

THIS WEEKEND'S CLASSES

Elizabethan Stitching Accessories **Two 2-Hr. Classes**
Instructor: Linda **Fee: \$20**
Saturday, September 23 & October 14, 10:00-12:00 Noon



In this class featuring this lovely pinkeep (and fob) you will learn several wonderful techniques: double running (Holbein), satin, and queen stitches, twisted cord, and most importantly, how to finish a fob and pin keep. Please choose blue for anyone registering today – there are more red kits on their way, but blue is what's available now. The kit from *Tristan Brooks* (\$18) includes the linen and silk floss. (Other finishing supplies not included.)

Lacis (Class 2) **Three 1-Hr. Classes**
Instructor: Jean **Fee: \$20**
Saturday, September 9/23, Oct 7, 2:00-3:00 p.m.



In tomorrow afternoon's class we will be cutting and removing threads and wrapping the vertical threads. It's a wonderful technique, this lacis work, and the cutting is more comfortable when done in a group setting!

NEXT WEEKEND

Flat Ornament Finishing **One 2-Hr. Class**
Instructor: Christy **Fee: \$20 (includes finishing materials)**
Saturday, September 30, 2 - 4 p.m.

Flat (as opposed to puffy, pillow-like) ornament finishing is this class technique. Bring your stitched ornament and backing fabric, and the rest will be provided. Christy will show you how easy it is to finish your own. **This class is free to anyone finishing their auction ornament.**

COMING IN OCTOBER

Flat Fold Finishing **One 2-Hr. Class**
Instructor: Christy **Fee: \$40 (includes text & finishing materials)**
Saturday, ??, 2 - 4 p.m.

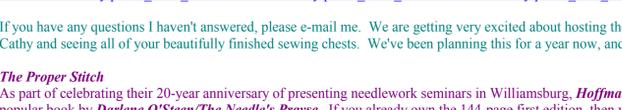
This unique finishing technique for stand-ups can be applied to many designs. Bring your stitched piece along with your chosen backing fabric to class, and Christy will teach you this finishing technique that is especially wonderful for Holiday decorations – when the holiday is over, these are easily stored in a box. The class text, *The Flat-Fold*, a finishing book by Judy Odell, is included with your fee. Go to <http://www.justathought.net/The%20Flatfold.htm> for some ideas for your flat-fold.

Grandmother/Mother/Daughter Class **One 2-Hr. Class**
Instructor: Vickie **Fee: \$20 (includes all materials)**
Saturday, October 14, 2 - 4 p.m.

Recognizing the critical importance of teaching this art to our children and grandchildren, Vickie has suggested this class, and has also volunteered to teach it – to grandmothers-grandaughters or mothers-daughters, whatever the combination, but each child must be accompanied by an adult. You can be certain that, with her love of sampler history, Vickie will also include a wonderful historical perspective.

Design Your Own French Alphabet Sampler **Three 2-Hr. Classes**
Instructor: Jean **Fee: \$30**
Saturdays, ? + ? + ? 10 - 12 Noon

This continues to be a very popular class here at *The Attic*. Using beautiful French alphabet books, your choice of several, as our text, we will design our own French Alphabet Sampler. The classes are scheduled with time in between to allow for stitching, planning, stitching, inspiration, and stitching! You will enjoy the inspiration and ideas that you get from your fellow students. As always, previous students with this an unfinished project are invited to "audit" the class at no additional fee, but please register. My model is stitched on 40-count cream New Castle linen using two shades of Soie 100/3, with *Alphabets Anciens*, *Le Livre Des Lettres*, and *Repertoire des Motifs* and *des Frises* as my primary references. Here are examples of mine unfinished, and Tamami's and Tedra's framed samplers.



CATHY CAMPBELL'S NOVEMBER VISIT

For those of you coming for Cathy's classes on either the first or second weekend in November, here is hotel information and class hours:

Friday night classes: 5:30 till 9:30 p.m., time to paint and varnish and varnish and varnish – at least I think that's the process; I'll know for sure soon.
 Saturday's classes: 9:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. with an hour for lunch. Lunch is provided.
 Sunday's grain-paint-a-frame class: 9 a.m. till mid-afternoon. Continental breakfast and snacks provided.

