

THIS WEEKEND at The Attic ~

~ there are no classes ~ just great stuff to shop for, with more on its way, because I'm on my way to the Charlotte Cash 'n Carry Market, and I hope to bring back some very special things for you, like limited edition **Lakeside Linens** colors, frames from **Primitive Traditions**, charts from a new sampler designer, new releases from Page Dorsey of **The Samplar Works**, new releases from Lauren Sauers of **Forget Me Not In Stitches**, new releases from Maureen Appleton of **The Heart's Content**, the newest designs by Sharon Cohen of **The Nostalgic Needle**, maybe some new hand-dyed silk threads for you to try, and I'm sure lots of surprises. So help make room for more new goodies ~ come shop, or bring your stitching and sit and stitch a while. The Attic Ladies of the Thread will be pleased to have your company.

STILL SHOWING ~

~ through the month of August, the first-ever trunk show from **Little House Needleworks**, here through the month of August ~ below are Diane Williams' newest designs, "Through the Woods" and "The Old Doll" ~ don't miss this one! We're temporarily out of stock of "Through the Woods," but we'll have more charts soon.



WHAT'S NEW

- new models:



"Bois Le Duc" from **Long Dog Samplers**, stitched over one on 29c Muffin with Needlepoint, Inc. silk



two new staff models, a tiny Quaker Debra stitched, "Quaker Blackbird," from **Little by Little** flanked by "Holiday Charm" stitched by Amy from **Lilybet** and "Remember Me" by **The Heart's Content** stitched by model-stitcher Cindy Winn

- a new display Joy aptly dubbed "Our French Connection"



new from **The Sweetheart Tree**, two in Sandie's **Knob Knocker Collection**, "Merry Christmas" and "Thanksgiving":



AND two more summer sea designs, "By the Sea Sampler" and "Seashore Fob":



lots of new designs from **Charland**, "Victorian Love" and "Silken Accessories":



AND another in the series of **Wooly Wonders**, "Bee Skip Scissors Case and Emery Kit" and just for Nan's new **WhimZi** frames, "Filagree" and "Elizabethan Sampler," a kit complete with 28c banding, **Thread Gatherer** and other fibers, and the Elizabethan Glove Sterling Silver charm:



two new "Noel" designs, a **Wooly Wonders** "Noel Banded Pillow" (the pillow is included ~ all you have to do is stitch and attach the banding) and "Noel Noel" stitched in a variety of "fonts":



two charming new designs from **Notforgotten Farm Samplers**, "Fraktur Angel" and "Counting Crows":



new from **Homespun Elegance**, "Autumn Time" perfect for **Olde Colonial's** desk clock and "Blooming Littles":



several magnet designs new from **Ewe & Eye & Friends/Twisted Threads** ~ the magnetic boards can be ordered also, very charming way to post messages for your family, with button magnets decorated with "Pink Hearts," "Reds-Gold Hearts," "Tea and Coffee Cups," and "Flower Baskets," "Pea Pod & Radish" ~ we show the "Tea and Coffee Cups" and the "Pink Hearts"



the new frame from **K's Creations**, the **Round-Punch Needle Frame**, that we told you about last week has now been "test driven" by myself and also by Attic staff affiliate Vickie Jennett this past weekend on out-of-town road trips, and here's what Vickie had to say about it:

My first-ever testimonial

Enthusiastic words for a plain but amazingly functional needlework helpmate

Cable television brought me just outside the open porch door. The computer modem connected me to the rest of the world. Thunder crashed overhead. Rain fell gently just outside the space shuttle door. All-the-while, I plied a centuries' old needlework technique: punchneedle. This was a perfect summer weekend in Arizona's White Mountains, made more perfect thanks to a brand new product from **K's Creations**. (Even the dreaded three-and-a-half hour drive was pleasant thanks to the nifty new needlework frame I picked up on a whim at The Attic.)

Although this phenomenal "gripper" is intended for punch needle, I'm already envisioning it for everything from tie to silk gauze... simply skirt your fabric if you don't want to damage it, and you're set! The miracle of this little wonder is that the sharp wool carding strips grab the fabric so tight there's no need for the nasty plastic created by hoops or plastic snap grips...and re-stretching is a breeze.

This little frame is amazing! It swivels, twists and turns in every necessary direction, fast to a sturdy, all-be-it plain frame (I plan to take care of that with a little bit of paint and stenciling). What a relief! It has both hands free for punch needle. The process is now faster than ever, and is far more enjoyable than when trying to grasp a hoop with my left hand. (I even answered the phone and didn't miss a beat with my project. By the way, it's a funky, friendly folk art piece called "Bill's Buddies" published by **Woolley Fox**, also in The Attic's newest inventory.

When Jean showed me the frame, I didn't even ask the cost. The clever and convenient gadget was so intriguing, I knew I had to have one...and whatever the Master Card bill says, I have no regrets.

- And our best news of the week, a new feature on our Web site: our Web master has posted copies of the last several newsletters, added two new "tabs," one for the Merry Cox classes and one for our Annual Silent Auction for Breast Cancer Research. Next week I will have information for you on the room rates for the November Merry Cox Weekend. We'll be at the Dobson Ranch Inn again ~ you can go to their Web site <http://www.dobsonranchinn.com/> and see the facility ~ wait till next week, however, to call for reservations because we'll have a block of rooms with a special rate for you.

Time to pack my suitcase and off to the airport ~ John's coming with me to his first-ever needlework market ~ we're making a long birthday weekend of it ~ we'll be back on Monday with suitcases overflowing. Enjoy your week! Thank you for your continued interest in *The Attic* ~ we're happy to tell you that we're expecting our overseas shipment to arrive by Monday from England of the Ackworth books.

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