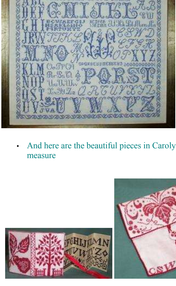
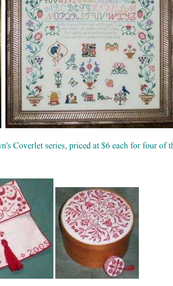
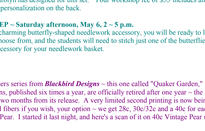
COMING TO *The Attic*, Saturday, May 6 – Wonderful Workshops with Designer and Teacher Carolyn Webb

Because of the few hours of prework for the Butterfly Pinkeep workshop, the kits are on their way, along with several of Carolyn's recent designs. We'll call you as soon as the kits arrive for your prework before May 6. Carolyn will be bringing her models with her for a Trunk Show while she's here, but here's a glimpse of what you have to look forward to:

- Two of her samplers, "Antique Alphabet" ($35), which is individualized and personalized for you by Carolyn, and "Friendship Sampler"

- And here are the beautiful pieces in Carolyn's Coverlet series, priced at $6 each for four of the pieces and $8 for the bag and box+tape measure



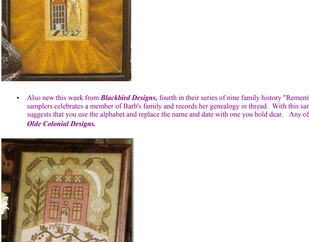
As you can see, you won't want to miss your chance to meet Carolyn and learn some new techniques as well as spend some time on the first Saturday in May with some wonderful needlewomen. Here again are the two classes being offered:

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 $35 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.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE SHOP

- The latest in the Loose Feathers series from ***Blackbird Designs*** – this one called "Quaker Garden," it's No. 19 in this "club." If you haven't joined yet, you're missing out. These $8 designs, published six times a year, are officially retired after one year – the last one. No. 18, "Strawberry Garden," was so popular that it was out of print in less than two months from its release. A very limited second printing is now being done for that one. No membership fees to join – and you may also order the fabric and fibers if you wish, your option – we get 28c, 30c/32c and a 40c for each design. We have ***R&R's*** 28c and 30c Green State Java and also ***Lakeside's*** 40c Vintage Pear. I started it last night, and here's a scan of it on 40c Vintage Pear using ***Gloriana's*** Luminescence instead of the WDW and GAST that is charted.



- And here's the next offering in the **Punch & Cookies Club** from ***Pine Mountain Designs***. These kits ($12) are published on a very limited basis as well, along with the frame/pillow/finishing – this months' frame is $18. The kit and frame are only available for sale to club members, and for about a 45-day period, after which we can no longer order either. The first gathering of our P&C Club will be on Saturday morning, April 22 – that's next Saturday! – at 11 a.m. You do not have to attend this gathering to be a club member. It's just an excuse for us go serve the cookies and punch for the Punch & Cookies Club! If you don't know how to "punch," Christy is teaching a class in the afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m. that will teach you all the things you need to know to do this fabulously fun and quick technique.

- The first of five in the virtue series from ***Carriage House Samplings/Kathy Barrick*** arrived yesterday! "Hope" is a redo from a now out-of-print series that was published several years ago by ***Chartmakers***. The new series ($7 each) will also have "Honor," "Love, "Faith," and "Charity" and the remaining four will be out in May. The gorgeous frame used is from ***Primitive Traditions/Cathy Campbell*** – they're on their way so that you can have these tiny quick-to-stitch designs framed and on your wall in no time. The model is stitched on 40c Autumn Gold from ***Lakeside.***

- Also new this week from ***Blackbird Designs,*** fourth in their series of nine family history "Remember Me" designs, "Merry Christmas Ella Vaughn." Each of these samplers celebrates a member of Barb's family and records her genealogy in thread. With this sampler, Barb adds her grandmother's home to the series. The chart suggests that you use the alphabet and replace the name and date with one you hold dear. Any of the samplers in this series also fit into the Heritage box from ***Olde Colonial Designs.***

- Speaking of ***Olde Colonial Designs***, after months of being on back order, a shipment arrived this week of the covered baskets that are essential for this gorgeous series from Pam Reed. I've shown you this before, but it's so beautiful, it bears repeating. "A Needlework Garden and Needlebook" also has two additional pieces in this series; Accessory 1 is the "Strip Basket Kit" and 2 is the "Thread Pallet Case" – no time this morning to scan those – I'll try to remember to do it next week. The chartpack for the basket includes the chart, lady bug button, needle, snap, lining material, template boards, wool felt, and all finishing instructions ($20) and the covered basket is $50.

- Also new this week, "Meadow Hills" ($10) from ***By the Bay Needleart,*** a charming design featuring many of our favorite elements, a deer, a white picket fence, a charming house, sheep on the hills, a lighthouse, a ship, flowers, wonderful trees, and a blue sky peppered with clouds.

COMING IN NOVEMBER
We showed you the photos last week and promised the schedule of classes and details this week, BUT that will have to wait another week, I'm afraid. We've had a huge response to the posting, and it's decision time now: limit the class to what our classroom can hold or find another spot to hold the classes. That all affects the pricing, so I'm sorry to disappoint – it will be another week for that information, and just in time for the arrival of the stitching instructions from Cathy Campbell. The kits do not include the fabric or fibers, so any of you who asked about changing the colors to match your decor will have no problem doing that.
Here again are the photos:

Time is up, time to be opening the shop for this Thursday of Holy Week. We, your friends at The Attic, wish you a very special Easter or Passover. We hope you have time to spend precious time with your family, those we all hold so dear.

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