

THIS WEEKEND at *The Attic*

- **Saturday, September 24, 10:00 - Noon, Class 3 of 3, My Stitching Treasures** ~ Rhonda and I are looking forward to seeing the



progress all of you have made. And I can't resist showing you one more time Rhonda's beautiful version of this heirloom piece.

- **Saturday, September 24, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Class 3 of 3, Design Your Own French Alphabet Class** ~ This is a rescheduling from its original date of September 9, when I was in Wisconsin for the family celebration. I hope this works for all of you in the class. If not, please let me know and we will make other arrangements.

NEXT WEEKEND at *The Attic*

- **Saturday, October 1, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Punchneedle, \$45 (includes all materials)** ~ Here's another opportunity to join the growing fans of punchneedle and, under Christy's expert guidance, learn this very easy, centuries-old technique. There's more and more of your favorite designers publishing PN designs, many of them lovely Holiday ornaments. Learn this quick technique ~ it will make your Holiday stitching fast and fun!

THANK YOU ...

... to those of you who looked, for taking the time to search your stitching baskets and put-up projects for Lot 2 of Needlepoint, Inc. silk Color 147 ~ so far we've had no luck in coming up with a skein or two for Sheila so that she can finish her very beautiful *Mouline Rouge*. But I am the eternal optimist, and I will continue to hold out hope that it is out there.

HOLIDAY HEIRLOOM CLUB

Last week's newsletter announced a monthly ornament kit that we will put up, based on the 2005 *Just CrossStitch Ornament* issue. I'm pleased to present the first design we've selected from the many wonderful designs in this year's issue, "Holly Noel." It is from Sandra Sullivan of *Homespun Elegance*, stitched over 2 on her prefinished 32-count pointed pillow ornament from *Olde Colonial Designs* with 3 colors of *Weeks Dye Works*, centered with an Olde Brass Pinwheel button and decorated with 3/8-inch wide ribbon.



The kit includes all materials to completely finish the project for \$23. If you haven't gotten your copy of the magazine yet, we have more of those available for \$6.99. A number of you registered after last week's newsletter, and several others of you had questions about the logistics of the HH Club. To make it workable for everyone, including the shop, we will need to receive your order within a week of its announcement in the newsletter to allow time to order the materials. Since each kit price will vary depending on the materials called for and included, we will announce the month's kit, take orders for one week, and then prepare the kits for all of that kit's registrants.

THE MERRY COX WEEKEND

November 11~13 is fast approaching. For those of you coming from out of the Phoenix metro area, the hotel information is available on our Web site under the "Merry Cox Classes" tab. Because of the size of the classes, all classes will be held at the hotel. The shop is about 5 miles/15 minutes from the hotel. If you will be without a car, there will be transportation available from the hotel to the shop. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call our toll-free number. There are several of you waiting for kits. We ran out of several late last week, and Merry is currently teaching on a cruise off the coast of New England (we wish we were there!). As soon as she returns, we'll be in touch and ordering more kits ~ they'll be in the mail to you as soon as we get them.

We are excited to tell you that several special guests will be joining us during varying parts of the weekend. We will be exhibiting a trunk show of reproduction samplers and designs from Darlene Lara of *The Marking Sampler*. Darlene will be attending several of the classes. And coming from France and bringing some of her models, including her newest designs, is Sylvie Tonnelier of *Au Fil des Reves*. Sylvie, along with her friend, Veronique Million, will be attending two of the weekend classes. This is Sylvie's first time to the USA, and we are thrilled to have her with us for this special weekend.

We will have a Merry Cox stitch-in on **Sunday afternoon, October 9, 1:00-4:00 p.m.**, for any projects in the weekend. Please call to register.

WHAT'S NEW



From *Long Dog Samplers*, Julia's "Rosemarkie" It's not her newest, but it's new to us. Her newest, "Sonne Spotte" on the right, will be here soon. While our latest shipment was en route, this beautiful spot motif sampler was announced, and we had to have it sooner than later ~ we're happy to hold one for you.

