

## August's Sampler of the Month ~ "Black Lion Sampler Hornbook " from *Pam Schmidt* of *Prairie Home Samplers*

Here again, Pam's newest Sampler Hornbook, her model and ours. Sandy's been a bit under the weather with a summer flu so we don't have a photo of the "framed" piece to show you just yet. You can save 15% on any combination of the supplies as August's Sampler of the Month: chartpack with hornbook, \$27 ~ fabric, \$4 ~ and we, of course, used our favorite, **Belle Soie**, in three colors ~ \$5.50 each.

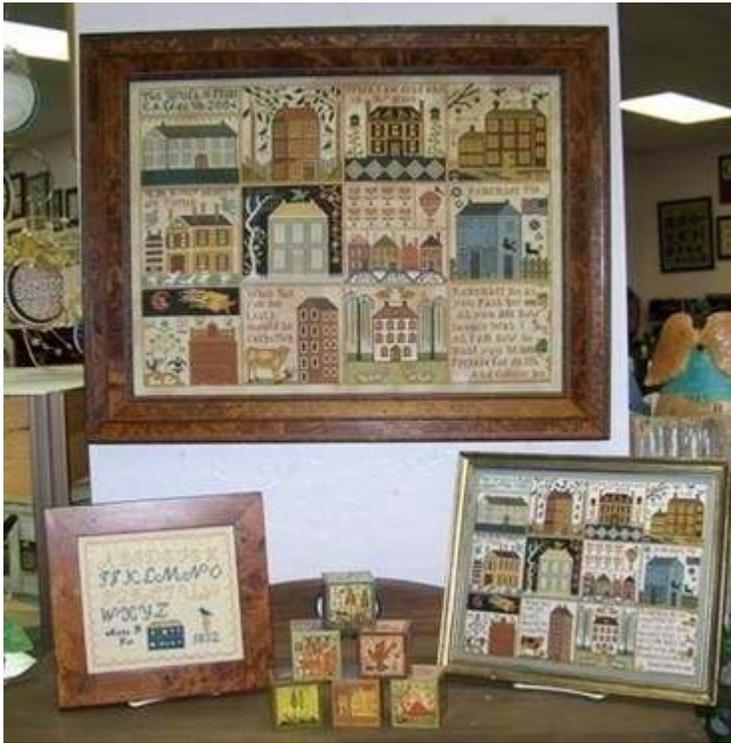


**AUGUST HAPPENINGS** at The Attic

**Carriage House Trunk Show ~ is here!!!** Don't miss seeing the newest from Kathy's design studio in person. They're all stunning ~ the Decorated Towel is simply magnificent ~ and after you see the model, you will want to join our Study Group to stitch this piece. We will have our first get-together on September 8, 10 - Noon. We have begun gathering the special cuts of *Lakeside Linen* for this showpiece. Make your selections now so that we will have enough linen cuts here for you in time.



Equally stunning, "Houses of Hawk Run Hollow" ~ **done on 40c silk gauze!!!** It's really a wonderful contrast to see it on its easel below Courtney's magnificent rendition stitched on 40c linen over 2. We also have two of Kathy's "Girls Series" here - Suzannah and Elizabeth ~ and "Valentine Bird" in punchneedle - it's as adorable as anything! As are the "Quaker Houses Samplers" ~ they are much smaller than expected because of their near-lifesize photos on the chartpack cover. We will have the models on display through the first week of September, so do come see while these are here. They're not to be missed!



"Quaker Houses" is charmingly tiny ~ as you can see next to other small models.

## Waterfield Band Sampler begins tomorrow morning



**Waterfield Band Sampler Study/Stitch Group Sessions: ????**

**Saturday, August 18, 10 a.m. - Noon Fee: \$25 for 6 sessions or \$5/session**

Tomorrow morning we put needle and thread to linen and begin this masterful design by *Page Dorsey/The Samplar Workes*. The photo above was taken of Page's beautiful model while we had it here. More close-up color laser photos will be available to students registered for this Study/Stitch Group as a stitching aid as we work our way through this sampler. As a group it will be our goal to complete this heirloom piece within a year. Let's see if we can. Please call to register.

