

THIS WEEKEND at the shop ~ there is nothing happening! ~ except shopping! And there's lots to shop for! It's been a bonanza week, with many of your favorites arriving all in the same week. It's literally been like Christmas here, opening these boxes. Here's what's come in:

SHEPHERD'S BUSH
A bountiful shipment of goodies:

- including the much-anticipated kit, now called "O Beautiful" (\$80) on its packaging, still called "America" on the invoice ~ when you ask for it, we'll know what you mean under either name. It's simply a spectacular piece, and except for the fact that last night after our stay-open-till-9 night I couldn't keep my peepers open long enough to thread the needle, I would have put the first stitches into this one. It is magical. I've scanned the photos included with the kit and put them together top and bottom to give you an idea of the glory of this one, with its bands of Hungarian flowers and whitework, Swedish weaving, the amber waves of grain, the purple mountain majesties, the fruited plain, and even the tiny sea creatures from sea to shining sea! And with the words of a beautiful favorite patriotic song that fills our hearts with pride! Just in time as our calendar approaches the 5th anniversary of 9.11.
- "Tending the Blooms," (\$16) a kit featuring SB's trademark gardener
- And below that one, "Tending the Bees" (\$16)
- "Summer is Waving," a quick-to-stitch kit (\$12)
- And its counterpart, "Autumn is Giving," another fast stitch (\$12)
- And last, but certainly not least, "Autumn Blessings," (\$34), with everyone's favorite sheep topping off this charming sampler



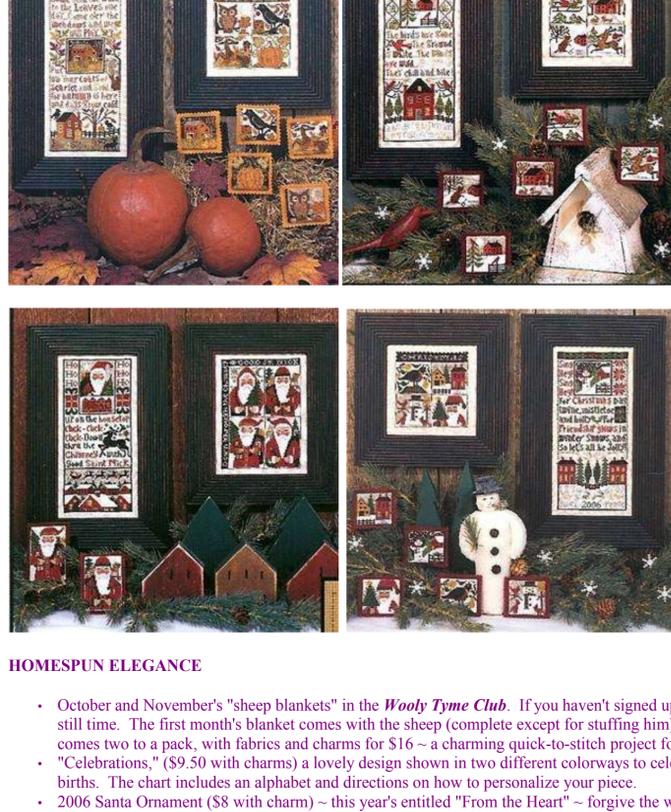
PRAIRIE SCHOOLER

Now we know Christmas isn't far away, when the annual PS Santa arrives, and this year's edition (\$3) has been described as the best yet!



