



This is the first in America's patriotic holiday weekends of this summer season and because of that there are no special activities at The Attic this weekend, and to give us all time to recognize the holiday, Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, the shop will be closed on Monday.

**NEW IN THE SHOP**

Our *Just\*Nan* automatic arrived this week, with LOTS of wonderful projects:

- The first row of pictures shows all of the variations that can be done with "Mermaid Hearts" with its wonderful Mermaid's Treasure, not available separately ~ mounted in the ShowOff Frame with the dusty blue mat and then shown in the WhimZi Sea Horse Frame
- The second row displays, first, the "Summer in the Square" with its Summer Bees Gold Vision Charm and THEN a limited edition chartpack, "Flower Girls," with its WhimZi Frame with hand-painted lavender butterfly embellishing the frame



We have LOTS of new and exciting fabrics to tell you about:

- 28c Rose/White Gingham fabric in .5-inch squares ~ here shown with *Gloriana's* Luminescence ~ next to a new design from *The Needle's Content* called "Texan Welcome," made originally as a hostess gift by the designer for a friend living in Texas. Shown in the natural/cream gingham with red, when the new rose/white gingham arrived almost on the same day as the design, we couldn't resist showing it to you like this, with the solid rose 28c Milan linen as well ~ many of us want to wear these linens, they're so beautiful!



- Also in 28c, the beautiful Antique Yellow from Zweigart, with the orange line in the selvage identifying it as Zweigart fabric
- AND, not to be overlooked, something fabulous ~ 18c LINEN Aida! It's soft and lovely, as all linen is, and the answer for those who want the look of linen while staying in their comfort zone with aida
- And finally we have all of the fabric colors for the flip-flop series ("Always Summer 1, 2 and 3") from *The Cricket Collection* so that you may begin this summertime project ~ the complete fabricpak for all 12 of the designs on 6.5 x 8.5 cuts of 30c hand-dyed linen is discounted 20% at \$28.80. We have the buttonpaks for all, the spacer buttons (those that go between the "foot" of the flipflop and the ribbon to allow the space for your foot, as if these were part of your wardrobe and not part of your decor) ~ and we will be getting the ornament tree and ribbons and foam as well for a complete finishing package.



- And NEW in the shop as well, what is my current favorite linen, 45c Vintage Exemplar from *Lakeside Linens*, shown below as I use it to begin a favorite sampler from *Paulette Stewart/Plum Street Samplers*, "My Handworke," a favorite because I love Paulette's verse:

My handworke remains for my friends to behold  
I cannot take it up When my body lies cold.  
For I go to a place Where no moth can consume  
Nor dust soil my theads, no 'tis not in the tomb ...  
My soul will arise To my FATHER above  
And I pray HE permits me (in very tiny letters over one) more handworke to love.



**NEW SHOP MODELS**

- Thank you, Bunny, for your loan of a lovely pillow from one of our favorite designers, *Linda/Chessie & Me*, a chartpack that comes with the 32c hand-dyed linen and wool for the roses, "Rosey Alphabet Pincushion" ~ the photograph on the outside doesn't display the beauty of this little design. Bunny made several for friends and one for herself, with exquisite finishing.
- "Bill's Buddies," a punchneedle design (\$29) that comes with the design transferred to the weaver's cloth, punched by our inimitable Vickie ~ thank you, dear Vickie, for loaning us your FABULOUS finish, even though it's "unfinished" ~ a special design not only because of all of its wonderful creatures but also because it doesn't matter which way you turn it, it's right side up!



- Two new framings from Sandy's framing haven, *Little House Needleworks'* "Acorns & Pines," stitched by Cindy on 29c Glenshee over 1 with *Crescent Colours* in the perfect frame, we think, with its carved oak leaves surrounding the design ~ and *The Samplar Workes/Page Dorsey's* "Petite Mexican Sampler" ~ I know I've shown you this before but not in its most perfect frame that looks like it's made from wood found in an old Mexican building. The 48c Light Exemplar from *Lakeside Linens* just arrived and we will be shipping this out to a number of you shortly, as soon as the next shipment of *Au Ver A'Soie's Soie De Paris* arrives.



Time to be off to the shop so that I may leave early to participate in a very special celebration of Grandson Tyler's 9th birthday! It's a family weekend for sure for us, beginning yesterday with Granddaughter Hannah's graduation from kindergarten ~ photos of her and some of her classmates as they recited the Pledge of Allegiance, the Christian Flag Pledge, the Bible Pledge, and then the Kindness Pledge and a photo as Hannah received her packet of awards and completion certificate with her wonderful teacher, Mrs. Clark.



And tomorrow, Saturday, a wedding in my son's adoptive family! What's May without a wedding? I'll share a photo or two next week.

I will be happy to spend time with my Arizona family this weekend because I will be missing those I hold so dear in Wisconsin. It is still a wonderful tradition in that small town in middle America to decorate the graves of the veterans who spent part of their life in the service of our country and, as a result, the cemeteries in Watertown will be graced with flags marking each veteran's gravesite. And the day will begin with a very solemn ceremony on the Main Street bridge over the Rock River, with a 21-gun salute and a red/white/blue wreath tossed into the river to honor all who have so faithfully served.

In December 2000 a resolution was passed regarding a National Moment of Remembrance, which asked that at 3 p.m. local time all Americans voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence. It is surely something most appropriate today, with many soldiers and their families sacrificing so much in the name of freedom and liberty around the world. To read more about the history of Memorial Day, go to <http://www.usmemorialday.org/backgrnd.html>

Shown below, a photo taken last year on our Wisconsin May trip, our father's grave with its flag ~ and a very moving flag tribute, a photo taken in Tempe several years ago as a display of flags was erected to honor those we lost on September 11, 2001.



Enjoy your holiday.

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