## Beading a Fob with Debra



**Beading a Fob Class**

**Instructor: Debra      Fee: \$25**

**Saturday, August 18, 1 - 4 p.m.**

These charming new fob kits from *Fern Ridge Collections* are their newest, but there's more, like "Frizzled," the beaded version of *La-D-Da's* "Miss Mary Mack." Now your only difficulty will be choosing which one to bead! They're all so adorable. Debra took a class at the Nashville market and is anxious to share the tips and tricks she learned there because, as she says, she was previously frustrated with beading to the point of not finishing her first project, and then she learned from the experts! Since then she's completed a number of these, including one of the newest, the swan fob called "Under the Willow." **Included in your class fee is a bead mat, wire threader, and long needle.** Bring magnification if needed and any other of your favorite beading tools, like a Tacky Bob if you have it.

**Sampler Sunday      Fee: \$10**

**Sunday, August 19, 1 - 4 p.m.**

Well, Vickie's in the mountains for the weekend, but the topic remains the same: Pennsylvania decorated towels and show towels. I cannot miss this opportunity while we have Kathy Barrick-Deiter's magnificent model here. Come join us, bring your sampler stitching, any finished or in-progress pieces that you know we all enjoy, and spend the afternoon with us. Refreshments will be served. **Please call to register.**

## Coming in September - A Very Special Sunday Afternoon



It's almost here! We've been talking about this special afternoon for months, and now it's only weeks away. Please join us at **1 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, September 9** 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. You'll see all of the newest designs and products from these ladies who add so much to our enjoyment of our favorite pastime, as well as a special surprise project designed especially for The Attic by Diane Williams. There is no fee to attend, but this is an RSVP event so that we can have enough refreshments for all. **Please call to register.**

## New in the Shop



From one of our favorite people, Darlene Lara, sampler reproductionist and cook extraordinaire, whose design business is known to you as *The Marking Sampler*, a reproduction of an Ackworth sampler that is in Darlene's private collection. She calls it "EA 1798," and the chartpack (\$20) includes a photograph of her antique as well as a very informative essay on the Ackworth School in England, along with several photos of the school as well as a bill of fare. I know I would have enjoyed being a student there, for several reasons other than just learning needlework: the menu lists beer and water for drink, and on the 1st day for supper it's bread and cheese and beer ~ music to the ears of a Wisconsin cheesehead with German heritage who grew up with beer served at our dinner table each day. Darlene's model is stitched on 40c Meadow Rue with 3 colors of Needlepoint, Inc. silk ~ its size, 15 1/2 x 9 3/4 inches on 40c.

From Darlene we also obtained these charming hand-painted tin plates, each \$24 ~ there's one more to come, and we'll show it when it arrives.

Three new threadpacks (each \$12) from *Crescent Colours*, with the threads scanned on a variety of *Lakeside Linens* ~ first, from *Little House Needleworks'* Inspirational Verses series, "Gentleness," shown on Vintage Sand Dune.



*Praiseworthy Stitches'* "Peacock Treat" shown on Vintage Palomino (I think ~ it got separated from its fabric bag/label ~ it might be Vintage Basketweave)



Second in her Cottage Garden Series, "Peony" ~ threads scanned on Vintage Pearled Barley. I MUST stitch this one. Peonies grew in my mother's garden, and she always had a freshly cut bouquet on her birthday in late June. But then she also had roses growing in her garden, and they were her favorite, as they are mine ~ "Roses" will be coming in this series in October.



We are pleased to be one of the exclusive distributors for *A Mon Ami Pierre Designs* from France, and here are some more of Jackye's designs that just arrived. We cannot keep in our inventory all of the many beautiful designs available, but we order regularly, every two to three weeks, depending on your orders, and delivery time is approximately 10 days. If your order reaches us at a time when we have just placed an order, your wait time will be a bit longer. As you've heard before, it's all about timing!