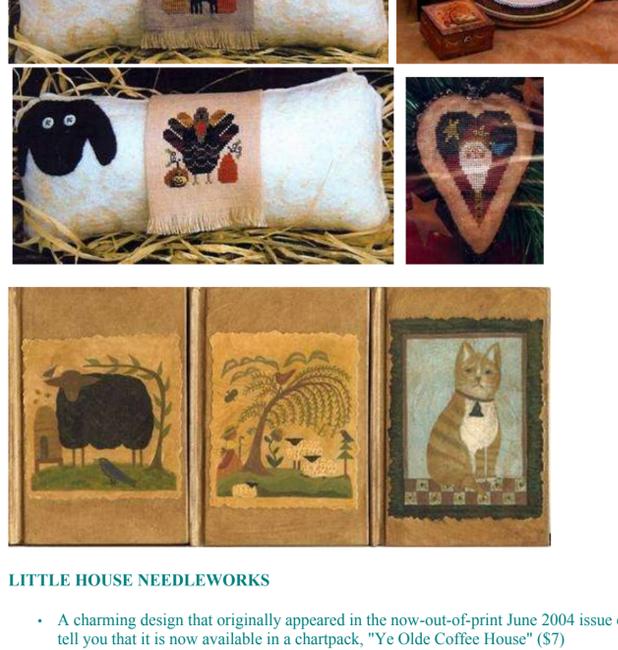
And four wonderful new leaflets as well (\$8 each), precursors to the promise of cooler weather for all of us. A great way to "think cool" ~ stitch seasonal designs for Autumn and Winter. In order of appearance:

- 1) "Autumn Leaves"; 2) "Winter Wind"; 3) "Good Saint Nick"; 4) "Christmas Day"



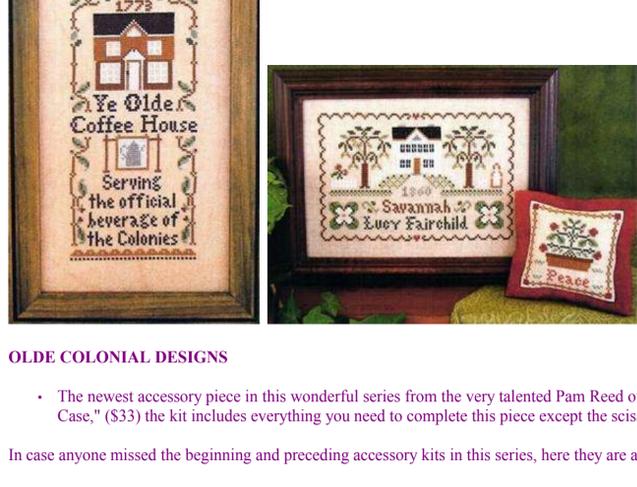
HOMESPUN ELEGANCE

- October and November's "sheep blankets" in the *Woolly Tyme Club*. If you haven't signed up for these adorable designs, there's still time. The first month's blanket comes with the sheep (complete except for stuffing him) for \$26 ~ each subsequent shipment comes two to a pack, with fabrics and charms for \$16 ~ a charming quick-to-stitch project for adding a seasonal touch to your home
- "Celebrations," (\$9.50 with charms) a lovely design shown in two different colorways to celebrate weddings, anniversaries, and births. The chart includes an alphabet and directions on how to personalize your piece.
- 2006 Santa Ornament (\$8 with charm) ~ this year's entitled "From the Heart" ~ forgive the wrinkled overlay; the chart comes sealed, and I didn't want to unseal it and risk losing the charm.
- Wonderful little journals (\$5 each), each with a cover depicting one of Sandra Sullivan's original paintings. These adorable tiny books measure approximately 2.75" x 4" and will fit perfectly into your needlework bag or your purse for jotting down sampler verses that you love, projects you're stitching, color changes, or doodling new needlework designs ~ perfect gifts as well for your needlework friends or your children or grandchildren



LITTLE HOUSE NEEDLEWORKS

- A charming design that originally appeared in the now-out-of-print June 2004 issue of *Just CrossStitch* magazine, we are happy to tell you that it is now available in a chartpack, "Ye Olde Coffee House" (\$7)
- And the newest in the "Dear Diary," series, "Lucy Fairchild, 1860" (\$9, including the key charm). Designer Diane Williams is in the process of providing a free alphabet pattern so that you may personalize your samplers in this series. We will have it available very soon.



