

- **Saturday, July 16, 10:00 - Noon, Class 4 of 5, English Sampler**
- **Sunday, July 17, 1:00-4:00 p.m., Sampler Sunday** ~ This week our dear Vickie Jennett has offered to present the program. For those of you who know Vickie, she is a sampler lover, collector, designer, author ~ and the original "church lady" (which means she works in the office of her parish) ~ and a dear friend of *The Attic*, responsible for all of our advertising ~ you have seen and read her excellent and well-researched articles in *Sampler & Antique Needlework Quarterly*, and we are most fortunate to have her as a part of *The Attic*. The tea will be iced and the dessert cold, all in an effort to forget that it's 115 degrees outside. The air-conditioning and the fans are working beautifully. Please call to register. Fee: \$10.

This is the last weekend to view the Trunk Show from *The Victoria Sampler*. On Monday it is being packaged and shipped to its next showing. If you haven't been in to see this, it is well worth the trip, even in the heat. These are some of the most exquisite models we've ever had on exhibit with their "lacy-look" surface embroidery, beautiful beading, and exquisite hardanger.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

- **Saturday, July 23, 10:00-Noon, Punchneedle, \$45 (includes all materials)** ~ Here's another opportunity, with Christy's informative instruction, for you to learn this very quick and easy, centuries-old technique that's enjoying huge popularity today ~ with more and more of your favorite designers publishing PN designs ~ more PN designs ordered at Columbus that we hope to see in the shop any day.
- **Saturday, July 23, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Finishing Class for the Sampler Scissors Box** ~ This is a reschedule from June, the date selected that fit **most** of your schedules. If this does **not** work for you, please call the shop.
- **Saturday, July 30, 10:00-1:00, Finishing the Flat-Fold Way** ~ A new way to finish, flat-fold, using Judy Odell's text (*The Flat Fold*) and Christy's expert instruction. You will love this easy-to-store finishing technique ~ bring your stitched piece and backing fabric, and we will supply the rest. The \$40 class fee includes the text, finishing supplies, and instruction.

**PLEASE HELP A FELLOW STITCHER AND SEARCH YOUR ...**

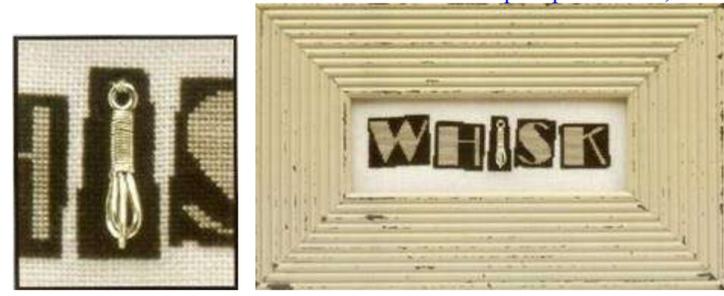
... stitching baskets and supplies to help out a fellow needleworker. Sheila is almost finished with her very beautiful rendition of **Long Dog Sampler's Moulins Rouge** ~ the silk goblins were at work here and she has run out of a Needlepoint, Inc. silk, Color 147, Lot 2. If any of you have 1, or even 2 skeins, available for her of this color and dye lot, please e-mail me and we will work a trade or however you wish to handle this. I will make it worth your time and effort.

**NEW IN THE SHOP THIS WEEK**

Something we've all been waiting for since we saw Gloria's mock-up of this design in progress when she visited us in March ~ **Milady's Needle's** most special "My Little Strawberries Stitching Basket." The first photo shows it framed and then the basket. In the second photo you see the bottom **and** the basket filled with its matching goodies ~ all of which we have available. However, I'm sorry to tell you that the "Stitching Basket" came in yesterday, and it is already gone, but only temporarily ~ we've ordered more, which should be here in a few days. Too cute, isn't it? And it looks like something I could actually finish, being the non-finisher that I am. If you have an aversion to finishing, however, Gloria provides the information to have it professionally done.



One of the cutest charts/charm combinations to come along in a while is new from **Twisted Threads**, and it's aptly entitled "Whisk." Chart and charm are \$15. The frame is quite perfect also, don't you think?



Seasonal designs are pouring in, for the two most popular stitching holidays of the year: Halloween and Christmas. A selection follows: "Spooky Fence" from **Raise the Roof** ~ chart with buttons, \$20 ~ we also have in stock the 28c Tarnish fabric (with 2-inch allowance, the fabric is \$6.50 ~ next, a **Trilogy Token**, is "Witchy Witchy Wilhelmena" with her "friends" and sterling silver charm, a pumpkin ~ chart+charm, \$10 ~ next, meet "Pumpkin Pete" from **The Trilogy**, a charming fellow with his cat and wonderful alliterative verse, "Pumpkin Pete picked patchwork pants for puttering in the patch to peruse plump pumpkins with his playful pet Penelope" ~ and lastly, "EEKology" from **The Trilogy**, which is also shown on its cover with the cat and Frankenstein framed separately.



In the "sampler" category there's been a dearth of new charts into the shop ~ many are awaiting release in mid-August at the Charlotte Cash 'n Carry Market, an alternative for some of the smaller designers than the BIG Columbus show ~ BUT we do have very special ones to show you: from **Anagram Diffusion**, "Sampler rond," a most unusually shaped sampler with many of our favorites show in the round ~ and also from **Anagram**, "Bonheur dans la maison" translated by Google as "Happiness in the House" ~ and, finally, back in stock from **Brenda Keyes/The Sampler Company**, a favorite of yours that we first showed in March when Be completed our model, "Kind, Fond Love Sampler."



For those of you waiting for your orders for Sylvie/**Au Fil des Reves**, Sylvie was away on holiday, and the kits for her lovely Bourse de Maison de brodeuse and matching needlebook, they will be here soon ~ if you haven't placed an order for these beautiful needlework accessories and wish to do so, you may phone or e-mail us.



Unfortunately, I have no beautiful wedding photos to share with you this week. I have discovered that you LOVE wedding photos ~ we received wonderful wishes from many of you who know and love Be for eternal happiness in her new life with her Scotsman.

Enjoy your week and say a special prayer for "our" son Ralph, hospitalized after two "accidents," now recovering from a pneumothorax (collapsed lung), and in pain in the chest tube ~ a photo of him, Amy, Tyler, Hannah taken Easter Sunday.



And don't forget to hug your loved ones and tell them you love them.