Hotels in the area:
 Phoenix Marriott Mesa <http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/pxhmm> (5 minutes away, 2.5 miles from the shop and/or class location)
 Marriott's Courtyard Phoenix Mesa <http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/PHXME> (12 minutes away, 5.4 miles)
 Fairfield Inn Phoenix Mesa <http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/PHXFM> (15 minutes)
 Residence Inn Phoenix Mesa <http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/PHXRM> (15 minutes away)
 Hilton Phoenix East/Mesa <http://www.hiltonphoenixeast.com/> (15 minutes away)
 Best Western Dobson Ranch Inn <http://www.dobsonranchinn.com/> (15 minutes away)
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If you have any questions I haven't answered, please e-mail me. We are getting very excited about hosting these weekend workshops with Cathy and seeing all of your beautifully finished sewing chests. We've been planning this for a year now, and it is almost finally here!

The Proper Stitch

As part of celebrating their 20-year anniversary of presenting needlework seminars in Williamsburg, *Hoffman Media* is reprinting this very popular book by *Darlene O'Steen/The Needle's Prayse*. If you already own the 144-page first edition, then you know this book's value and you will want to add this one to your library as well, with its additional photographs, stitch diagrams, and other wonderfully useful information. It will be 168 pages of some of the best stitch diagrams and explanations you will ever have at your fingertips. When Darlene called several months ago and asked for suggestions for additional stitches to be considered for this new volume, we were sworn to secrecy, but now the word is out! The book will be available in mid-November, and for those fortunate enough to attend this year's *Christmas in Williamsburg*, Darlene will be there in person to autograph your book. The book will sell for \$44.95, and we are taking reservations for it now.

Just CrossStitch 2006 Ornament Issue

Well, here's proof that we still receive some of our shipments by Pony Express way out here in the West. We saw on the 'net last week that a shop in Texas had already received their order, so each day we've restrained ourselves when the UPS and/or FedEx delivery person came and left without our shipment. And today has been no exception! A phone call moments ago to Hoffman Media hasn't been helpful – the person who has the information isn't in today. It's very frustrating when we see that it's already on Ebay, and our boxes – yes, boxes! – haven't yet arrived. So please be more patient than we have been this week as we wait for this year's issue.

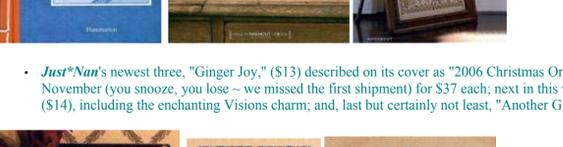
VICKIE'S CALENDAR OF DAYS

Another eagerly awaited needlework item that has seen a bit of a printing snafu, but the word is that it positively will be out, finished, ready for shipment by mid-week. As soon as we can, we will ship to all who are waiting. Fortunately, 2007 is still several months away. For those of you waiting for both the Ornament issue and the Calendar, they can both go in the same envelope!

NEW IN THE SHOP

Not in any particular order, here are some of the wonderful new things that have arrived in the past 10 days, something for everyone:

- From *Ellen Chester/With My Needle*, three wonderful Quaker charts, all using *Crescent Colours'* Milady's Teal: "Quaker Schoolgirl Needle Necessities" (\$14), "Quaker Samplings" (\$13), and "A Quaker Pattern Book" (\$16)



- From *Louis Mourisk Bear/Elegant Stitch*, designs to help fund breast cancer health groups, for 2006 in this series, "This Too Shall Pass Treasures Box" – a very complete kit with beautiful beads and silks and all finishing supplies, \$35; "This Too Shall Pass Golden Silk Strawberry," again a complete kit for making this gorgeous accessory, \$12.50. We still have several kits available for the 2004 kit, "This Too Shall Pass Scissors Keep & Fob," complete kit for \$29. Remember, ladies, that all net proceeds from the sale of these kits benefits breast cancer organizations in our communities.



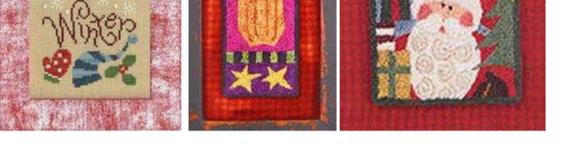
- Three wonderful new books to add to your needlework library: *Sajou Point de Croix* (\$54); Marjorie Massey's *Petits points & Toile de lin* (\$27); and Valerie Lejeune's latest, *Marquoirs en Liberté* – no time to exclaim over the virtues of these individually; suffice it to say that each of them, I think, will be a collector's item in a few short years.



- Just'Nan's* newest three, "Ginger Joy," (\$13) described on its cover as "2006 Christmas Ornament" – we'll have its frame available in November (you snooze, you lose – we missed the first set for \$37 each; next in this wonderful series, "Autumn in The Square" (\$14), including the enchanting Visions charm; and, last but certainly not least, "Another Girls Night Out" (\$7) – Yikes!



