

APRIL CLASSES at The Attic

Pineapple Saturday at The Attic aka "Welcome to our World"

Instructors: Christy (a.m.) and Debra (p.m.) Fees: \$20 (a.m.) and \$15 (p.m.)

These workshops will be rescheduled to a new date. Watch the newsletter for the information.



This most charming set of needlework accessories will be the focus on **Saturday, April 21**, beginning at **9:30 a.m.** when Christy will share her expertise in finishing for the pineapple pincushion, the needlebook, and the scrimshaw carriers. In the afternoon Debra will teach the beaded fob, and Debra is anxious to share with you the tips and tricks she learned at the Nashville beading class she took that will make **the flat peyote beading as easy as cross stitch!** You may spend the day with us or morning or afternoon, your choice. The materials for these workshops are included in complete kits from **Fern Ridge Collections**, priced as follows: Needlebook - \$30; Smalls (includes the pincushion and scrim holders) - \$26; Basket Lining - \$16; Beaded Fob - \$36. The basket itself is \$60 and the set of scrimshaw is \$90. You may choose to do any or all of these kits for this workshop. Call to register as soon as possible so that we are sure to have enough kits available for all.

Punchneedle

Instructor: Christy

Saturday, April 28, 2 - 4 p.m.

One 2-Hr. Class

Fee: \$50 (includes all materials)



Christy's back from Australia and ready to teach another class in 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).

Sampler of the Month



Our shipment of more hornbook chartpacks arrived on Monday, so don't delay in ordering April's Sampler of the Month. The "Sampler Hornbook" (\$24) is from Pam Schmidt of *The Prairie Sampler*. I stitched our model on hand-dyed Muffin 29-count Glenshee with the new **Belle Soie** from *Crescent Colours* in Rose of Sharon. If you'd prefer to stitch this charming little sampler in the five colors called for by the designer, red, green, brown, gold, and black, here's a scan of five beautiful **Belle Soie** silks for your sampler.

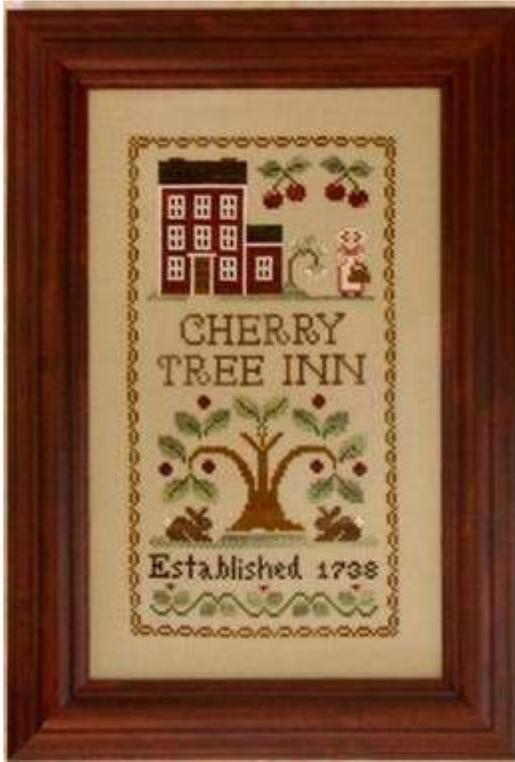


Mark your calendars for **Sunday, May 6, at 1:40 p.m.**, for the 2nd Annual Stitch 'n Pitch game, this year between our Arizona Diamondbacks and the New York Mets. Bring your family and your needlework and help us reach our goal of putting the Diamondbacks at the top of this joint effort between Major League Baseball and our trade association, TNNA, The National Needlearts Association. Thanks to the very cooperative effort of the Arizona Diamondbacks organization, tickets are available at a special price of \$15 each, with seating in the Infield Reserve section. In addition to enjoying the game while enjoying your most favorite pastime, each Stitch N' Pitch attendee will receive a tote bag stuffed full of goodies from participating needlework organizations/vendors. Call now to reserve your tickets. Tickets will be available at the shop next week. You may also purchase tickets directly from the Diamondbacks online at www.dbacks.com/ticketspecials or by calling 602.514.8400.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE SHOP



Just in, new threadpacks from *Crescent Colours+Little House Needleworks*: "Believe" in the Scripture Series and "Plums" in the Fruit Series, each \$12 ~ still the best buy in the shop ~ each chartpack comes with 5 full skeins of hand-dyed floss and the design. The Scripture Series has been so popular that it has been extended beyond its original six.



