

**THIS 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!

**OCTOBER SAMPLER OF THE MONTH**



This beautiful rendition of *Homespun Sampler's* "The Hunt Sampler" from Betsy's needle is done on 40c Vintage Light Exemplar from *Lakeside Linen* with Needlepoint, Inc. silk. Save 15% during October on the pattern, fabric, and silk.

**OCTOBER PSC DISCOUNTS**

At any time during October PSC Club members will save 15% on:

- All hand-dyed linens/evenweaves (there's some beautiful hand-dyed evenweaves available now, for anyone uncomfortable with linen)
- All sampler designs
- All Thanksgiving/Autumn designs/charts/kits/frames/etc.

**OUR NEXT PIZZA PARTY ~**

~ is scheduled for Friday night, October 28th, from 7 till 11 p.m. Pizza from a wonderful east valley favorite, *Red, White & Brew*, desserts from ??, with refreshments, door prizes, and blue light specials. Bring your appetites and your latest project ~ or plan to get a brand-new project that evening that we'll help you kit up for a 10% savings off all kit contents. Telephone registration will open on Tuesday morning, October 4, 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 22.

**BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

October you will see many pink ribbons and walks and races and things to buy, all in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We are planning a special in-shop display of the pink-ribbon charts, and others whose proceeds are donated to this and other causes, and we will show you pictures of the over two dozen already donated items for our **9th Annual Silent Auction for Breast Cancer Research**, scheduled this year for **Saturday night, November 19th, 6 - 8 p.m.** at the shop.

Also in next week's news will be dates and times for all kinds of finishing classes to help you glide into the Holiday Season with ease. Christy has some wonderful and easy finishing techniques to share with you.

**HOLIDAY HEIRLOOM CLUB**

Last week's newsletter announced our first **monthly** ornament kit chosen from among the 75 wonderful designs that we are kitting up from the *2005 Just CrossStitch Ornament* issue. The response to our first selection was wonderful! We're waiting for more pillow ornaments and buttons, and the kits should be ready for distribution on Monday. Next month's ornament kit will be announced later in October, to be ready for distribution around November 1.



**NEW MODELS**

Not yet framed and up on the wall, but I couldn't wait to show you:

- From *Hand to Work*, "A Bird Sang" on 40c Vintage *Lakeside Linens* with Needlepoint, Inc. silk, in a custom, hand-painted frame from *Primitives DHC* ~ sometimes I don't include the frame in the scan, but I couldn't omit this beauty from Cathy's studio because it complements the piece so beautifully. Difficult to see in this shrunken scanned version is the strawberry patch in the lower left, done in a continental stitch over 1, and the alphabet in the upper right, also done over 1 with the continental stitch. And I love the verse: "A bird sang sweet & strong and pour'd out his heart in song." Cindy's needlework is simply amazing!



- From *Dessins DHC* in France, "Deers among Wood," shown here three ways: (1) Cindy's version on 40c Vintage *Lakeside Linens*, omitting the outside border and stitching the snowflakes in a wee tiny eyelet, awaiting its oval frame (we'll show you it again when the frame arrives), done with *Gloriana's Luminescence* (Autumn Arbor) over 1 in the continental stitch; (2) Sandy's version over 2 on 40c Vintage Sienna Night from *Lakeside Linens* with Silk 'n Colors 145 Linsey-Woolsey from *The Thread Gatherer*; and (3) as pictured on the pattern from the designer. If you want this chart (approx \$12, depending on the exchange rate), we will take your reservation. We are currently waiting for an e-mail reply from the designer to order more charts.



**NEW IN THE SHOP**

From *Shepherd's Bush* (mats are on their way, will be here before our stitching is finished):

- finally it's here, the very beautiful "Come Tarry" ~ \$60
- "Thankful Sheep" with his adorable Pilgrim button hat, standing next to the Mayflower ~\$14
- "Happy Birthday" ~ but appropriate for many occasions ~ its words are "Happy Happy Day" ~ \$12
- "Believe," for a beginning stitcher, your daughter or granddaughter, kitted with 10c Heatherfield and including basic cross stitch instructions with very clear diagrams ~ and after your young stitcher is finished, wouldn't this be great over 1 on 40c?
- and this year's stocking, "Reed's Stocking" ~ \$6; the charm packets are here also ~ \$20



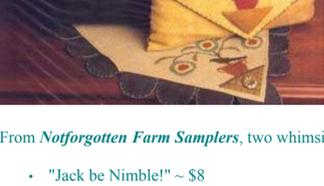
The newest designs from Arizona's *Little House Needleworks'* Diane Williams:

- "Coffee Menu," sure to be very popular with the many coffee (should I say Starbucks?) fans - \$6.50
- "The Friendship Tree" featuring a fabulous tree with a wonderful quote from Proverbs: "A friend loves at all times" ~ \$6.50



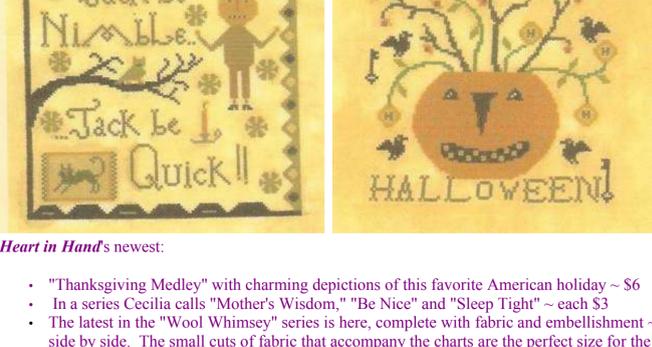
More great designs from *Homespun Elegance's* Sandra Sullivan:

- "Shabby Chic Christmas" ~ \$7.50 ~ a beautiful companion piece to her "Shabby Chic Autumn" that we showed you several newsletters ago ~ and there was an enclosure with our order saying the lamp shades will be available soon!
- "Hearts Come Home" shown on the prefinished 28c tri-color patches linen pillow or as a wool banner ~ \$7
- "Merry Yule Santa" ~ the 2005 Santa Ornament, complete with embellishments ~ \$8
- "Jumping Snowflakes" ~ now, that could make jumping rope a fun exercise! ~ \$8
- "Oh Holy Night" ~ I love any design with this title! ~ \$8
- "Blooming Crows" ~ we have the prefinished black purse as well, needing only your embroidery to finish it!



From *Notforgotten Farm Samplers*, two whimsical Halloween designs:

- "Jack be Nimble!" ~ \$8
- "Hallow'een" ~ \$8



*Heart in Hand's* newest:

- "Thanksgiving Medley" with charming depictions of this favorite American holiday ~ \$6
- In a series Cecilia calls "Mother's Wisdom," "Be Nice" and "Sleep Tight" ~ each \$3
- The latest in the "Wool Whimsey" series is here, complete with fabric and embellishment ~ but look how fabulous these look stitched side by side. The small cuts of fabric that accompany the charts are the perfect size for the many wonderful ornaments you'll want to stitch. The side-by-side rendition pictured below measures 18.5 x 2.75 inches on 32c Belfast linen.



And last, but certainly not least:

- in this Quaker-inspired era, is the beautiful "Grace Quaker Sampler" from *Sampler Cove* stitched with *Gloriana's* 12-ply stranded silk in *Rosewood* ~ the chart says you will need 20 yards of the 12-ply silk or 6 skeins of 8-ply Needlepoint, Inc. silk. What a perfect Quaker sampler to personalize with initials of loves ones, family or friends, using one of the many Quaker-style alphabets available today! ~ \$12
- a wonderful motif stocking from *Prairie Moon*, "On the Central Day of Christmas" ~ isn't it fabulous! And what fun it will be to stitch, with all of the charming winter motifs that surround the central motif, the partridge in the pear tree! ~ \$10



That's all that comes to mind for this week. But my mind is very preoccupied with lots of exciting things: the BIG game tomorrow at Sun Devil Stadium between our ASU Sun Devils and the USC Trojans ~ and with thoughts of good wishes to our sister-in-law Deb (in the center of the photo, with brother Mike on her right and daughter Katie on her left) as she celebrates her special day tomorrow ~ Happy Birthday, Deb! The mailman has a little surprise for you ~ and with more good thoughts and wishes for brother Jer as he prepares to celebrate his 68th birthday on Monday ~ and sh-sh-sh-sh, don't tell, but his surprise gift from sister-in-law Nancy is a three-day trip to Phoenix ~ she's picking him up at his office to take him to lunch ~ what he doesn't know is lunch will be a bit late 'cause first he has a short plane trip to Phoenix, where we will meet them at Sky Harbor, whisk them off for an early dinner, and then home to cheer on our Packers on Monday Night Football ~ and then more surprises for him during their very short three-day stay! Below is a photograph taken on their 38th wedding anniversary in June.



Thank you for your continued interest in Attic Needlework, and our newsletter, our version of what's new and exciting in our needlework world. As September draws to a close, I hope your life allows you to spend some much needed time with your needle, to prepare for the very busy season ahead.

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