To see all of Jackye's designs, go to her Web site at <http://www.amonamipierre.net/amapshop/index.php> and scroll down ~ on the lower left-hand side you will see the Babel Fish square. Click on the British flag to read the words in English. For any designs that you wish to order, please make note of the design number, i.e., JD275. A title is also helpful because sometimes there can be a mistake in the numbers. For the charts listed below I have not given specific prices because, with the currency exchange rate fluctuation we've seen as of late, prices may vary from shipment to shipment. If you wish to know an approximate dollar price, multiply the Euro price by 1.5. That will get you close. You may search for a particular design by putting in the JD number and clicking on "Rechercher," which can be found by scrolling down. It's on the left. Enjoy! You are in for a treat viewing these many elegantly beautiful designs. The charts listed below are:

- Row 1: JD167 ~ JD195 ~ JD197



- Row 2: Three "Noel" designs ~ JD203 ~ JD125 ~ JD124



- Row 3: JD247 ~ JD193



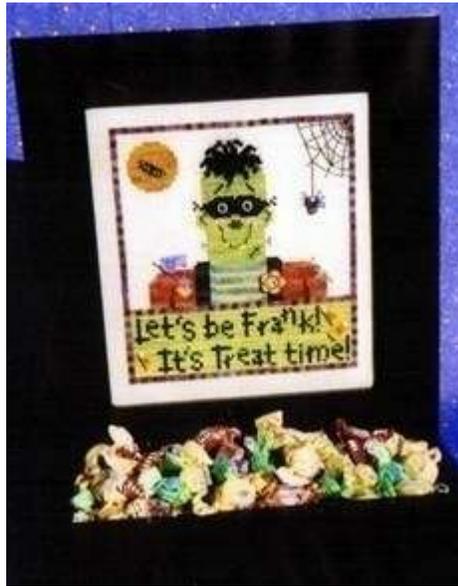
- Row 4: JD240



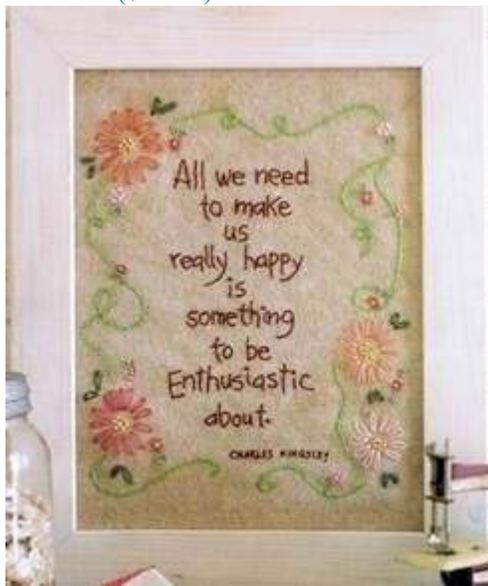
From *Heart in Hand*, a chartpack with fabric + button, "Star Spangled Summer" (\$16) ~ and the latest in the Mother's Wisdom Series, "Listen to Your Teacher" (\$4)



>From *Becky Boo's* (who happens to be the same designer you know as *A Stitcher's Hands*): "Bringing Spooky Treats" (\$7, including garland) ~ "Let's Be Frank" (\$6)