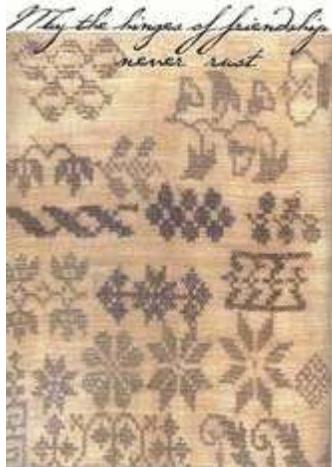
And on their way, arriving on Monday, two wonderful designs from *Diane/Little House Needleworks* ~ "The Sampler Lady" and "Cherry Tree Inn" ~ each chart \$7. I can't wait to stitch "The Sampler Lady"! She certainly represents a great many of us.



"Life's a stitch!"

"So many precious projects, so precious little time!"

"Stitch 'n bitch . . ."



"May the hinges of friendship never rust."

An Attic exclusive, notecards that are simply perfect for dropping a note to your needlework friends, from the creativity of *Vickie Jennett/NeedleWorkPress* ~ each one is blank on the inside ~ card + envelope, \$2.50 each.



Shipping to us very soon, possibly next week, the newest items from *Susan/Historic Stitches* and *Liberty Hill*: "Remember Me Box" (\$43) with 3 tiny thread winders plus the chart and finishing instructions to personalize the box-bottom lining. The box measures approximately 3.25 inches by 2.5 inches by 1.5 inches tall. The box lining is stitched on 40c hand-dyed linen. A perfect token of remembrance for a special friend. AND a wonderful "Americana Thread Board" (\$33) featuring a classic American folk art scene decorated with a flag!

These items were shown on the online **Needlework Show** that was scheduled to run starting April 18 through the 23rd. However, the server crashed and simply could not handle the volume. The show is being moved to its own server and is expected back up in a week or so. As soon as I know the dates, I will include it here because this is a show you will definitely want to view. In the short time I was able to access it, I saw some wonderful new things ~ in addition to those shown above from *Historic Stitches*, more good things from *The Chatelaine/Martina Weber* at **European Cross Stitch**, from *The French Needle*, and, finally available to U.S. shops, the very popular *Jan Houtman Samplers* being exhibited at the show by **Naald en Draad** from the Netherlands. There's also new designs from *My Big Toe Designs* ~ and much, much more that I wasn't able to access after the server crashed. I'll keep you posted on the new dates.

From Sandy's Framing Studio

It's always a thrill to see what emerges from Sandy's room when she's finished with your beautiful needlework. We see some exquisite pieces almost daily, and this week was no exception. Here's a few examples:



Kay's exquisite "Aviary Sampler," so beautiful that I wish you could see it in person because photography just doesn't do it justice. And Victoria's "Peace" from the *Little House Needlework* Scripture Threadpack Series (**Please note:** I was so anxious to show you this that I didn't give Sandy time to mount this and frame it. It's just laying on a chair with the frame over it; thus, the uneven margins!) And Betsy's "Meadow Hills" from *By The Bay*. Betsy has kindly loaned this to the shop for a bit so that you can see this one in person!

Our Customers Share

Here's Molly with her beautiful "Sonne Spotte" from *Long Dog Samplers*. She's stitching this on 40c Vintage Green Slate, and it is so beautiful! Again, the photography is not giving you the true picture here, no pun intended. The close-up photo looks much grayer than the fabric really is. And then, more beautiful examples of students' French alphabet samplers that they've designed themselves using the wonderful alphabet books available.





ALICE is making another Wonderland of Ornaments

Today dear Alice brought in her first 25 donations for this year's **10th Annual Silent Auction for Breast Cancer Research**, scheduled for Saturday evening, **November 17, 6 - 8 p.m.** A breast cancer survivor herself, Alice each year donates so many handmade items that last year we had Alice's wall! You may have seen it, with over 40 of her exquisite creations, all beautifully finished or framed. As you can see, she's off to another amazing start. Mark your calendars for this special November evening so that you can take home some of these lovely items made especially for you by Alice.



Thursday night at The Attic ~ a tradition that has been going on for over a quarter of a century now. Wow! That's a sobering thought. Here's last night's group, having a good laugh over something I can't share here, but they were having a grand time! And that's a wonderful thing about needlework and needlewomen. What would we do without either?!



We hope it is finally Springtime to stay wherever you are ~ and that the snow and wind and Nor'easters are gone for this season. We're having perfectly fabulous weather. I hope it stays like this till July ~ but then everyone would want to live here, and that would not be a good thing!

With warm regards from all of us at The Attic,

Jean Lea

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