

It's Friday!!!

~ and that means it's almost time to kick back for a wonderful weekend, but before I do that, I will get a very short version of this in your "In" box this afternoon before it will be time to get ready for our Ladies Night Out Pizza Party that starts in a few hours. I would have preferred to get an interim eNewsletter out to you earlier this week, but I returned from Utah with a virus and spent the next 4 days in bed. There's so much that's come into the shop since I last wrote to you 10 days ago that I'm not sure I'll ever catch up with the scanning. Last week while I was gone I'm told that several staff members were physically buried for days under boxes that the UPS/Fed Ex/USPS/DHL delivery folks dropped off, and they were heard to murmur, "Who ordered all of this?" But then, of course, loving needlework and all of its accoutrements as much as you and I, they were beaming with glee at what they unearthed. So here's just a small taste of what's come in. But, first, some important dates and times. **Closed on Wednesday, July 4th, so that our staff may celebrate America!**



Flat Fold Finishing ~ One Class. Tomorrow, 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 (yes, I'm taking this class also, finally, and have promised not to throw things in frustration) 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!

June's LADIES NIGHT OUT

It's tonight! And thanks to many helping hands, tonight's party, **7:00-11:00 p.m.**, seems very easy. Debra and Joy are

busy in their kitchens making some special treats for tonight while Sandy and Betsy are tending to customers in the shop, and Carol offered to pick up the pizzas on her way, so I'll be sitting with my feet up waiting for all of you to arrive. Don't forget, it's **RED WHITE** and **BLUE** night in anticipation of next week's American celebration. There won't be any fireworks, but I think it will be lots of fun!

Coming this Summer (we hope ~ it's already half over!) to **The Attic**

- Beading a Fob in Peyote Stitch with Debra (date to be established when the new *Fern Ridge Collection* fobs are here ~ we're still waiting!)
- 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've had to ship Page Dorsey's beautiful model back, but I've taken many photographs that should help us all through this!

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. And here's just a hint at SOME of the new and exciting things you will see: a primitive frame assortment designed especially for *Little House Needleworks'* charming designs that will be available in four different sizes, for 28-, 32-, 36-, and 40-count. These new frames are being manufactured as we speak by *Crescent Colours* and will be called the Family Tree. Stay tuned for more exciting news of great things to come!

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

Only a day or so left to order this most charming design and materials at 15% discount.. And as of last night I've finally finished enough of my sampler to have completed the conversion from NPI to Belle Soie. It has been so much fun! If you enjoy stitching this piece only half as much as I have, it will be one of your more pleasurable stitching experiences. And instead of the 27 NPI colors called for, I've used 19 colors of Belle Soie, taking advantage of some of the light and dark shading in the overdyes.



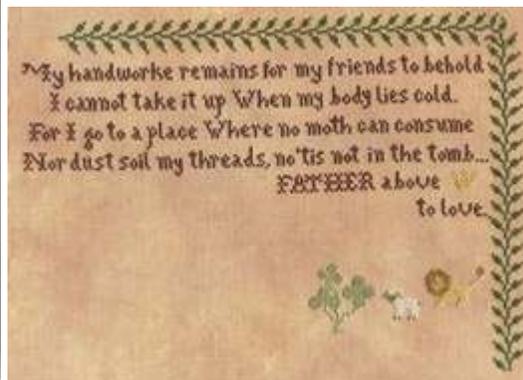
LOVE
BEARS
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If I climbed the highest mountain
or crossed all land and sea
could never find ^{er} Sweet Love
Than Thou hast given me



July's Sampler of the Month ~ "My Handworke" also from *Paulette Stewart* of *Plum Street Samplers*