- Some treasures for sure, pewter pocket watches with various case designs, i.e., a thistle or Celtic knot, \$39; and "Lucy Pryor's Pocket Watch Sampler" chart from *Page Dorsey/The Sampler Workes* (\$8), which can be made to fit in these watches when stitched over one on 40c; and the latest from *DOVO*, our very favorite scissors manufacturer, this one emulating your dressmaker's shears, a 3 1/2-inch embroidery scissors with leather sheath (\$56)



- Lizzie Kate's* last two ornaments in this very popular series, along with a complimentary tree-topper for all of you who have collected the entire series; this year's whimsical design, "Is It Too Late," "Work Pray Trust," and "Tiny Tidings XI" – you only have to remember the photos of Rhonda's adorable renditions of *Lizzie Kate's* designs from two weeks ago to know these are wonderful stitched over one; "Winter-Ize," the latest Boxer Jr. kit; and her latest in punchneedle, "Tall Pumpkin" and "Santa '06"



- Judy Whitman/JBW Designs'* French country series continues with the "Reindeer" – and an adorable "Christmas Motif Sampler II" – and "Pumpkin," shown again because we have all of these wonderful pillows in stock for easy, elegant, and quick finishing!



- Speaking of quick finishing, here are table linens, in place-mat size, table runner size, and more, in 30c soft white or natural, with double/midsummer, priced from \$17 to \$24 to \$28, depending on the size – and the wonderful new design from *Deborah Thorpe/Hemstitching Night Design*, one of our Arizona designers, "Blessings from Above" (\$10)



- The newest from another of our Arizona designers, *Diane Williams/Little House Needleworks*, "Two Blue Houses" and "Music & Books," two things that most needleworkers enjoy almost as much as needlework!



- From *Thea/The Victoria Sampler*, "Christmas Wreath," with its beautiful silk ribbon adornments, \$26 with accessory pack; "K is for Knitter," \$41 with accessory pack; preview of the next in Thea's alphabet sampler series, "L is for Librarian," with more kits and music – and "Victorian Rose Sampler," already sold out and more coming in our next shipment – we also have the bellpull hardware



- More treasures for your needlework basket, incheslebooks from the beautiful sampler fabric as well as a gorgeous row end alphabet fabric. These needlebooks (\$18) measure 5 inches at their widest point and 3.5 inches high. The additional photos show them folded out, both inside and out. We just received the prototypes two days ago, so we will take your reservations for these until they arrive. One of them, of course, matches the adorable sampler bag we showed you in an earlier e-mail for \$14.



- The newest from *The Trilogy*, "Autumn Line-Up," (\$7); "Autumn Tree" with the most adorable leaf and acorn buttons (\$11); and in the Tall Trios series, "Harvest," \$28 for the complete kit



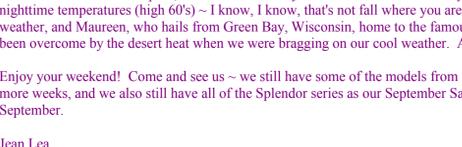
- More from a new designer to us, *The Gathering Place™*: "Autumn Shadows" (\$9); "Where the Blueberries Grow" (\$10), with a wonderful verse encircling the design in the outside border; "Bunnies May Come and Bunnies May Go But Bunnies Know Where the Blueberries Grow"; and, last, a beautiful reproduction sampler, "Caroline's Sampler 1825," (\$15)



- From *Twisted Oaks Designs*, fourth in this Pennsylvania Dutch Quilt series, Square 4, "Bless This House," (\$6)



- And from one of my very favorite designers, *Lori Markovic/La-D-Da*, "Rejoice Always" (\$8) – and next to it, our conversion to *Gloriana's Luminescence* shown on 40c *Lakeside Linens* Vintage something, I think Exemplar – and it's gorgeous!



Well, this has taken altogether too long today – there's still more to show you but it will have to wait for another time. Autumn officially arrives in Arizona at 9:02 p.m., and we can certainly feel it in the air – cooler daytime temperatures (around 90) and much cooler desert nighttime temperatures (high 60's) – I know, I know, that's not fall where you are. Last weekend we were explaining about our Autumn weather, and Maureen, who hails from Green Bay, Wisconsin, home to the famous frozen tundra of Lambeau Field, looked at us like we'd been overcome by the desert heat when we were bragging on our cool weather. As with all things, everything is relative.

Enjoy your weekend! Also see and see us – we still have some of the models from *The Heart's Content* on display in the classroom, for a few more weeks, and we also still have all the Splendor Samplers of the Month – it has truly been a Splendorous September.

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