



- **Saturdays, April 1 & 15, 2 - 4 p.m., "Spring Rider."** This wonderful wool applique pillow was our retreat project this year, and a number of you have asked us to do it in the shop as well, so we will ~ just in time for Easter. Class fee, including the pattern, the stuffing, and all supplies to make this adorable bunny pillow, \$45.
- **Sunday, April 2, 1 - 5 p.m. , Treasures In The Attic ~ A Very Special Sunday Afternoon! ~ with Gloria Moore of *Milady's Needle*.** Gloria has designed a very special Pin Keep just for The Attic . Appropriately called *Treasures In The Attic*; this lovely Pin Keep is stitched on 36-count Magnolia Linen from *Lakeside Linens* (our favorite linen) using *Crescent Colours* (another Attic favorite). Gloria will teach several sampler stitches, including the Two-Sided Italian Cross, Queen Stitch, Diamond Eyelet, Alternating Back Stitch, Montenegrin Stitch, Rice Stitch, and Double Running Stitch during this 4-hour class. Finishing of the Pin Keep will be reviewed so that you will be able to finish this piece after all of your stitching is complete. The **class fee of \$50** will include your kit with all of the materials, the *Milady's Needle* chart, *Lakeside Linens* fabric, the *Crescent Colours* threads, finishing materials, and our favorite needle, as well as Gloria's instruction.
- A special Sunday-afternoon-only trunk show and an opportunity to meet Gloria and see all of her latest models.
- Another surprise visitor will join us for the afternoon! Sharon Crescent/*Crescent Colours* of Tucson will be with us as well.
- **Please call to register.** Class size is limited by the amount of space in our classroom. We hope you can join us for this special April Sunday afternoon from 1:00-5:00 p.m.
- **A photo will be available early next week ~ Gloria is designing this piece as we speak!**

PUNCH & COOKIE CLUB



The first "meeting" of the **Punch & Cookie Club** will be on **Saturday, April 22, 11:00-Noon**, and we will serve the punch and cookies. All preorders for the kit (\$12 for the chart, fabric + thread) will be available for you that morning, and a final opportunity to order the frame (\$14.50) at that time as well. We must place all frame orders before the end of April. After that the pattern and frame are retired! No fee to join the club ~ simply your agreement to purchase the kit each month. Any finishing product, such as the frame or a pillow, etc., is an "extra" and not required for purchase but will be exclusive to P&C members and will be available for a limited time each month.

Punchneedle Class ~ If you haven't done punchneedle yet and want to take a class, sign up for **that afternoon's class, April 22, from 2 - 4 p.m.** The \$50 class fee includes a new pin kit, your #3 needle, locking hoop, and Christy's expert instruction.

MAY 6th Special Classes



STRAWBERRY NEEDLECASE ~ Saturday morning, May 6, 9 ~ Noon
 EGA Master Craftsman Carolyn Webb will teach you how to put together this very uniquely designed needlecase featuring the "Jacob's ladder" ribbon finishing. You will also be able to see the other pieces Carolyn has designed for this set. Your workshop fee of \$55 includes all materials, 32-count linen and threads, for making this beautiful needlecase, including an alphabet for personalization on the back.

BUTTERFLY PIN & NEEDLEKEEP ~ Saturday afternoon, May 6, 2 ~ 5 p.m.
 With a few hours of prework for this charming butterfly-shaped needlework accessory, you will be ready to learn the finishing in this afternoon class with Carolyn. The kit includes five different butterflies to choose from, and the students will need to stitch just one of the butterflies as prework. The \$55 workshop fee again includes all materials for creating this adorable accessory for your needlework basket.

To allow Carolyn time for kit preparation and you time for the butterfly prework, please call to register very soon. Registration is limited because of our space limitations in our classroom.

The models for both of these lovely smalls are currently in the shop for you to see.

NEW IN THE SHOP

- Our stock of this wonderful sampler sewing roll, made from fabric designed by *Blackbird Designs*, sold out last week within hours of my hitting "Send," so we hurriedly placed a call to Alma and Barb, and yesterday we heard back from them with the good news that they had a few left. We've ordered all of their remaining stock, which is not very many, and all are already spoken for. Several of you ordered 1 in each color. All that remain are in the gold color. They're being shipped from Kansas today and should be here early next week.



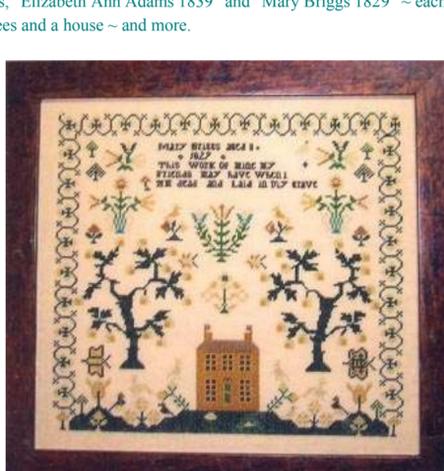
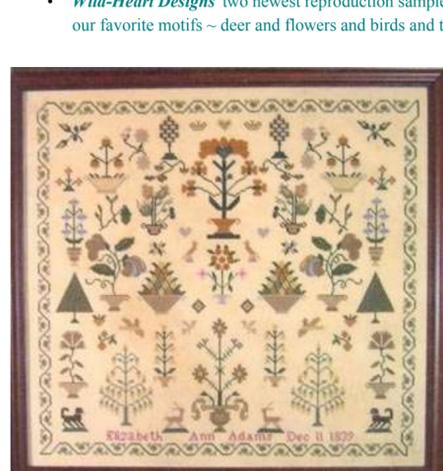
- Our **"Woolly Tyme" Club** is here! This is the first design in this series. When you sign up for the full year of monthly designs, you will receive "Woolly" (unstuffed), along with your first design package, which also includes the 28c linen and a brass charm, for \$26. Each month's subsequent design package is \$8. If you haven't signed up yet, now's the time to get this adorable sheep for your sofa!



