

It's not Friday yet ~

~ but there is so much new coming into the shop that I can't wait till Friday! And, besides, I won't have access to my computer on Friday because I'll be away for a few days for a special family get-together in Utah celebrating a very special anniversary. It's a surprise right now to some, so I won't say any more, but no doubt I'll have photos to share in next week's eNewsletter. In the meantime, there will be no one receiving, reading, or answering e-mails until the weekend. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

Some of our Summer Classes



Wavy Flag Fob/Bracelet ~ One Class ~ Saturday, June 23, 10:30 - 12:30 p.m.

Instructor: Linda Fee: \$40 (includes all materials)

How about a FOBulous way to commemorate the 4th of July? Join Linda for this class and learn not only the peyote stitch but also the secret technique to make your flag fob/bracelet WAVE. The price for this class includes all of your materials.



Punchneedle ~ One 2-Hr. Class ~ Saturday, June 23, 2 - 4 p.m.

Instructor: Christy Fee: \$50 (includes all materials)

Have you tried punch needle yet? There are some fabulous new patterns in the shop that will make you want to learn 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).



Flat Fold Finishing ~ One Class ~ Saturday, June 30, 1:30 - 4:30

p.m.

Instructor: Christy

Fee: \$40 (includes text & finishing materials)

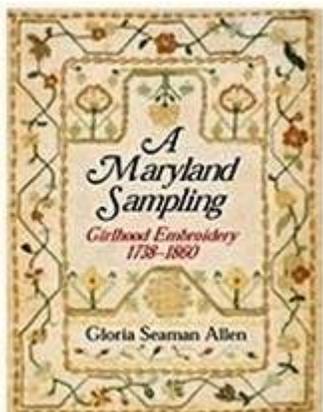
This unique finishing technique for stand-ups can be applied to many designs. Bring your stitched piece along with your chosen backing fabric to class, and Christy will teach us (I hope to be a student as well ~ Yikes!) this finishing technique that is especially wonderful for Holiday (including patriotic ones and Halloween) decorations ~ when the holiday is over, these are easily stored in a box. The class text, *The Flat-Fold*, a finishing book by Judy Odell, is included with your fee.



Beginning Linen ~ One 2-Hr. Class ~ Saturday, July 7, 10:30-12:30

Instructor: Linda Fee: \$30 (includes all materials)

Here we are, into our long, hot summer ~ a great time to brush up on your needlework skills! Make this beautiful geranium bookmark that is the class project in Linda's Beginning Linen class where you will learn important and useful techniques, with the classic book "Linen Stitches" serving as the class text. You will learn basic techniques and a wonderful edge finishing stitch, the nun's stitch, as well as stitching with overdyed threads. Join Linda for a fun-filled 2 hours with lots of tips!



Sampler Sunday ~ June 24, 1:00-4:00 p.m. ~ Fee: \$10

Postponed from our usual third-Sunday-of-the-month time because of Father's Day, we will get together once again to spend the afternoon sampler-making, as I imagine was done hundreds of years ago whenever ladies got together in the

parlor, only we will be in our classroom, and the topic for the day will be Maryland samplers, in anticipation of the long-anticipated new book by Gloria Seaman Allen entitled *A Maryland Sampling ~ Girlhood Embroidery 1738 - 1850*. We tried to time this topic when the book was actually available, but now the publication has been postponed once again, this time to August, and we can't wait any longer. If you wish to reserve a copy of this limited edition 400-page cloth-bound book, please let us know. We have a number of them on order. Please join us for a lovely Sunday afternoon with a wonderful group of ladies, and please bring your show-and-tell pieces to share, finished or in progress, a part of the afternoon that we all look forward to. **Please call to register.**

June's LADIES NIGHT OUT

Our summer Pizza Party, a/k/a Ladies Night Out, a/k/a Lock-In is scheduled for **Friday night, June 29, from 7:00-11:00 p.m.** At this time the reservations list is full, but we are taking names on the Waiting List. Life happens and often one or two reservations are cancelled. Additionally, we're having a special guest stitch with us for the evening. And don't forget, it's a red-white-and-blue night, so if you have something in that color scheme, it would be great to see you wear it! It will look awesome for the photos!

Coming this summer to **The Attic**

- Beading a Fob in Peyote Stitch with Debra (date to be established when the new *Fern Ridge Collection* fobs are here)
- 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



Don't forget to register if you plan to be with us 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, *Little House Needleworks'* Diane Williams, and *Crescent Colours'* Sharon Crescent. These three ladies add so much enjoyment 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.