I don't think I've ever previously selected Samplers of the Month back-to-back from the same designer, but I got the idea to choose this one for July when a group of wonderful needleworkers visited The Attic in early June, all here for a needlework weekend in Scottsdale, and many of them were "into" 45-count and bought all I had. That reminded me of how much I had been enjoying this sampler some months back, which I'm stitching on 45c Vintage Light Exemplar from *Lakeside Linens* with Soie de Paris (\$3/skein) from *Au Ver A' Soie*. That's another reason I chose this sampler for this month: If you've not stitched with this beautiful 6-ply filament silk with its great luster and sheen, you are depriving yourself! Not many designers are using it yet, unfortunately, but that won't stop us! We can convert! But truly the main reason I chose this sampler is because I LOVE the verse! Paulette frequently strikes a chord with me with her sampler verses ~ and her sense of humor in many of them ~ and as a needleworker at heart, I have to believe that there will be needlework in heaven! Paulette used 36c Vintage Sand Dune from *Lakeside* for her model and NPI silks. So . . . the choice is yours; pick your poison. You decide the count you prefer ~ of course, the price will vary some with the different counts, but a cut of hand-dyed for this design will be \$13 and up, and we can help with color selection if you wish. AND you decide the silk you want to use: NPI, Soie de Paris, or if you prefer, we would be happy to convert this to Belle Soie as well.



July Attic Addict Discounts

I'm renaming this club, formerly known as the Preferred Stitchers Club ~ because you are all preferred customers, whether you're an Attic addict or not, and the new membership cards are being reprinted as we speak. Each month there are usually three items that, as a club member, you may purchase at a 15% discount

at any time during the month, all month long. For that privilege you pay an annual membership fee of \$20 and are entitled to a few more club "benefits":

- In your birthday month you are entitled to a one-time shopping spree at 25% off (with several items exempt from this discount, such as hard-cover books, special-event merchandise such as consignments, Dazor lamps, and other items that are marked at "No Discount." During your one-time shopping spree you may also order items not currently in inventory at the discount. The discount *does not* apply to items in the "Hold" box, for obvious reasons. While it's been "holding" for days or weeks, someone else may have wanted to purchase it at no discount, and if it's not in stock for you on your birthday spree, it can be ordered at your birthday discount.
- Early admission to Market Days.
- Occasional to-be-announced other special discount times, i.e., Christmas.
- Discounts cannot be combined and are not applicable after membership expiration. Renewal is the member's responsibility and not the shop's. Everyone's renewal date is a different month, and we do not track when a membership has expired; that is the member's responsibility.

And now for July's 15% discounted items:

- Au Ver A'Soie Silk Threads
- Standard (non-dyed) Fabrics
- Punch Needle Charts/Chartpacks

New in the Shop

Our shipment of the chartpacks from *Just*Nan* and the silk threadpacks from *Access Commodities* arrived almost simultaneously. Here again is the limited edition, "Bellemeade" (\$40) and its silk thread kit (\$117.50), which also includes some wool that Nan has used in her design . . .



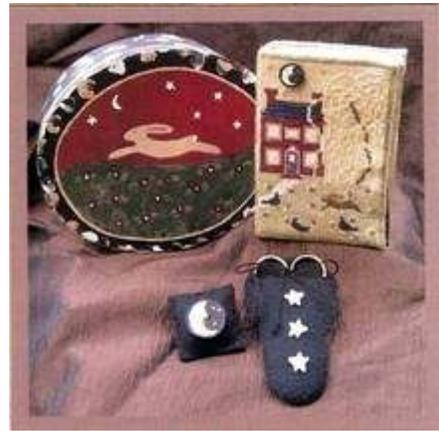
~ and the VERY limited edition of the "Queen's Bluebird Box" (\$46) with its wonderful verse: "The queen of the needle plants many fine stitches Which grow into flowers however she wishes" and includes the finishing kit with instructions from *Pamela's Final Touch* and its Silk Thread Kit (\$74) with both Au Ver A'Soie and Soie 100/3 in some very luscious colors



From one of our favorites, *Diane/Little House Needleworks*, each \$8: "Garden Pleasures," "Necessities Sampler" and "Gourmet Garden."



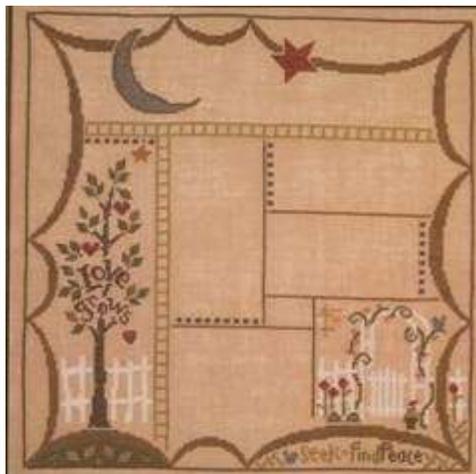
From Elizabeth Talledo of *Finger Work*, first a set of three hand-painted patriotic boxes that I photographed with a "patriotic" Dovo scissors to give it perspective and its chart "Americana Accent," with pattern and directions for the scissors case and strawberry (\$40) and "Luna Solstice" (\$45) with its hand-painted box and patterns and finishing instructions for the charming handmade book + scissors case + fob.

