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THIS WEEKEND at *The Attic*

- **Saturday, September 17, 10:00 - Noon, Class 5 of 5, English Sampler**
- **Sunday, September 18, 1:00-4:00 p.m., Sampler Sunday** ~ Please join us for my favorite "class" at *The Attic*, a time set aside to spend time with your favorite sampler in progress and with some needleworkers who share your interest. The sampler topic for discussion: Quaker samplers. I'm anxious to serve the new dessert I found at a new store, new to me, Yovana ~ it's chocolate, so it's sure to be delicious! Please call to register. Fee: \$10.

LOOKING AHEAD

- **Saturday, ???, Punchneedle, \$45 (includes all materials)** ~ As soon as Christy gets an opening in her schedule (which is being interfered with by her "real" job) she will give you another opportunity to learn this very quick and **easy**, centuries-old technique that's enjoying huge popularity today. There's more and more of your favorite designers publishing PN designs, many of them lovely Holiday ornaments, a quick technique to use when you have many to make!
- **Saturday, ???, "Let it Snow"** ~ This is a wonderful new design from **Page Dorsey** of *The Sampler Workes* that features the **Lacis** work, and this is the perfectly sized project on which to learn this technique. Watch in a future newsletter for dates and times.

PLEASE HELP A FELLOW STITCHER AND SEARCH YOUR ...

... stitching baskets and supplies to help out a fellow needleworker. You read this plea several months ago, and it brought results. However, a favorite pet knew how previous this silk thread was and decided to have fun with it and now it is no more. So, please, see if you have Needlepoint, Inc. silk, Color 147, Lot 2 so that Sheila can finish her very beautiful rendition of **Long Dog Sampler's Mouline Rouge**. If you have 1, or even 2 skeins, available for her of this color and dye lot, please e-mail me and we will work a trade or however you wish to handle this. I will make it worth your time and effort.

AUTUMN HAS COME TO *The Attic*

Thanks to the creativity of Attic staffer Joy in redoing our front display, Autumn fills the air in the shop ~ and it's seemingly affected the temperatures outside also as we enjoy mornings and evenings of delightful temperatures, a welcome part of our second (Not So Hot) season in Arizona, having survived our other season (Hot).



Thank you, Rhonda and Cindy -

for sharing your beautiful needlework kit with all of our other Attic customers. Here are the latest beautiful wonders to come from their needles: 1) **Prairie Schooler** Limited Edition kit stitched over 1 on 28c ~ Rhonda says there's enough in the kit to do four of these if you choose. 2) Rhonda's version of **Little House Needlework's** "Moon and Stars" - stitched on 40c ~ and before you ask, the fabric she used is unavailable, produced by a company no longer in business ~ but we can find something very close if you wish 3) Rhonda's beautiful "Rhapsody in Blue" by **FourOaks Designs** ~ again, done on 40c with **Thread Gatherer's Lotus Flower** 4) Cindy's over-one-on-36c version of **Anagram's** "Round Sampler" ~ side by side with the original



NEW IN THE SHOP THIS WEEK

It's here! It's here! The **2005 Just CrossStitch Ornament Issue** has arrived. We have called those of you locally on our reservations list. Those of you who live away will be receiving yours in your mailboxes very soon. If you have other orders in progress, shipment will wait for other parts of your order. If you want us to send yours now, please e-mail me and we can ship it immediately.

HOLIDAY HEIRLOOM CLUB

Thanks to a great suggestion from Judianne and Tedra, we will be kitting an ornament a month from this magazine, from now till next September when, we hope, the next issue comes out. The kit will include fabric, specialty threads, beads/buttons/charms, and specialty items (like the *Homespun Elegance* ornament pillow on the cover). We will not include DMC floss ~ that would, I'm sure, be duplicative fo many of you. The price, of course, will vary depending on the supplies required. Please call or e-mail to register for the HH Club. This is a way for you to stay on track with your ornaments in time for gift-giving! In our next newsletter we will announce the availability of the first kit.

MORE NEW IN THE SHOP

Something for everyone's tastes. I think we can call this a **Quaker week** at the shop, with our second order of **Ackworth** books here and going fast (only a few copies of each remain) and with our order coming in from *Exemplars from the Heart*. In order of appearance: 1) "Serenity," the newest, Vilma's newest design, \$21 2) "Love the Truth," also new, \$15 3) "Gold House Sampler," also new, \$15 4) "Stella Jones," a repeat here but it's been a while, \$12 5) "Dames Boarding School," new to us, \$14 6) "1831 Quaker Sampler," copyrighted in 2000 but timeless, \$11 7) "Quaker Heart," originally published in the Winter 2003 issue of *Fine Lines* magazine ~ the chart comes packaged with Vilma's 36c hand-dyed Castlestone for \$28, but we're happy to change out the fabric for you if you prefer another color or count ~ I know I'll be stitching it on a 40c Vintage from *Lakeside Linens* 8) "Quaker Black Swan Sampler," copyrighted in 2001, also timeless, for all of us Quaker fans who just can't get enough, \$9 9) "Quaker Friendship Sampler," also copyrighted in 2001, \$10



Some very wonderful designs from Sandra at *Homespun Elegance*, whose designs are equally timeless and, as she says on her packaging, "reflect our American heritage."

