

## BULLETIN ~ BULLETIN ~ BULLETIN!

Come and stitch with **Ann Petit** of *BrightNeedle* on **Thursday night, June 14, 6 - 7:30 p.m.** Ann is in Arizona this week following a needlework event this past weekend and her train doesn't leave from Flagstaff until very early on Friday morning, so she's agreed to join us at **The Attic** for a few hours on Thursday night, teach us a new stitch on this lovely "Pumpkin Flowers" needlecase, and stitch with us! She's also brought a dozen or so models of their designs, along with charts. The kit for the "Pumpkin Flowers" needlecase includes everything you will need for this charming design: 32c hand-dyed Magnolia from *Lakeside Linens*, threads, lining fabric, interfacing, and doctor's cloth for the needlebook pages. The finishing instructions include a unique (at least it is to me) method of attaching the lining fabric to the linen, all done from the outside! The kit cost is \$20. **Please call to register.** Kits are very limited, but we will take orders and she will ship more when she gets home.



## Coming this summer to The Attic ~

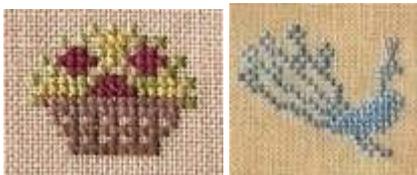
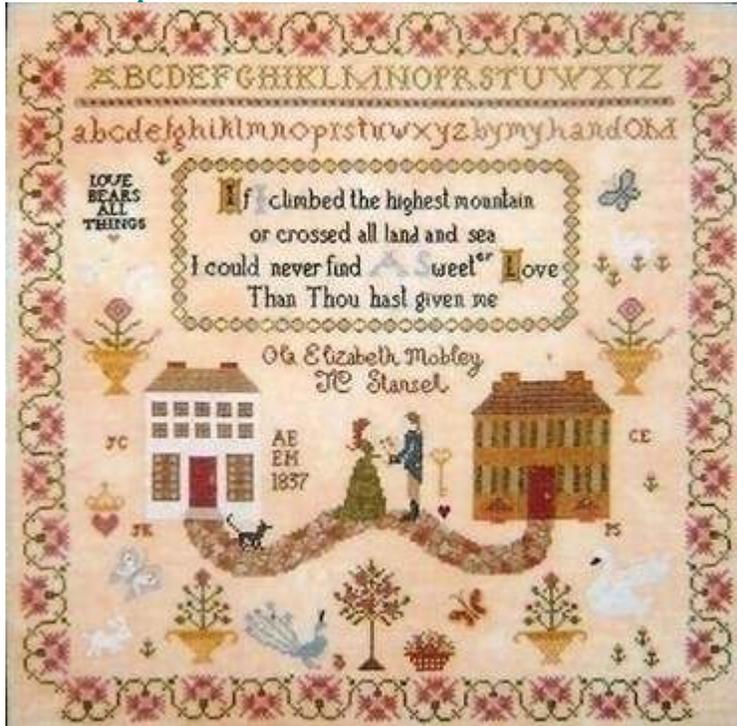
Now that the long, hot summer is upon us, it's time for our favorite way of dealing with our Arizona heat: stay inside where it's cool and stitch under the fans! Here's some of what we have planned for you:

- **Ladies Night Out, a/k/a Friday Night Pizza Party ~ June 29, 7 - 11 p.m., \$15.** Phone registration opens **Friday morning, June 15, at 9:30 a.m.** Prepayment must be made by close of business on **Thursday, June 21**.
- Trunk Show from *JBW Designs* ~ It's here! See a few photos later in this eNewsletter and more next time (this one got too large!)
- **Flat-Fold Finishing** with Christy (**Saturday, June 30 ~ \$40 includes instruction, text, and finishing materials**)
- Beading a Fob in Peyote Stitch with Debra (date to be determined)
- **Punch Needle** with Christy (**Saturday, June 23 ~ \$50 includes instruction, kit, #3 punch needle, and hoop**)
- Sampler Sunday with Jean (June's date, because of Father's Day, will be the fourth Sunday, June 24)
- A Beautiful Biscornu ~ it's not a delicacy or a French pastry but a French adjective meaning complicated and bizarre ~ come see how fun and easy this is!
- *The Waterfield Band Sampler* Study Group ~ we'll try to schedule a start date while we still have the designer's beautiful model here. Thank you, Page Dorsey!

