

STITCH TO WIN AGAINST BREAST CANCER

If you're a Phoenix-area resident, or will be in the area tonight, **Friday night, August 26, 6 - 8 p.m.**, plan to join your fellow needleworkers and many needlework designers in an event being sponsored by four Phoenix-area needlework shops to raise money in our industry's campaign as part of the **WIN ABC (Win Against Breast Cancer)**. There will be lots of great door prizes donated by businesses within and without the needlework arena, designers present displaying some of their newest models, and needlework demonstrations. There will also be food and refreshments. Raffle tickets are available at area needlework shops, \$1 each, and will be available at the event that evening.

This is your opportunity to meet needlework designers and see different types of needlework being demonstrated. Many designers will be showing models of their latest designs. **You do not have to be present to win.** When you purchase your raffle tickets from us, tell us your interest (counted/canvas/punchneedle/Mexican food/other/personal services) and we will place your raffle tickets with those prizes.

Where? **Prince of Peace Lutheran Church gymnasium, 3641 North 56th Street, Phoenix.**

When? **Friday night, August 26, 6 - 8 p.m.** (as a kick-off to this weekend's TNNA Phoenix Needlework Show ~ a cash 'n carry market for the trade)

Who? Area needlework shops participating are **Family Arts, Old Town Needlework, Quail Run, and The Attic.**

For more information on **WIN ABC**, visit www.winabc.org or call 1.866.2-WIN-ABC (1.866.294.6222).

STILL SHOWING ~

~only through this weekend, the **Little House Needleworks Trunk Show**. If you haven't been in during August, it will be worth your while, and gas, to visit the shop to see the newest designs, and some that have been in the line for a while, from Diane Williams. They're photographed beautifully, but there's nothing like seeing the models, and after this weekend they will go back in the trunk to travel to the next lucky shop.



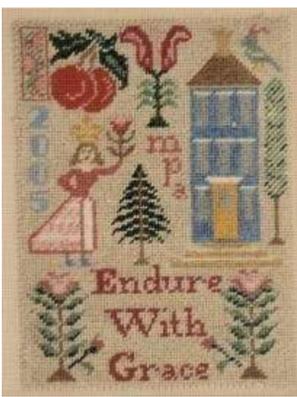
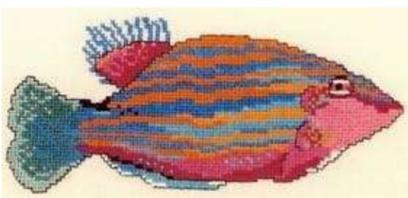
WHAT'S NEW (continued from Parts 1 and 2)

Again, in no particular order, here are more even wonderful things to keep you busy with your needle till well after Labor Day:

THE HEART'S CONTENT

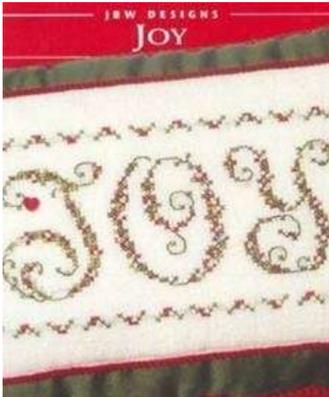
Dear friend Maureen Appleton, the Queen of Over One, has also been very busy since Nashville, with Silk and Splendor and FISH!

