasted so good!



That's all there's time for this morning ~ time to head off to Costco to see what the menu for this afternoon's tea will be. Many new and wonderful things to tell you about ~ next week! Can it really be March already? Yes, the baseball fans are arriving for Spring Training Season, and the daffodils are blooming, and the petunias and the roses and the ranunculus! It's a beautiful time of year here in the desert. I hope it is wherever you are as well.

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