- From *Fancy Work*, "The Lavender Rose Sewing Case" features rose motifs and a pocket for your scissors and covered rings for floss, as well as pages for your needles. You can create optional accessory pieces, a pinkeep and a scissors fob, using your favorite motifs ~\$15
- From *Primitive Traditions*, a beautiful handgrained frame packaged with a design that fits it perfectly on 40c ~ "American Log." ~ \$45.
- "Isabel's Giving Samplers," two tiny samplers by *Hands to Work* ~ your kit includes 2 graphs, 40c Vintage Palomino Linen by Lakeside Linens, acid-free foam core, a piece of hand-dyed wool for finishing, and a beautiful hand-grained frame by *Primitive Traditions* ~ \$24



- *Wild-Heart Designs'* two newest reproduction samplers, "Elizabeth Ann Adams 1839" and "Mary Briggs 1829" ~ each \$16 ~ two wonderful samplers with lots of our favorite motifs ~ deer and flowers and birds and trees and a house ~ and more.

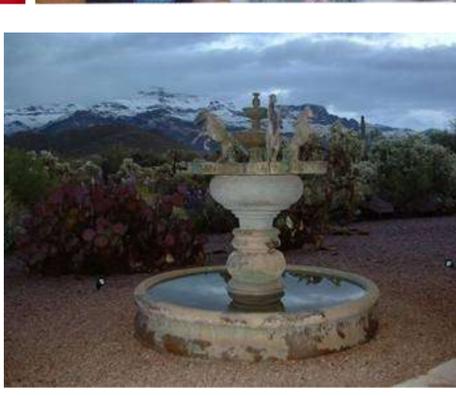
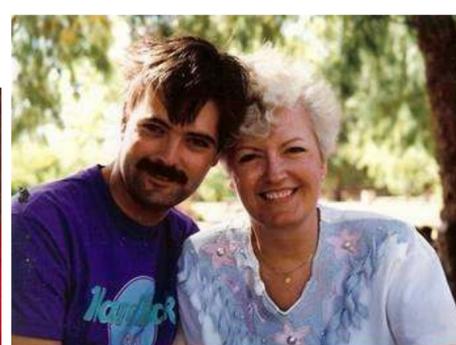
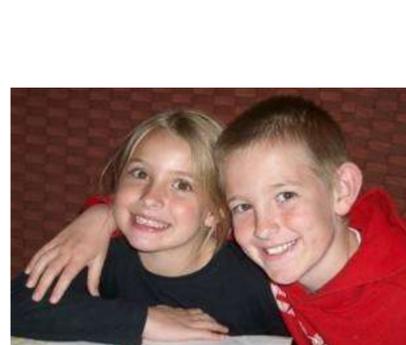


That brings me to the end of my time available this morning ~ a plane to catch in a few hours for a weekend meeting in the D.C. area, which will give me an opportunity on Sunday to visit the Woodlawn Plantation Needlework Exhibit and have lunch with Sue, a wonderfully creative needlework finisher and framer, and catch up on what she's been busy with. This weekend was spring break for our grandchildren, and so we took advantage of it and went to the movies earlier this week ~ "Shaggy Dog" ~ it was great! Here's Hannah and Tyler at dinner.

Today is a very special day in my life ~ it is the day that I celebrate in my heart every year since March 23, 1993, when I was reunited with my son, who was adopted at birth. He lives in the Phoenix metro area with his wife, Amy, and their very special children, and we are very blessed to be a part of their lives now, as well as his parents, grandparents, and other family ~ and to have them know our Wisconsin family as well.

Today is also a special day for another reason ~ because it is dear Betsy's birthday. If you're in the shop in the next day or so, wish her a happy birthday. This wonderful photo was taken on our trip to Butchart Gardens a few years ago.

And a few of today's photos is evidence that it really did snow in Phoenix a week or so ago! Thank you, Terry, for sharing your wonderful photographs with us.



Many of you are fans of *The Heart's Content* and Maureen Appleton's wonderful over-one "Splendors" and her many other incredible designs. If you have a moment, send her a card to 4440 Indian Trail, Green Bay, WI 54313 ~ she's recovering at home from emergency surgery, and I know she would love to hear from you. Our friends in the needlework community are always close at heart, and when any of you are going through difficult times, health problems, life changes, job changes, family challenges, you are in our thoughts and prayers ~ and we hope you find solace in your needlework. It brings such comfort always, and most especially when life isn't smiling for us.

Enjoy your week!

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