

I went on down to visit Catherine Strickler and her husband. Known to all of you as *Indigo Rose*, here are images from their suite, showing Catherine's newest kits, "Pretty in Pink," a lovely pin cushion on a pedestal, with some of the proceeds going to a breast cancer charity, and a wonderful new needlebook that doesn't discriminate between the cat and the dog lovers! Also photographed are several of your favorites of Catherine's designs: "The Desiderate Sampler" ~ "My Son" ~ and a favorite class at *The Attic*, "Catherine Agnes" ~ except the photographer cut off the top!



I also captured a great photograph, I think, of the "Janet Gibson Swan Sampler" reproduction in *Whimsey & Wit's* suite. Thank you, Loree, for another fabulous sampler reproduction.



And as my last photographic stop, I entered the sanctuary of the exquisite and very beautiful over-one collection from Maureen Appleton of *The Heart's Content*. If you ever want to be stopped dead in your tracks by a most amazing display of needlework, seeing Maureen's artistry will certainly give you that reaction. It is truly a remarkable thing that I wish you all could experience. These delicate and detailed designs, each done over one thread on varying counts of linen ranging from perhaps 29c up to 40c, are simply breath-taking. You'll also see a bin full of gorgeous Glenshee linen, hand-dyed in a number of gorgeous shades. It's all a most stimulating and inspirational sensory experience and, as you can see by Maureen's big smile, a most joyful thing! Isn't the wall of "Splendors" simply a wondrous thing to behold?! Maureen's newest are the framed pieces on the table with the "New" sign, and those kits are on their way to us and I hope will be here by next Thursday!



So how did you enjoy your trip to market? It's a thrill for me to be your eyes and ears -- and personal shopper! Next week's newsletter will have more detailed photographs of the newest designs and, finally, a photograph of our *August Sampler of the Month*, "A is for Angel" from *The Sweetheart Tree*, which I'm told will be shipped to us early next week. We should have it in the shop before Thursday.

Well, I hate to say this because I sound like a broken record, but it's time for me to go and pack my bags again. Off to the airport in less than two hours for a girls weekend in Portland with some of my favorite needleworker friends, Roz and Cathe and Deb and Jeannine, and it will take me an hour to decide which projects to pack! Roz has some special treats planned for us again this year and, if they're printable, I'll share a photo or two next week. Enjoy your week as we enjoy the last days of summer -- well, most of you are enjoying them. We're simply enduring them and still have too many more days of summer to go till it cools off. Try October!

In friendship,
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