## Coming in September ~ A Very Special Sunday Afternoon

Mark your calendars now because you will want to be at **The Attic** on **Sunday afternoon, September 9** (time to be announced) when we will be privileged to host a "Live Trunk Show" featuring three of the most talented women in our industry: *Country Cottage Needleworks'* Nikki Leeman, *Crescent Colours'* Sharon Crescent, and *Little House Needleworks'* Diane Williams. These three ladies add such a great deal of pleasure to our pastime with their charming designs and wonderful products, and you ain't seen nothin' yet! They have some very special and exciting new things in the works that will be available for you in September, so don't miss it! There is **no fee** for this very special event, but **please call to register** so that we know how many refreshments will be needed.

## June's Sampler of the Month



"A Sweeter Love" from *Paulette Stewart* of *Plum Street Samplers*. It's so nice to hear that many of you have also fallen in love with this sampler, and I'm sure that you will enjoy stitching it as much as I am. It's one of those that I just don't want to put down. Here's a bit more of my progress:



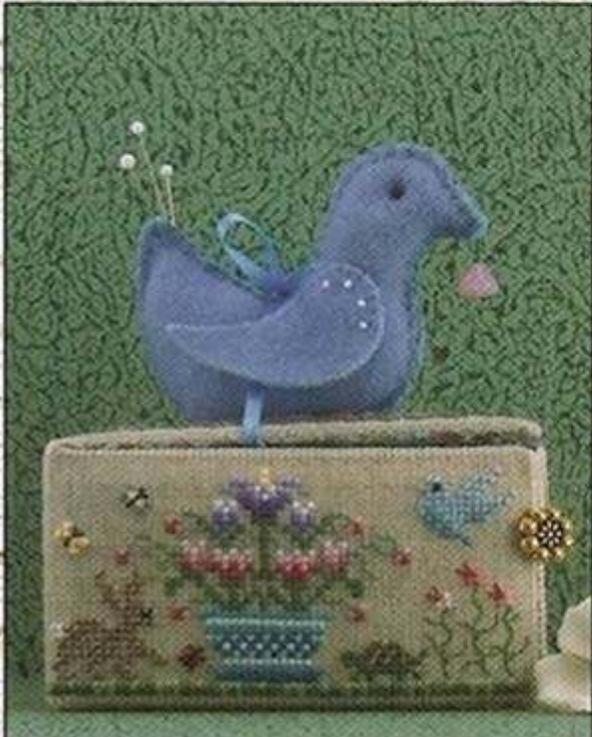
Our model is being stitched on 40c Vintage Sand Dune with *Crescent Colour's* Belle Soie. While I love NPI silk, I wanted to enjoy the color changes of overdyes, especially while stitching the border, so I've used Attic Tea for the green there and have been selecting the Belle Soie colors as I go. I'll have a conversion completed very soon. During June save 15% on the chart (\$12), a cut of *Lakeside Linen* (\$17 - \$20, depending on the count/size of the cut), *Crescent Colour's* Belle Soie (\$5.50/skein), or *NPI* silk (\$4/skein). The design uses 27 NPI colors; our model is using somewhat less in the Belle Soie. We'll show you another scan of the model's progress next time. The verse is just one of the things that is so special: "If I climbed the highest mountain or crossed all land and sea I could never find A Sweeter Love Than Thou hast given me."