In order of appearance:

- "Priceless" from *Glory Bee*, \$6, expressing a truism that would make a MasterCard commercial that many of us can relate to.
- "Polly Wolly Doodle" from *La-D-Da*, \$8 ~ I love everything Lori publishes, and this one is no exception!
- "Fair Eliza's Sweet Bag" from *Fancy Work*, \$10 ~ in addition to complete finishing instructions, Jane Timmers includes in this chartpack a bit of Elizabethan history about sweet bags.
- "Bethlehem" from *Imagining*, \$6 ~ another popular and charming monochromatic from Diane Arthurs ~ wouldn't it be fabulous on a vintage *Lakeside Linens* fabric with an overdyed silk from *Gloriana* or *Thread Gatherer* or *Dinky Dyes*?



New from *Lizzie Kate*, a perennial favorite with so many of us:

- "Santa '05" on skates with *Just Another Button Company* peppermint buttons on his overcoat, \$3
- "1st Christmas," for a new baby or a new couple, \$3
- "Tiny Tidings X," complete with embellishments ~ for 10 years now this has been a most popular series, \$11
- "Pair o' Pilgrims," including 2 standup patterns and finishing instructions for Miles Stand(up)ish and his bride, \$10
- "Friends & Family," LZ's newest in the Boxers series, complete with 28c evenweave and poinsettia button, \$16



From *Victoria Sampler*, some of these have come in and gone, but not to worry, more are on their way:

- The very beautiful "Jingle Bells Christmas Tree Farm Sampler," second in Thea's Small Farm series.
- "Ravenhill Herb Farm Sampler," the first in this series.
- "F is for Fairy," another in Thea's very popular alphabet series, \$35.50 with the embellishment pack (and a preview of the next in the series, of course, the "G" sampler, and it's for Grandma!!!)
- "Christmas Virtues 2," obviously a second in this series, with virtues like "Courage" and "Compassion" and "Generosity" that are so appropriate not only at Christmastime but most especially today, with the hurricane-ravaged Americans in our beloved South ~ \$29 with the embellishment pack
- "Fleece Navidad," a design by Cathy Jean for *The Victoria Sampler* with a charming rendition of a favorite intentional malapropism ~ \$8.50.



And overlooked in last week's newsletter, from *Exemplars from the Heart/Exemplar Dames Design Company*:

- "Dames Boarding School" with its Quaker-style alphabet and two Quaker school buildings, one for boys and one for girls, where they learned basic academic skills and needlework. I love the border with its rosebuds and leaves, no two alike. \$14
- "Tracey's Cat Sampler," copyrighted in 2001 but a perennial favorite with a charming cat as its central motif with a bird perched on his knee and surrounded by Quaker motifs. \$9.



We're excited to tell you there's a new restaurant in our center, opening yesterday for service, is a wonderful Mexican restaurant, **Frank and Lupe's Old Mexico**. This is their third restaurant, the first being in New Mexico. Their hours here in Mesa: Monday ~ Saturday, 11~ 9 p.m. and on Sundays, 12 noon till closing. Here's what *The New York Times on the Web* has to say about their Scottsdale restaurant, an article that was originally published in their Sunday Late Edition on February 23, 2003. Read more at http://www.phoenixcvb.com/media/index.cfm?action=nyt_2-23-03:

"Mexican restaurants come and go in the valley. One that stands the test of time is Frank and Lupe's Old Mexico, 4121 North Marshall Way, (480) 990-9844, amid the art galleries and curio shops in Old Town Scottsdale. The New Mexico dishes include flat enchiladas, soft blue corn tacos, chiles rellenos and, for dessert, sopaipillas laced with honey. The guitarist and singer Antonio Vega adds the perfect touch; he plays Thursday through Saturday. Dinner for two with margaritas is about \$30. Lunch and dinner Monday to Saturday."

When you're visiting the shop, we hope you'll plan to have lunch or dinner there and help us welcome this wonderful addition to our center.

That's all for this week. Thank you for your kind comments about our newsletter. We enjoy staying in touch this way and bringing you the newest in the shop as quickly as we can. And now that I somewhat understand this scanning technology, it's a pleasure to give you a taste of the excitement we have each day as we open the boxes. It's like Christmas all year long.

The weekend will be filled with anxious prayers as we await the news. We hope by some miracle it will change course to unpopulated areas and lessen in intensity. Our thoughts and prayers are with our fellow Americans who are having to deal with this horrific weather. You'll hear no complaints from us as our autumn-like weather was only a fleeting thing.

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