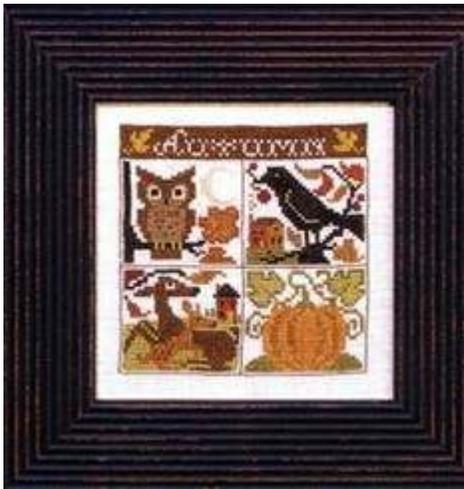
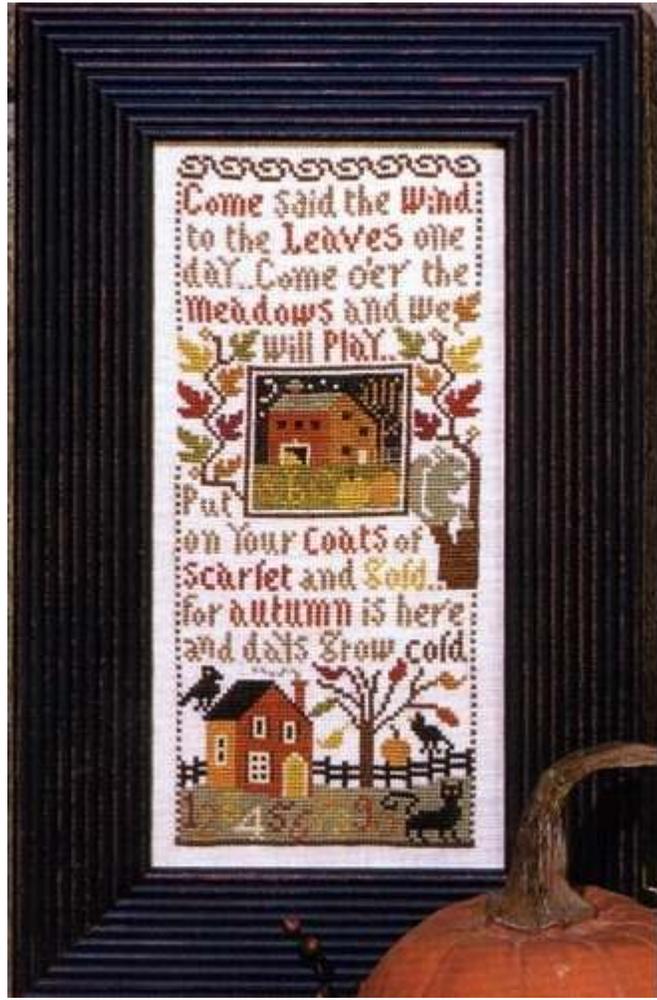


>From *Gooseberry Patch*, a new book on embroidery, "Sweet & Simply Embroidery" with the subtitle "For friends, family & home" (\$10.95)



>From *Leisure Arts*, the "Best of Praying Hands Collection ~ Faithful Inspiration," with 37 designs in one soft-cover book for \$19.95, for almost any occasion you can think of, including table graces, wedding samplers, scriptures for special people like your mother or daughter, Christmas, blessings, The Lord's Prayer, and also Psalms bookmarks. We've shown you only six below ~ many other beautiful designs.





I got out my camera late last night to photograph the trunk show, but I was way too late to have captured the bountiful buffet of delicious treats that a number of our Attic friends brought to share with whoever dropped by! Thank you, all, for your gifts of food and, most of all, friendship! But it wasn't too late to find a few still working on their project of the moment: Rhonda with her "White Nights"/ *Martina Weber* project and Carolyn working on "Goodwill," a threadpack in the Scripture series from *Little House Needleworks*.



Last weekend, plus a few extra days, John and I spent in the Dallas area attending the National Court Reporters Convention, a favorite part of which was catching up on Marianne's latest needlework finishes ~ and I also enjoyed an afternoon away from seminars and convention business when Gloria treated me to a tour of the needlework shops in the area. It's always a favorite thing to do when we travel, visit other shops and see their models and display ideas ~ and it was a special treat to visit the Stitch Niche in Arlington and Aidaworks in Lewisville. Dinner with Deanne and Marty was another highlight of our trip, as was our visit to the Sixth Floor Museum in the Book Depository Building ~ fascinating, thought-provoking museum that I would recommend to anyone.

And on Tuesday night John treated me to the most patriotic evening of my life: a concert put on by the Freedom Alliance, with all proceeds going to its scholarship fund for the children of the brave Americans, the men and women of our armed forces who have sacrificed their lives or been permanently disabled. Millions of dollars in scholarships have been awarded since its founding in the early '90s. The highlight of the evening for me was Lee Greenwood leading the audience in patriotic songs, concluding with his "God Bless the U.S.A." It was an evening to remember for this red-white-and-blue gal. I found myself among many others who were also dressed in red, white, and blue!



Next weekend it's off to Wisconsin for a few days ~ to attend my high school reunion and visit family. I hope it's cooler there. I'm ready to be cold.

Jean Lea

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