

- **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 should be here 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.

## LOOKING AHEAD

- **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.

## Thank you, Tamami ...

... for finding in your stitching basket Color 147, Lot 2 for Sheila's **Mouline Rouge** ~ we should have called you first, with your passion for red anything, especially red threads. Now Sheila's beautiful sampler can be finished.

## NEW IN THE SHOP THIS WEEK

Some very exciting news in the sampler world, from England, where there's a lot of things happening for us sampler lovers. But, then, what wonderful resources are available over there. A new CD will soon be available on the sampler collection in the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge. Done by the same researcher/historian, Jacqueline Holdsworth, who did the previous CD on the samplers from the Haslemere Educational Museum, this will provide another incredible virtual opportunity to "visit" and study these samplers up close and personal, in the comfort of your own home ~ you don't even have to pack a suitcase for this "trip."

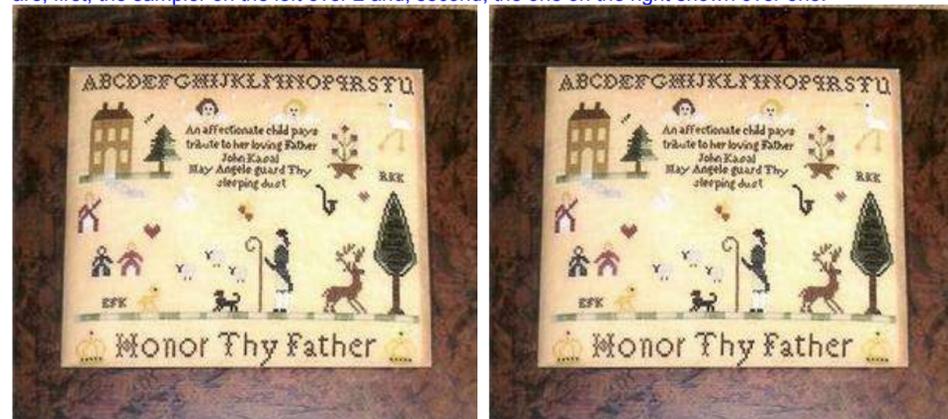
Additional exciting news for those of us who love Quaker samplers, two new publications from the Sampler Guild in Great Britain, published to raise money for the preservation of samplers. The Ackworth Engagement Calendar has 12 full color sampler photographs and 12 photographs of girls and teachers from the Ackworth School's archived photography collection, and the Ackworth Pattern Book has over 100 charted medallion designs. Both will be available the end of this month. We are taking preorders at this time; unfortunately, as of this moment I do not know the price of either.



Some wonderful new books arrived in the shop this week. From left to right, they are *Ukrainian Whitework* (\$53), a New Zealand publication demonstrating that whitework doesn't have to "white" at all to be beautiful. Our vendor distributing this book, Access Commodities, has included a supplemental page that lists 30- and 34-count colored linens and different silk threads in groupings that work well together by color for this tone-on-tone elegant effect ~ in the middle, *Petits Messages* (\$24), all in French, but in the world of embroidery, that doesn't matter, authored by Anne Van Damme, known to many of you as the designer, **Keeping Tradition** ~ and on the right, another French book, *Cartonnage Brode* (\$32), featuring a number of inspirational projects for your needle.



Now available in chart form (\$7) as opposed to kit, "Honor Thy Father," the finest sampler I've seen in the marketplace to stitch as a tribute to your father. The chartpack comes with an over-2 and over-1 design, and with a verse for both a living father and one who's deceased. The photographs contained in the chartpack are, first, the sampler on the left over 2 and, second, the one on the right shown over one.



The sampler below on the right is the one I stitched in memory of my father. I added motifs using the wonderful book from Brenda Keyes, *Alphabets, Motifs & Borders* (\$15), and I've never enjoyed stitching a sampler more, with added motifs that reminded me of my father: a red bird, cherries, lots of trees, my mother, all of my siblings, and me. We are temporarily out of stock of the Brenda Keyes book. It's been on order for several months, and the last information we have is that it is stuck in customs and should be here in a week or two. Let's hope, because it is a great book that should be in every sampler lover's library, with pages and pages of marvelous motifs, followed by alphabets and numbers of every size.



From **Just\*Nan**, her newest **Whimzi Ornament Series**, "Christmas Wishes," "Moon Riders," and "Twinklings" ~ along with the **Whimzi** frames. All of these were designed to be stitched on 32-count linen to fit the 2-inch opening, and in response to our special request for our "40-counters," Nan graciously agreed to design borders to surround these designs so they'll work on 40-count in these **Whimzi** frames. Please ask for the 40-count border sheet when you purchase any of the **Whimzi Ornament Series**.



Here's "Joy" from the "Christmas Wishes" chartpack. <http://www.justnan.com/whatsnew.htm>.

To see all in the series, please go to **Just\*Nan's** Web site:

There's exciting news in the punchneedle arena this week also: a new lap frame from **Kay's Creations** that I ordered sight unseen ~ it's on its way from Texas ~ once I heard that Charlotte Dudney loved it, that was enough for me ~ and there's new punchneedle patterns from **Diane Williams** of **Little House Needleworks** ~ go to <http://www.littlehouseneedleworks.com/pages/7/index.htm> to see the wonderful new punchneedle designs, "American Saltbox" and "Cherry Pie" ~ if you haven't wanted to get involved with punchneedle before, these will make you change your mind for sure ~ they're of a size that will make you feel like you have a miniature rug in the house, as Diane says ~ and here <http://www.littlehouseneedleworks.com/pages/9/index.htm> to view the new patterns, "The Old Doll" and "Through the Woods." These should be in the shop any day, along with the trunk show!

It's time to pack my suitcase so that I can join my husband tomorrow along with 1600 other court reporters and their spouses at the annual convention, this year being held in Phoenix at the beautiful new Marriott Desert Ridge Resort in Phoenix. So I don't have to get on an airplane for this trip ~ just drive across town. And I can come home and check on our kitty after a day or so. The spa there and swimming pool are supposed to be fabulous, so Ralph, Amy, Tyler and Hannah will join us Saturday afternoon to give the children a chance to swim in the pool. Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers for Ralph ~ he was released from the hospital on Monday, and if he is following the doctor's orders, he is not driving, laughing, or coughing, along with a number of other limitations, for two weeks to avoid a recurrence of the pneumothorax.

Enjoy your week. I hope it's cooler where you are. Yes, it's hot here, hotter than I can ever remember it, and we're getting pretty tired of it. Everyone is complaining about the heat. So ~ a very good thing to do when it's hot is sit under the fan and stitch ~ and if you're plumb out of projects, we can help ~ come join us under the fans in the shop!

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