- 1) "Holly Holidays" ~ whether pillow or stocking, these are classic designs
- 2) "Blossoming Crows" ~ the table runner is here and the purse/tote is in its way, both prefinished to make our lives easier
- 3) "Pumpkin Time" and "Santa Time" for the punchneedle aficionados ~ we have the cute little frames that easily make into a necklace



Vicki Hastings at *The Cricket Collection* has been very creative and prolific again with four new charts:

- 1) "Skeleton Crew" ~ very clever design with a wonderful poem inside
- 2, 3 & 4) "In a Nutshell ... Books I, II and III" ~ charming acorn ornaments with adorable scenes depicting the one-word descriptors that top each ornament, such as "Rest" showing a sleeping lamb or "Freedom" with a church or "Friends" or "Family" with six birds, all slightly different



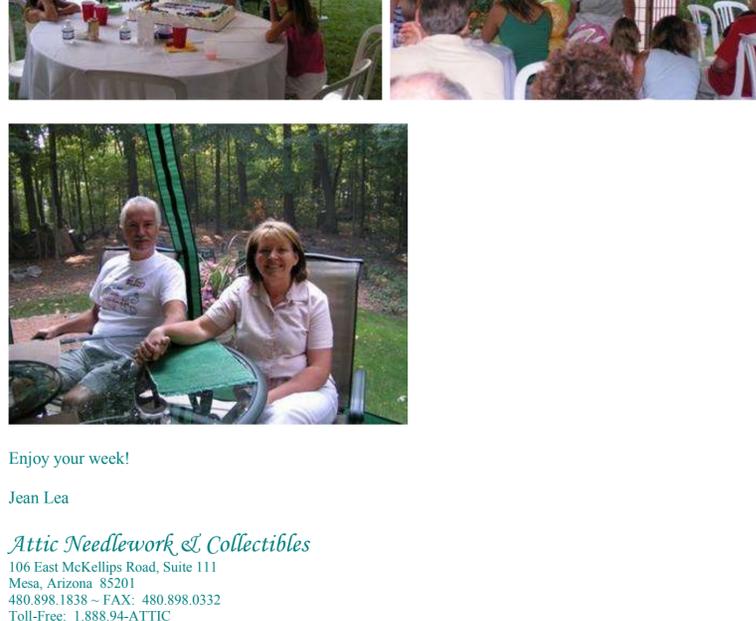
Miscellaneous items of interest for all:

- 1) "Good Cheer," another winner from Lori of *La-D-Da* fame, \$8
- 2) "Gather Ye Harvest," a design we first saw from *La-D-Da* and we love it still, \$6
- 3 & 4) "Calla Lily" and "Tulip" by John Clayton of *Heritage Stitchcraft* ~ also available, an "Iris" and "Day Lily" for a foursome, \$14 each
- 5) Another wonderful collection of hardanger designs in the latest *Burda Special* magazine, \$10
- 6) *English Embroideries*, a wonderful new "handbook," as it is referred to on the back cover, that explores the Ashmolean Museum's collection of English seventeenth-century embroideries. Detailed photographs reveal the fine stitches and imaginative raised work embroidery techniques as well as the lavish use of metal threads and semi-precious stones. This book will appeal to all those interested in the life of seventeenth-century women as well as to textile and embroidery specialists. \$17
- 7) The latest in Gingher's Limited Edition Designer Series, this one called "Sophia," with rich shades of blue and green on red. To quote from the packaging, "The ornamentation used in producing these scissors gives every pair a unique design, making each an original." \$33
- 8) A beautiful prefinished stocking from *Trail Creek Farm* that Amy's decorated with "Joy" by *JBW Designs*



And speaking of Amy, we will all miss her pleasant and cheerful demeanor while she's on sabbatical during her degree-upgrading process. As soon as she's completed the anticipated 18-month program, she will be back on a regular basis. In the meantime, she's back to the books for the first time in 20 years to get her bachelor's in nursing for her "real" job. We hope she'll find time to help us out on occasion, and we know this new schedule will only slow down her needles slightly.

Last week's e-mail didn't happen as I was rushing off to Wisconsin for a family celebration, a wedding reception for nephew Brad and his new bride Jamie, who were married with only their children present at a small July ceremony, and a surprise birthday for brother Jer, who's celebrating a BIG one in October. We had the pleasure of staying with brother Mike and our sister-in-law Debbie at their woody retreat ~ you feel like you've traveled hours into the northern reaches of Wisconsin, and it's really only 7 miles out of town on a several-acre spread atop a hill on Wiley Road. Special mornings spent on their deck having coffee and catching up on our families. Wonderful memories of very fun times with my Wisconsin family ~ I can't remember when I've laughed so much.



Enjoy your week!

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