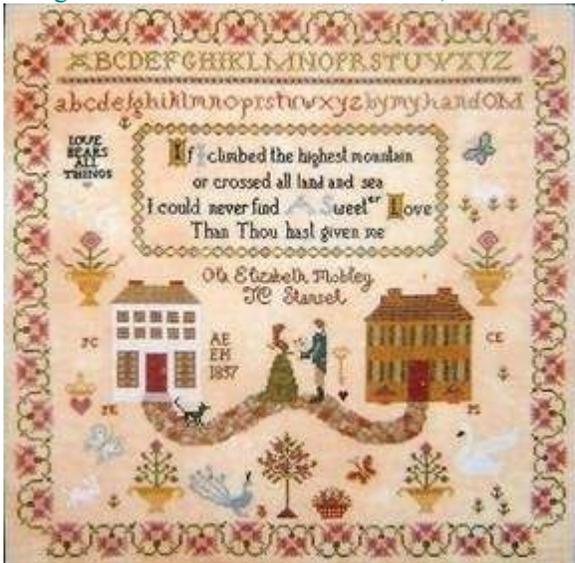
June's Sampler of the Month ~ "A Sweeter Love" from *Paulette Stewart* of *Plum Street Samplers*

Here's my progress the past few days to add to the sampler elements previously shown (a newsletter every few days doesn't give me enough time to show you much!) ~





And here's Paulette's cover photo again. I'd hoped to have enough stitched to have completed the silk conversion that I'm doing to *Crescent Colours'* Belle Soie, but that will have to wait another week.



NEW IN THE SHOP

From *The Workbasket*, four new charts (\$11 each): "Faith, Hope and Love" ~ "Quaker Teddy Bears" ~ "Quilt Border" ~ "Fraktur Flower"



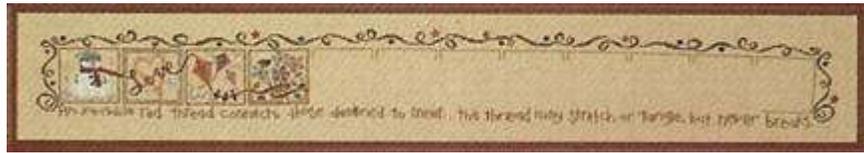


With her inimitable sense of humor showing in her "Exhumeplary Collection," here's "Tillie Figg 1807" and "Amos Figg 1808" (\$8 each) with their respective inscriptions:

"Dear Reader" Pass on, There is Naught here to see. Tend to those who are Living and leave the Dead be" and "Dear Tillie, O wyfe I could not pass by: The Lord showed His mercy Now here we both lie."



Bent Creek's latest in their "Red Thread" Snappers, "Smell the Flowers" (\$4.50) and their "Summer Ewe" kit (\$20) that's part of their "other" Ewe kit series.



Heart in Hand's "Hodgepodge Hearts" (\$4) ~ "Grand Old Flag" (\$4) ~ "Friendship Endures" (\$4)



From *Scholehouse for the Needle*, a beautiful reproduction featuring a house with a porch, "Laura Ann Ludington - 1828" (\$15)



And some wonderful hand-painted sampler pins, each \$28 except the last one with the detailed pastoral scene, which is \$35.



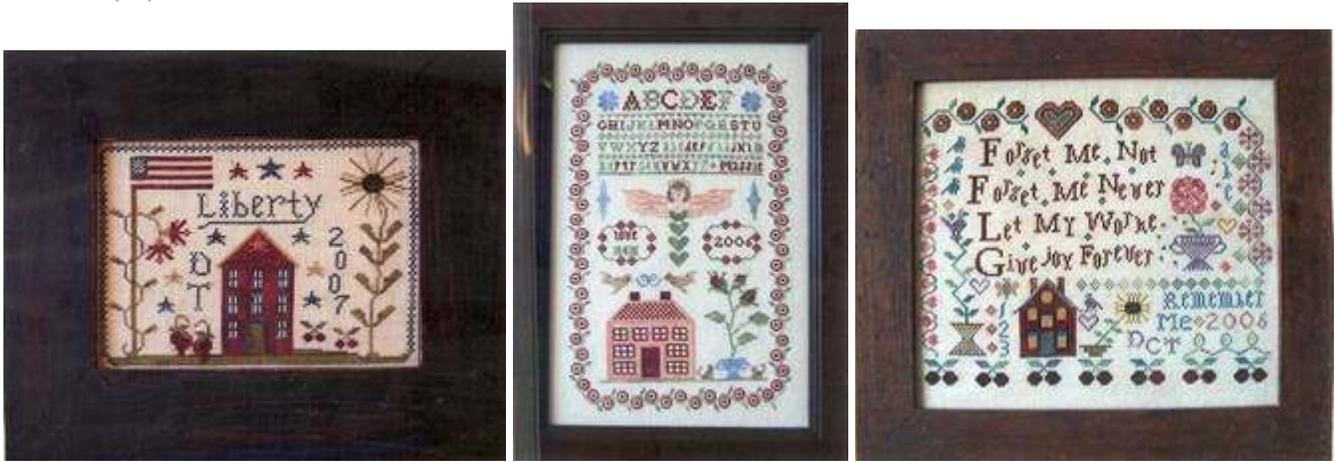
Threadpacks from **Little House Needleworks+Crescent Colours**: First, "Hope" (\$12), with its threads scanned on 40c Vintage Pear. The beautiful Hydrangea and Blooming Crocus border we feel need a darker fabric to adequately be "seen" ~ and "Summer Sampler" (\$15.50) with the lovely shades of Belle Soie scanned on 40c Vintage Bittersweet.