**What's New in the Shop ~ and Coming!**

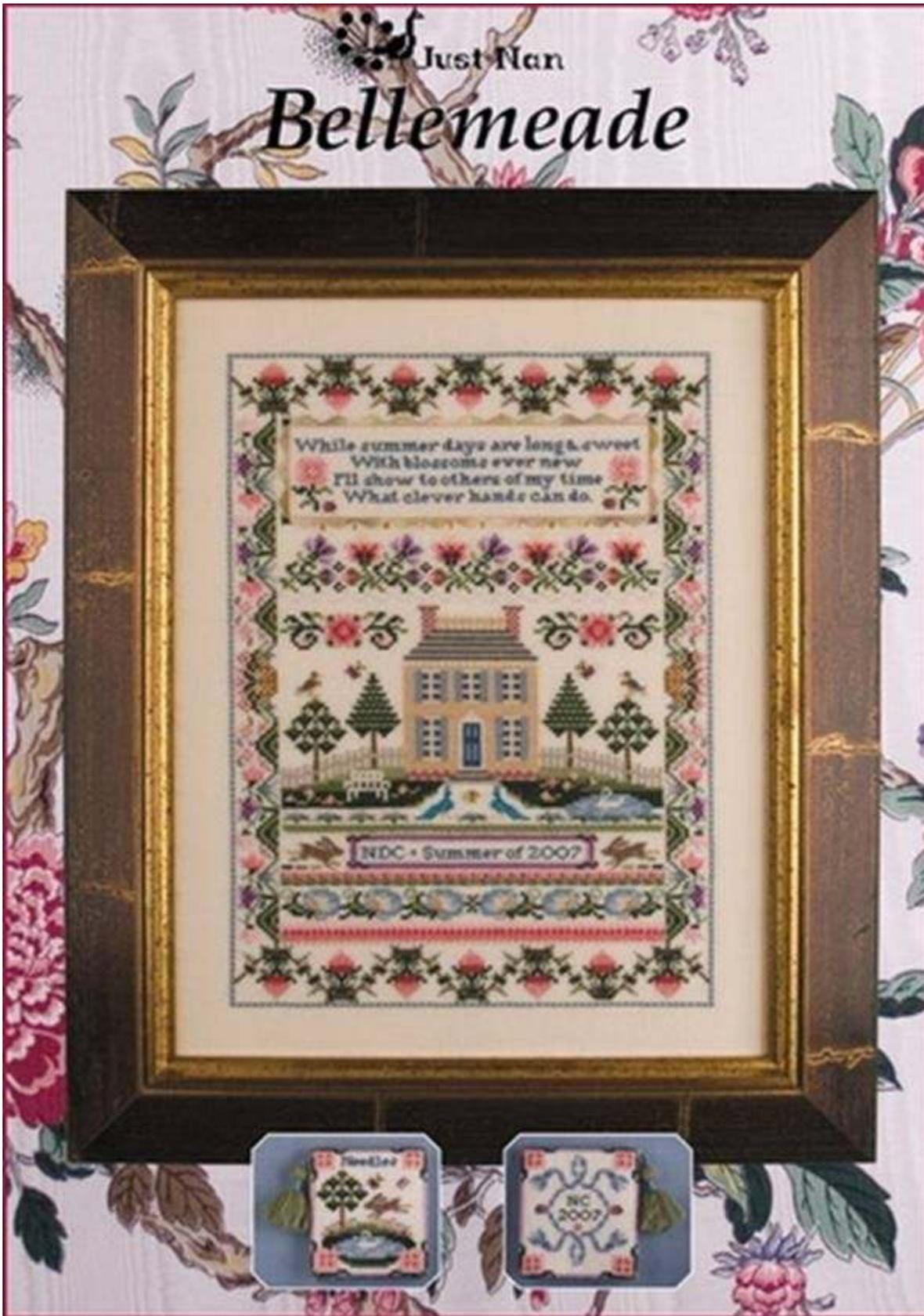
Well, where to begin? With the Columbus needlework market behind us and orders pouring in from that, as well as shipments from vendors who didn't attend, we have so much to tell you about, it won't all fit in today's edition, but we'll get in as much as we can.

From *Just\***Nan***, two of her best ever! Both are limited editions. We are taking reservations now, with an anticipated arrival date of June 22 or, at the worst, June 26.

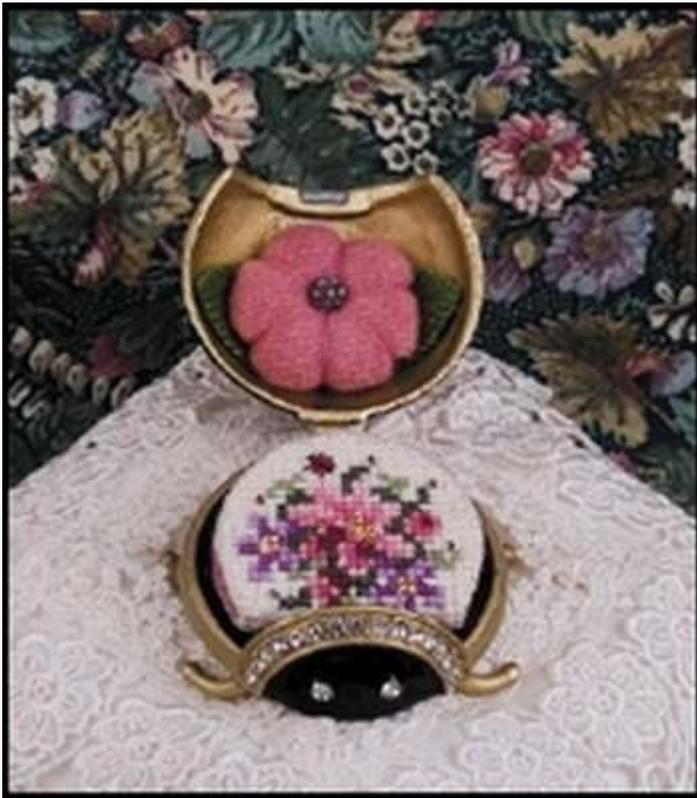
- First, the "Queen's Bluebird Box" (\$46), a **very** limited edition kit (all were sold out at the Columbus market to the shops attending the market). The kit includes the graph, instructions, embellishments, chipboard templates, **and** the finishing materials. The model is stitched on 32c Flax Belfast with *A Ver A'Soie's Soie d'Alger*. We're also taking reservations on the silk thread kit (\$74).



