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## *March 's Sampler of the Month - "MR 1811 A New Jersey Sampler "*



This beautiful reproduction is one of seven from *Hawkins House*, a new sampler reproductionist that was exhibiting at the Nashville Market, and we were thrilled to find them there. This sampler is from a private collection, and the cover model was stitched on 32c cream Belfast in DMC cottons, matched to the original sampler, "which was worked with silks on fine linen." So . . . we are stitching ours in silks on fine linen. And this month you will see **two** models in progress. Debra fell in love with this one and is stitching hers on *Lakeside Linen's* 40c V. Maritime White with NPI silks, shown below on the left. And she started on the left. She's making fabulous progress. I'm stitching mine on *Lakeside's* 40c V. Fawn with overdyed silks, *Belle Soie* + 2 skeins of *Gloriana*. I'm not very far along yet ~ and was so anxious to start that, as usual, I didn't read the directions and didn't know to stitch the diaper patterns in the "V" stitch, so my first block is in cross stitch. No, I will not be ripping it out. Too many samplers to stitch before I "sleep" ~ I don't go backwards unless it's absolutely necessary. I have begun mine on the right. So perhaps by the end of March you will see our models meet in the middle for a full view! In the Belle Soie/Gloriana photograph we have pictured two colors: At the top is Vintage Fawn and on the bottom Vintage Maple Sugar. I know it doesn't look like it, but my model is being stitched on the bottom color, Vintage Fawn.



During March you may save 15% on the purchase of the following: chart (\$14) + linen of your choice (40c with 2" margins is \$13) OR the silks (NPI, \$72; overdyed silks, \$86.10). Of course, all of these prices are before the discount is applied.

### *March 's Attie Addict Discounts*

If you are a member in good standing of our AA Club, you will receive a 15% discount on your purchase of the following during this calendar month:

- All Sampler Reproduction charts in stock, including the other six from *Hawkins House* (See below.)
- NPI silks
- All Hand-Dyed Linen in stock (custom cuts)\*

\*Note: This reminds me to tell you how we sell our hand-dyed linens. We cut to size, design size or whatever you'd like. The only exception to this is if your cut leaves us with an unusable piece, i.e., a 3-inch piece along an 18-inch wide cut on 32c. On 40c we almost always cut off the wee strips because many of you love to buy them for your ornaments or small projects. All custom cuts are sold by the square inch. Stitchers' quarters and stitchers' halves are sold by the piece at a less-than-square-inch-price, and the larger the piece, the better the price. Therefore, when hand-dyed linen is included as part of any discount, it is limited to custom cuts.

### *This Saturday at The Attie*



## Beginning Linen

Instructor: Linda

One 2-Hr. Class

Saturday, 10:30-12:30 Fee: \$30 (includes all materials)

It's the first Saturday of the month and that means there's another opportunity for you to perfect your needlework skills in this class with Linda. The title, "Beginning Linen," is really a misnomer because this class is really so much more than that. The beautiful geranium bookmark is the class project, with the classic book "Linen Stitches" as the text. You will learn basic techniques and a wonderful edge finishing stitch, the nun's stitch, as well as stitching with overdyed threads and many tips and techniques from Linda's vast needlework experience.



## First of Nine Meetings of Christy's Ornament Club

Instructor: Christy

2.5-Hr. Class

Saturday, 10:00-12:30 Fee: \$30 (includes all materials)

These classes explore different ornament finishing techniques using the 2008 *Just CrossStitch* Christmas ornament magazine. Each month will feature a different ornament with options to finish it as pictured or with a twist. Some finishing materials are included in the class fee. Each student must supply their own copy of the magazine. You do not have to sign up for all 9 classes. Usually scheduled for the last Saturday of the month, this one was in conflict with last weekend's retreat, so it was postponed 1 week. We hope that you have had time to stitch this "A Merry Little House" by *The Victoria Sampler*. It can be finished as an ornament or pincushion. Students supply lining and backing fabric. Come in and see Christy's finished shop model. It is ADORABLE! And go to our Web site to view the other ornaments in Christy's Ornament Club: <http://www.atticneedlework.com/classes/ornamentclub.html>





Stitching on Silk Gauze

Instructor: Jean      Saturday, 2:00 - 4:00      Fee: \$35.00

Join us for this class and see how quick, easy, fun, and rewarding it is to stitch on 40c silk gauze (or 40c linen). Finish your piece in nearly half the time because you're only doing half the number of passes of the needle! Included with your class fee is the design of your choice, a mounted piece of 40c silk gauze, needles, and threader. The designs shown above are the newest in the *Erica Michaels Pettites Collection*. For more choices for your class project, go to <http://www.atticneedlework.com/classes/silkgauze.html>

We are also pleased to be exhibiting for the next several weeks *Erica Michaels' Shoe Box Show* (as opposed to "Trunk Show") ~ because these very charming designs from her *Pettites Collection* really are more shoe-box size rather than a trunk. You won't want to miss this very special exhibit.

### *Milady's Needle Workshop*

When: Monday, March 30, 9 - 4 p.m.

What: Acorn Box

Fee: \$55 (includes teaching fee, all finishing materials, including the lining, as well as lunch and *Kelmscott's* beautiful acorn accessory pieces, the threadkeep and the needleminder. The only thing you have to provide is a scissors ~ and you might be lucky enough to win one as a door prize!

Kit: \$30 The kit is available now for prestitching. It includes the linen, the Belle Soie, and the paper mache box.





We are so fortunate because Gloria Moore/Milady's Needle comes regularly to visit family in Sun City, and so we try to take advantage of her time here, and this year we have something very special planned once again: An all-day workshop (you will leave with this project finished! ~ if you have your part done, the prestitching). Here's a photo of Gloria's piece ~ but you can't see the sides of the beautifully embossed wee box, so another photo of the box, stuffed with my in-progress stitching. Please call or e-mail to register.

## What Else is New in the Shop

Here are the other six new reproductions from *Hawkins House* that we found in Nashville.

"Mary Williams 1849" (\$10)

"Charlotte Bickerton" (\$16)



"Ann Ward" (\$12)

"Hannah Holtby" (\$20)



"Sarah Beard 1880" (\$12)

"C. Garnett 1847" (\$16)



There's much more ~ but moments ago a phone call with some very difficult news has interrupted my thought process to the point that I must close for today. Please remember Kris and her family in your prayers.

Jean Lea

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