And the first in a new threadpack series from **Praiseworthy Stitches+Crescent Colours**, this one called "Birthday Birds" (\$12) with its threadpack scanned on 40c Vintage Pear. You can see the cute little birds are not actually quite so canary yellow but rather "Golden Star"! And a new design from **Prairie Grove Peddler**, "Patriotic Sampler" and a scan of **Belle Soie** Ocean Tide on 40c Vintage Exemplar.



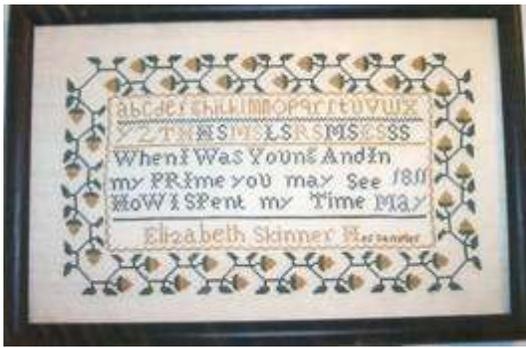
Deborah/Midsummer Night Designs has a wonderful new "Liberty" (\$7) as well as "Maggie's Sampler" (\$9) and "Forget Me Not" (\$8).



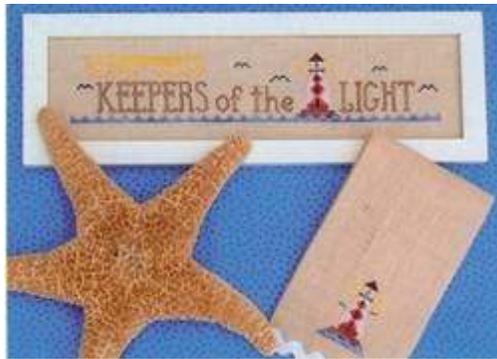
One of the many highlights of the TNNA Needlework Market in Columbus, seeing Pam/Wild-Heart Designs' "Spanish Casket" ~ and, as always, this is even more stunning and beautiful in person, mounted in a gorgeous "casket" from Olde Colonial Designs, for which I don't yet have a price. The wood is black with gold trim.

Next to that, "Friend & Fob," (\$17) featuring a beautiful scissors fob and the very useful tool Pam call's "Stitcher's Friend," to help you in starting a new project, using it to measure your starting point in the upper left (or right) corner, with markings for 1 inch, 2 inches, or 3 inches. Also, "Elizabeth Skinner 1811," a reproduction sampler (\$8) and "Quirky Quips #2 Camp Grandma" (\$8).

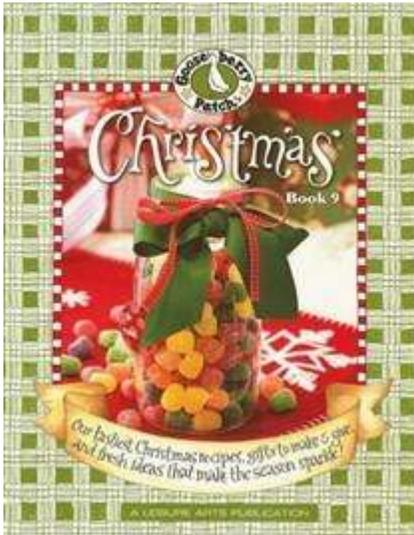




"Lighthouse Sampler" (\$15) from *By the Bay Needleart* ~ notice how cleverly the landscape continues from lighthouse to lighthouse. And totally stepping out of her box, bet you can't guess who the next two are from? "Keepers of the Light" (\$7) and "Beachy Keen" (\$7.50) are from *Sandra Sullivan/Homespun Elegance!* As is "Autumn" (\$9.75 including charms) and Sandra's newest series she cleverly calls "Meowry Tyme" with the project pack and pattern for the stuffed cat sold separately (\$16) and the "July & August" Meowry Tyme" charts combined (\$9.60 includes charms) ~ each chart will contain two months ~ the cover photo shows two options: framed or hanging as a banner around Meowry Tyme's neck.



Two new whimsical tape measures to add to your needlework tools, Ladybug Tape Measure and crocheted Birthday Cake Tape Measure, each \$10 ~ and polka dot ring totes, named that because of their polka-dot lining fabric that even has a pocket for your cellphone (\$23). And we know Christmas is just around the corner when this annual favorite arrives, "Gooseberry Patch Christmas Book 9" with its usual delicious Christmas recipes, gifts to make, and decoration ideas (\$19.95)



That's got to be the end of it for today ~ back next week with much, much more!

Happy Summer! It's just around the corner ~ well, it's already arrived here! It's 102 and sunny, but with 10% humidity, the weatherman tells us that it only feels like 96!

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