- And then her most beautiful manor house yet, "Bellemeade," surrounded by a gorgeous strawberry border and featuring floral bands and many of our favorite sampler creatures, rabbits and birds and a swan. Her model is stitched on 30c Cameo Shell Legacy linen with *A Ver A'Soie's Soie d'Alger*. The sampler's verse: "While summer days are long and sweet With blossoms ever new I'll show to others of my time What clever hands can do." The silk thread kit (\$117.50) includes the silks and wools for the sampler + enough thread to stitch the beautiful needlecase that is also included in the chart. The needlecase is pictured below with its swan on the front.



- We were also able to get in a few more of the limited edition *Lady Scarlet's Secret Garden Kit* with its charming enamel ladybug that opens to reveal a tiny stuffed pincushion in its lid and a tiny folding needlework that fits into the bottom half. Your kit (\$50) includes the graph, instructions, linen, finishing materials, embellishments, and, of course, Lady Scarlet herself!



● *Manor*, designer of "And A Forest Grew" and, most recently, "Inspiration," more beautiful designs for your needle! As with others Karen has published, the "ABC Tapestry" (\$24) includes, in addition to the large sampler, several smaller projects, shown below as well: a bellpull using some of the letters, and the "opening" square from the larger design, shown in two different colorways.

>From *Rosewood*



Also from *Rosewood Manor*, two more bellpulls, "Claret" and "Lillies" (each \$9). We also have the bellpull hardware shown (\$4 or, with the corded hanger, \$10). If you'd rather have these framed, Sandy has some gorgeous new mouldings in stock from which to choose.



We love visiting with the creative ladies of *Fern Ridge Collections* and seeing their designs in person. As many of you know after seeing their trunk show here last month, many of their things have to be seen to be appreciated. They are gifted artists with an incredible sense of humor, as you will see in one of their new designs that they call "Collage Collection." This is a fabric "book" whose pages are embellished with stitching and your favorite buttons and sundries like scissors and thimble holder, a needlebook and tuffet pincushion, a page with "Pearls of Wisdom" that, of course, includes pearls and words of wisdom, a page with a rock and a place to keep your paper scissors (get it?! It took me a while . . . rock, paper, scissors) a pocket to tuck your tape measure with a musical "measure" on the outside of the pocket, a place to tuck your mints and wet-ones, and a page to include a photograph of you and your friends. The kit comes complete with all of the embellishments **plus** the gorgeous fabric that acts as the base for the pages. The kit is only \$56!!!! For all of that! I'm still waiting, Jan, for photos of the inside pages. Also new from FRC, three new beaded fob kits: Sneaky Kitty (\$36), Maggy the Mermaid (\$36), and Under the Willow (\$24), with its matching needlebook (\$30). As soon as this order comes, we'll schedule Debra's beaded fob class so that you have a wide choice for your class project.



There's much, much more that will have to wait for another day because it's time for me to get to work on our mail orders. We've been VERY busy in the shop these past five days with many needleworkers in from out of town for a special needlework event in the area and with more than a quarter of our staff away on vacation or unavailable because of house guests. It's been a pleasure meeting a number of our e-mail customers for the first time and putting names with faces, and seeing others again who have visited us in the past. We've had a great time showing them our newest models and treasures in our Attic. Thank you to all of you who came to visit.

They got to see the marvelous *JBW Designs* trunk show in person, and I know photographs cannot do these models justice, but I hope you get a sense of how lovely these designs are. We'll show you more photos next time, including one of the black toile apron peeking out of the right edge of the right photograph, which also comes in red and green toile.



I'll be back in touch later in the week.

Jean Lea

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