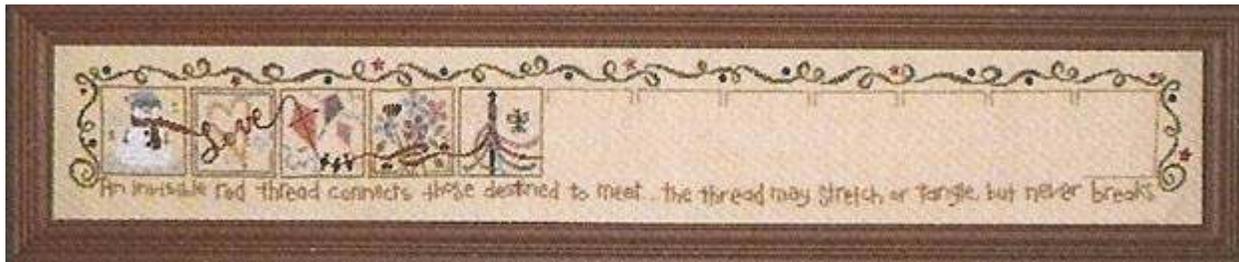


Next, a new designer with her first design: *Lisa Roswell/The Primitive Needle* presents "Of Female Arts" (\$8) featuring a border of Quaker motifs that surrounds a verse that strikes a familiar chord with any sampler lover ~ and not here in time for this year but will give you an early start for next, "Love You Dad" (\$6) ~ a nice accompaniment for "Love You Mom" which we showed you in May.



More from *Bent Creek*, the next part of their "Big Zipper" project ~ chart + thread (\$16) to go with the earlier first release that included the fabric ~ and May's "Maypole" (\$4.50) in their "Red Thread" Snapper Series. This is VERY popular with its wonderful sentiment. Betsy is coming along beautifully with our in-shop model.





Three more wonderful pewter watches imported from England, a wonderful gift for that man in your life, with or without a watch sampler stitched to fit inside its cover. Shown here are the hunter, the fisherman (Vickie, you MUST make a watch sampler for Niles ~ he will love you for it!), and the Tudor rose, each \$40. For more watches and a chart for a watch sampler, go to our Web site, www.atticneedlework.com/ and click on "Newsletter" on the left-hand side and scroll down to the 9.22.06 newsletter ~ you will find more there!



Just a small part of the order from Sajou (I'll show you more next time), two beautiful French scissors, each \$66, the Eiffel tower scissors and the tortoise shell handled scissors. As Sheri said last night, we MUST use a French scissors when stitching on our French alphabets and samplers and designs, to make it a total French experience!



That's all there's time for this afternoon. But two more to show you: a new model in the shop, "The Art of God" (\$9) by *The Gathering Place* that Debra stitched on 40c Vintage Autumn Gold with Needlepoint, Inc. silk ~ a very beautiful model with Sandy's perfect frame selection. And coming next week, on its way to us right now, one of several of the newest designs from *Kathy Barrick/Carriage House Samplings*. This show towel is 266 x 788 stitches and is stitched on a special cut of 40c Pearled Barley with Needlepoint, Inc. silk. We can't wait to get our needles going on this one! If you wish to see a close-up of it or the rest of Kathy's newest, go to <http://www.carriagehousesamplings.com/news.htm>



If I don't get to "talk" to you before the Holiday, have a wonderful 4th of July celebration ~ it's one of my favorites! I don't care how old I get, I LOVE fireworks, which we will watch from our frontyard with our grandkids. Pictures next week of our wonderful Utah trip. Right now our camera is still traveling ~ with John while he attends the AAW (American Association of Woodturners) event in Portland!

Happy Birthday, America! God has surely shed His grace on thee.

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