

September Sampler of the Month

"My Home Town" by *Kathy Barrick-Dieter/Carriage House Samplings*



I'm not as far as I planned to be, but life happens. The garden is in, along with its scarecrow ~ and *Belle Soie's* Scarecrow worked perfectly for him! The birds are still sitting in midair, but soon they will have a fence to perch on. Kathy's model is stitched with *A Ver A'Soie's* Soie d'Alger, which began my first love affair with silk thread, but I've converted this one to *Belle Soie* shown above on **40c Vintage Palomino**. Whichever silk you choose for this charming sampler design, during the month of September you can save 15% on the chart (\$18), fabric (\$21 for the 40c with 2-inch margins ~ you can see how closely it is framed), or either of the silks (21 Belle Soie/\$5.50 each or 28 AVAS/\$3.50 each)

September Classes



Waterfield Band Sampler continues . . .

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

Saturday, September 22, 10 a.m. - Noon Fee: \$25 for 6 sessions or \$5/session

We've only just begun ~ well, some of us still haven't but we will very soon, so if you still want to join us for this masterful design by *Page Dorsey/The Samplar Workes*, it's not too late. The photo above was taken of Page's beautiful model while we had it here. More close-up color laser photos are 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.

October Happenings

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Although October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we have always held our auction in November, always the Saturday evening before Thanksgiving. Why? Because since its inception it has largely involved handmade ornaments. However,

it has broadened over the years to include other wonderful handmade things as well. This year, our **10th Annual Silent Auction for Breast Cancer Research** is scheduled for **Saturday night, November 17th, 6 - 8 p.m.** and from the incredible donations we've already received, it promises to be our best ever! It often brings me to tears when I open your packages, sent from all over the country, and read your notes that accompany your lovingly created donations, sometimes in memory of someone special, often simply your wanting to join the fight against this horrible disease that has touched all of us.

This week was no exception. Beautiful donations from Dixie and Ellen. And then a box from Merry. I was speechless! My photographs don't capture the beauty of this wooden box and its embroidered embellishments, but many of you know how exquisite these Shaker boxes are, and how very special a Merry Cox design is. Here is something Merry created especially for this event! Merry's mother is a breast cancer survivor, and since the auction began Merry has always generously participated, but this! This is a one-of-a-kind collector's item that includes a special scrimshaw by Marcy, donated by Marcy as well, on a gorgeous cherrywood Shaker box lined with an exquisite Dupioni silk, and a needlework pocket beautifully embroidered with one of Merry's original verses that houses the gorgeous wooden threadwinders, each dated and signed by Merry, as is the inside box cover. Merry will personally dedicate the inside cover to the winning bidder. All donated items have a minimum opening bid, and this item's opening minimum bid is \$350.



Many of you cannot be here in person for that special evening, but through the wonders of the Internet I have tried to make you a part of it the past few years, and I will try to do that again, with photos of the items showing their item number for bidding purposes. More photos of donations will follow in subsequent newsletters.

OUR NEXT PIZZA PARTY ~

~ is scheduled for **Friday night, October 12th**, from 7 till 11 p.m. Pizza from *Vito's*, desserts from ??, with refreshments, door prizes, and blue-light specials. I'm still trying to work out staffing for this event ~ some of the Attic ladies will be away in mid-October, but put it on your calendars! Somehow we'll make it work with whatever staff we have available. Bring your appetites and your latest project. Telephone registration will open on Tuesday morning, September 25, at 9:30 a.m. We will take names and phone numbers only at this time. Payment information can be provided at a later date. The \$15 fee is due on or before the close of business on Saturday, October 6, to allow time for those on the waiting list to be with us. Any cancellations received after Monday, October 8, will be nonrefundable.

October Classes



Beginning Linen

Instructor: Linda

One 2-Hr. Class

Saturday, October 6, 10:30-12:30

Fee: \$30 (includes all materials)

Here's the beautiful geranium bookmark that you will learn to create in Linda's Beginning Linen class, with the classic book "Linen Stitches" as the class text. You will learn basic techniques and a wonderful edge finishing stitch, the nun's stitch, as well as stitching with overdyed threads. We are very pleased to have Linda and her enviable needlework skills as part of our teaching staff. Last week she was privileged to join a volunteer group of embroiderers at Plimoth Plantation that is recreating a 17th Century embroidered jacket. You can see some of her beautiful embroidery on a blog at this link: <http://www.plimoth.org/embroidery-blog/>



Design Your Own French Alphabet

Sampler

Instructor: Jean

Class 1 of Three 2-Hr. Classes

Saturday, October 13, 11:00-1:00 p.m.

Fee: \$30

Here is a photo of Shelly's completed sampler. Isn't it exquisite?! It is very satisfying for me to see such beautiful samplers emerge from this journey I've taken with a number of you. As you can see from the "L" sampler pictured above, I am still on the journey and will continue holding this class until it is completed. I hope you'll join us for this very fun project and be inspired by prior students' work. Any previous students with incomplete projects are welcome to audit the class at no additional fee; simply call to register.

Watch for these upcoming classes: Flat-Fold Finishing, Stitching on Silk Gauze, Flat Ornament Finishing, Knotwork, Punch Needle, Finishing Fair, and more. We hope you can join us for one or more of these fun classes.