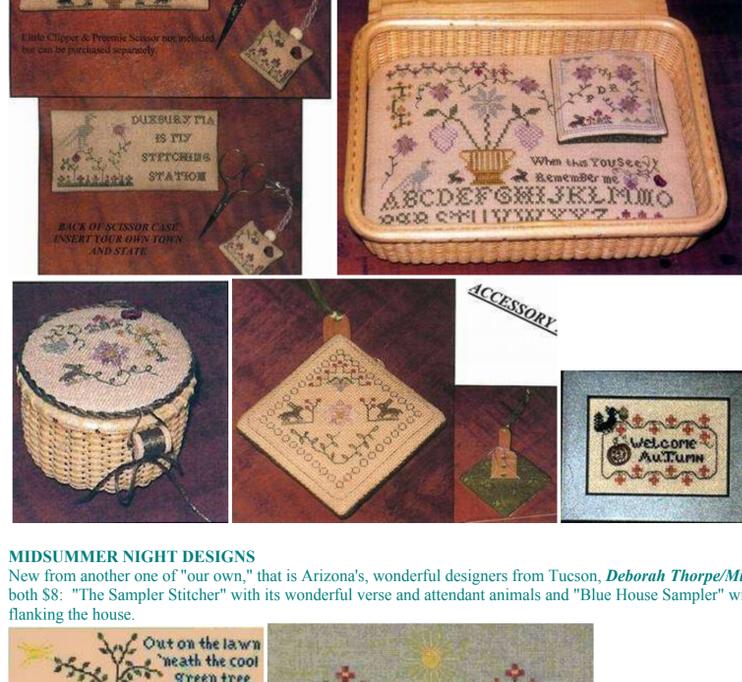
OLDE COLONIAL DESIGNS

- The newest addition in this wonderful series from the very talented and busy designer of *Olde Colonial Designs*, "Fob & Scissor Case," (\$33) the kit includes everything you need to complete this piece except the scissors to attach to the fob

In case anyone missed the beginning and preceding accessory kits in this series, here they are again:

- "A Needlework Garden and Needlebook," chartpack including button and all finishing materials (no linen or thread) \$21
- The beautiful basket with covered lid, \$49
- The "Snip Basket Kit" with everything, \$36 including the wooden spool for the whimsical closure
- The "Thread Pallet Case" with everything, \$30, including the tiny thread pallet, measuring 3.5" (from head to toe)

And the latest in Pam's miniature series, "Welcome Autumn," a kit with everything, including the frame (\$19.50)



MIDSUMMER NIGHT DESIGNS

New from another one of "our own," that is Arizona's, wonderful designers from Tucson, *Deborah Thorpe/Midsummer Night Designs*, both \$8: "The Sampler Stitcher" with its wonderful verse and attendant animals and "Blue House Sampler" with colorful birds and flowers flanking the house.



LAST CORRECTION

Work on this newsletter showed an Autumn sampler design from *Not Forgotten Farms* that my addled brain thought was the one that Joy recently stitched and had framed, but here is really the one that's fresh from Joy's needle, called ?? ~ Joy calls it "The Gathering Sampler" and on our vendor's Web site it's listed as the "Harvest Sampler." If you like it and want it, we'll know what you mean under either name.



PRIMITIVE TRADITIONS/CATHY CAMPBELL'S WORKSHOP

For those of you stitching on your Florentine Borders Sewing Chest, Linda has finished several of the parts and suggested that I call to your attention that the sawtooth portion of the border surrounding the "Needles and Pins" verse on the pincushion top has several compensating stitches in it, so be watchful. Don't do like I do and go stitching merrily along without doublechecking the pattern and then have a big decision to make: Can I make it work or must I do some reverse stitching? I also must say that I've seen several of these in-progress pieces and it is an absolutely stunning design in the rich silk colors, whether you're using Cathy's original colors or you've modified the colors to match your decor. Marianne, a dear friend, fellow sampler lover and needleworker, and fellow court reporter from New Jersey, and her support guild took this workshop in June and Marianne tells me that there were exquisite boxes produced during that weekend in stunning colors. This is going to be a wonderful workshop with beautiful new sewing chests as part of your needlework accommodations.

That's all for today. Our next e-newsletter publication will off schedule just a bit because I, along with Marianne and a thousand-plus court reporters, will be attending our annual convention in New York next week, where John and I will celebrate our 36th wedding anniversary. I hope to be back in touch with you again around August 8th. Stay cool, drink lots of water, and start a new project ~ there's LOTS to pick from, and soon much more to come. The Charlotte Cash 'n Carry Needlework Show is just around the corner and there will be new releases from many of your favorite sampler designers.

Thank you for your interest in The Attie's e-newsletter ~ welcome, August!

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