- Yes, you read this correctly, a beautiful Tropical Fish I, "Sixstripe Wrasse," cousin to the other famous fish, Nemo. This is a VERY clever beginning to a new series Maureen has begun entitled "Teach Your Children Well." She designed this colorful tropical fish with your son or daughter, niece or nephew, grandson or granddaughter in mind, with the wonderful goal that we can teach our children this fabulous pastime with this unisex design, with its accompanying charming story written at a child's level about tropical fish, aquariums, Sixstripe Wrasse, and his sister Martini (next in this series, to be released in Nashville) as they swim to Florida on their fish family function! Don't you love it! We always knew Maureen was a talented designer, but who knew she was also a wonderful storyteller?! Well, some of us did. This very colorful design also comes with the 21c ivory Glenshee linen ~ nothing but the best for those children and grandchildren.
- Another beauty, mostly monochromatic in Maureen's Colonial Coverlet Series, "Splendor XIII," so grand with its grand piano and fleur de lis and lyre and, and, and ~ Maureen has never been duly credited with originating this monochromatic needlework craze that has become so popular that now the French designers, and many others, have emulated. Well, my goodness, Maureen has been designing these for years in her splendid Splendor Series. I love them all, each one of them! And this one is no exception, kitted with 40c unbleached linen and 2 DMC colors. **Please know that we're happy to make fabric and thread/color substitutions in any of these Splendor Series kits, so that you can make it your own to fit your personal tastes and decor, as Maureen exhibits in her booth of exquisite models at every market. She frequently stitches, or has stitched by her cadre of talented model stitchers, these various monochromatics in different colourways.**
- Another series begun 11 years ago is her Annual Ornament Series. This year's beauty is "Amaryllis" kitted on 29c premium natural Glenshee and 28 different DMC colors.
- At this market we were privileged to bring home TWO new designs in her Silk Sampler Series, "Endure With Grace" and "Gaze Awhile." These are kitted with 40c silk gauze mounted on acid-free board and Soie d'Alger silk ~ it doesn't get much better than that! And the aphorisms Maureen uses in this series are simply charming, such terse but true sentiments, like "After Sorrow Comes Joy" and "Afford Your Passions" and "Be Nice" and "Love Thyself" and "Wonder Often" and "Aspire To Be." And, again, Maureen began a trend so many years ago that today enjoys great popularity, stitching on 40c silk gauze with silk floss. Such a forerunner is she!
- And, lastly, in her Fruitful Series, "Mango" ~ which will have to wait for Part 4 'cause I failed to scan it! Oh, dear, these parts are getting confusing. I may celebrate another birthday before I get all of the Charlotte market information to you.



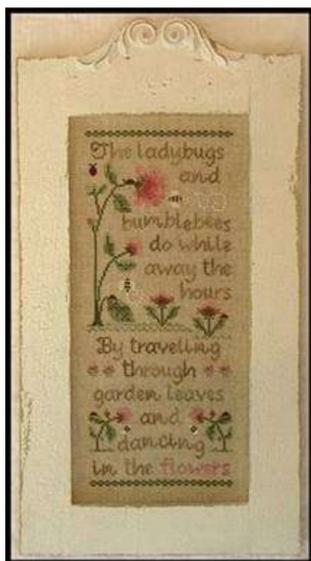
JBW DESIGNS

Judy Whitman's newest are as lovely as she is ~ "Christmas Motif Sampler" has sold out once already, but our new shipment arrived 2 days ago. The photo doesn't show it, but it's stitched on **Trail Creek Farm** pillows, either green on the new Riviera green/white plaid OR red on tan linen with a red back. The back opens for stitching purposes; then, once you're finished you reinsert the pillow insert, button up the back and, voila, you're done! And the good news: Judy/JBW and Susan/**Trail Creek Farm** have agreed to make the red-on-tan pillows available in 40c linen. As soon as they're available, you'll be the first to know here ~ next, "Antique Christmas Trees" shown in a charming **Hog River** frame that's on order ~ next, "Holiday Ornamentals," a small, ornament-size design that, when stitched, is attached to premade velvet pillow ornaments that we have, a quick and easy ornament to make ~ and, lastly, "Joy," in beautiful Holiday colors that can be framed or pillowed when you're finished. Amy's currently stitching this one a 40c linen. It will be beautiful.



COUNTRY COTTAGE NEEDLEWORKS

We were thrilled to receive the announcement, followed by the first two charts, from newest designer **Country Cottage Needleworks'** Nikki Leeman, daughter of Diane Williams of **Little House Needleworks**. Below are "The Bakery" with its shelves brimming with delicious treats and "Ladybugs and Bumblebees," shown in a **Hog River** frame, features an original verse by Nikki: "The ladybugs and bumblebees do while away the hours by traveling through garden leaves and dancing in the flowers." Two very lovely designs ~ how lucky for us to have this very talented mother and daughter in our world.



That's all there's time for this morning. It's a very busy day. But there's still more news from the Charlotte market, so come see what's new! Can you find this week's additions? Part 4 will follow sometime soon.

Happy End of Summer Stitching!

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