New in the Shop

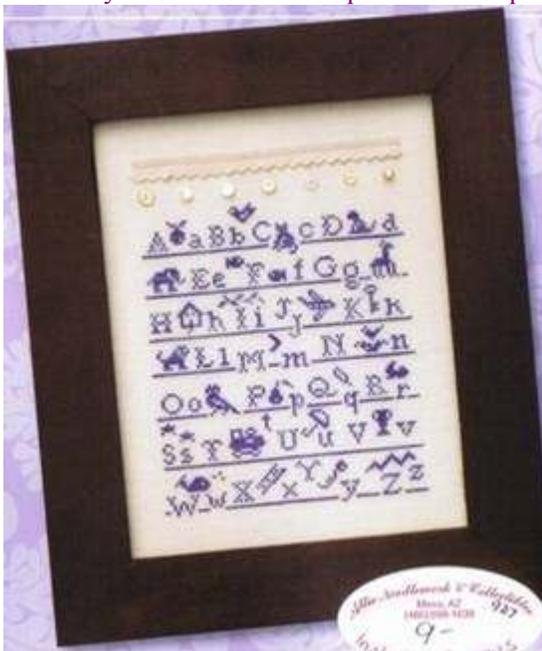
Arriving soon - Many of you saw a preview of the newest from *Diane Williams/Little House Needleworks* at our Live Trunk Show a few Sundays ago: "Prairie Sampler" and "Princess and the P," each \$7, both stitched in *Crescent Colours* threads, both framed in custom frames by *The Family Tree*, a branch of *Crescent Colours*.



From *Judy Whitman/JBW Designs*, below, "Jolly Old St. Nicholas" (\$9) that can be finished as a place mat for Santa's cookies or as a framed piece.



More in her vert charming and popular "**French Country**" series, first "ABC's" shown with two different finishes (\$4 chart only or \$9 with a button pack of 8 antique buttons)



"Christmas Keepsakes II" (\$4) ~ "A Nordic Mitten" (\$4) shown finished as a pillow and also a mitten, with its matching "French Country Mitten" from last year ~ and also in the French Country series, "Petite Stocking" (\$4). The only

dilemma: Which one to stitch first?



The next four in *Erica Michaels'* popular "12 Days of Christmas" series ~ only \$8 for each chartpack, colored perforated paper, self-adhesive wool felt for backing, pearl cotton for the hanger, and complete finishing instructions.



Three new designs, each \$9, from *Lisa Roswell/The Primitive Needle*: "Halloween Game Board" ~ "Mehitable Frisbee" ~ and "Salem Witch," with two designs each shown in a tin frame from *Twisted Threads*. Not normally a Halloween stitcher, I love the witch necklace!



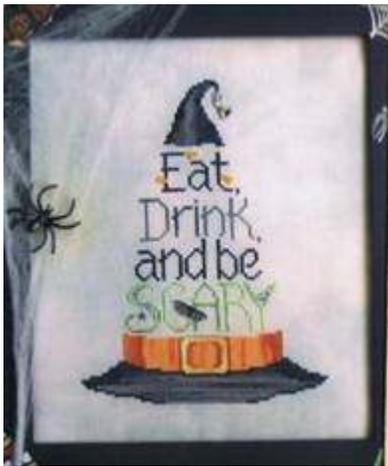
>From *The Drawn Thread*, "The Riddle" (\$22) ~ "Box of Stitches" Scissors & Needle Case (\$16), pictured closed in the upper left, the back in the lower left, and open on the right.



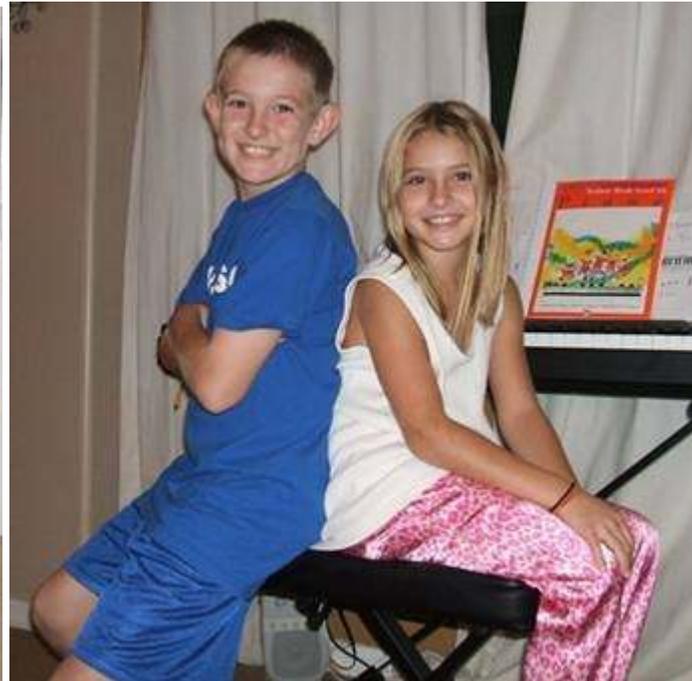
Parts 5 and 6 in the "Sampler of Stitches" series, each \$12.



From *Waxing Moon Designs*, "Eat, Drink & Be Scary" (\$5.50) and "Wool and Whimsy" (\$7) ~ and from *Prairie Moon*, "On the Fourth Day of Christmas" (\$10)



That's it for another week. I'm happy to report that Autumn has arrived in the Southwest desert! Highs for the day are below 100 and we're happy ~ and relieved. September is almost over, and it seems like only a week or so ago that Hannah and Tyler were off to school for another year. Hannah is taking piano lessons and loving it ~ her Great Grandmother Meta would be so proud of her. Nice long piano fingers that can easily reach the keys. Tyler is playing soccer and loving it as well.



Enjoy your week.

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