

OCTOBER CLASSES

Beginning Linen **One 2-Hr. Class**
Instructor: Linda **Fee: \$30**
Tomorrow, Saturday, October 6, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

It's the first Saturday of the month, and that means it's a great opportunity for any of you wanting to learn to cross-stitch, and much, much more. Using the timeless classic, *Linen Stitches*, as the text for this class, you will stitch a bookmark with a lovely red geranium and learn the basics of this wonderfully relaxing artform known as cross-stitch. The fee includes everything you will need except your scissors and, if necessary, magnification.

Elizabethan Stitching Accessories **Last class in this 2-part series**
Instructor: Linda **Fee: \$20**
Tomorrow, Saturday, October 6, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

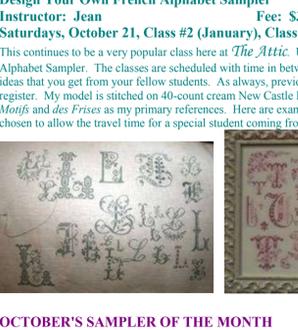


Tomorrow's class: wonderful finishing techniques for pin cushion and fob.



Flat Fold Finishing **One Class**
Instructor: Christy **Fee: \$40 (includes text & finishing materials)**
Saturday, October 14, 10 - 12:30 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.

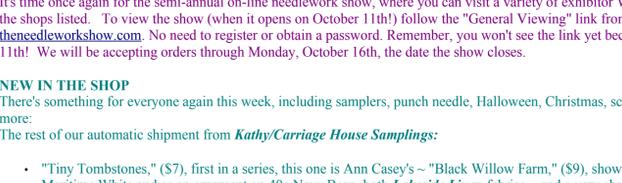


Grandmother/Mother/Daughter Class **One 2-Hr. Class**
Instructor: Vickie **Fee: \$20 (includes all materials)**
Saturday, October 14, 2 - 4 p.m.

Simple pleasures are the very best kind... especially when enjoyed with family members! Bring your daughter or granddaughter (boys welcome as well) to The Attic next Saturday afternoon to learn a needlework technique they can enjoy the rest of their lives! Long-time Attic staffer and customer Vickie Jennett will share her enthusiasm for counted thread embroidery with you as she recounts the history of this art form and teaches the younger generation how to make their own heirloom. All supplies provided ~ **plus fun door prizes and surprises!** (Bring small sharp scissors if you have some.)

Design Your Own French Alphabet Sampler **Three 2-Hr. Classes**
Instructor: Jean **Fee: \$30**
Saturdays, October 21, Class #2 (January), Class #3 (?), 11:00-1:00 p.m.

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 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 Mots et des Prises* as my primary references. Here are examples of mine unfinished, and Tamami's and Tedra's framed samplers. This late-morning start time has been chosen to allow the travel time for a special student coming from California to take the class!



OCTOBER'S SAMPLER OF THE MONTH



"Fall's Girls" ~ hot off the press ~ this wonderfully colorful and whimsical new design from *Kathy Barrick/Carriage House Samplings* ~ Kathy's model perfectly stitched by "our" Courtney on 32c Belfast with 2-ply Needlepoint, Inc. silk ~ also shown, the NPI colors scanned over 40c Vintage Charcoal from *Lakeside Linens* if you like it smaller ~ and you only have to use 1 ply ~ as a lazy stitcher, I love that! And you thought all along it was because I loved it small! During the month of October any of you can save 15% off the purchase of the chart (\$10) and the linen and the thread!

OCTOBER'S PSC DISCOUNTS

Members of our PSC Club are also entitled to additional October discounts. Any time during the month save 15% on your purchase of the following:

- *Carriage House Samplings* charts
- *Lakeside Linens* fabric
- NPI silks

Membership requirements? \$20 annually, which entitles you to the monthly PSC discounts, early admittance to Market Days and, best of all, a 25% one-time shopping spree in your birthday month. This discount can be used on anything in the shop **except** merchandise marked "No Discount" and is **not** applicable to items on hold but can be applied to any special-order merchandise for orders placed on your personal shopping day.

ON-LINE NEEDLEWORK SHOW

It's time once again for the semi-annual on-line needlework show, where you can visit a variety of exhibitor Web sites and place an order with the shops listed. To view the show (when it opens on October 11th!) follow the "General Viewing" link from the main page: theneedleworkshow.com. No need to register or obtain a password. Remember, you won't see the link yet because the show isn't open until the 11th! We will be accepting orders through Monday, October 16th, the date the show closes.

NEW IN THE SHOP

There's something for everyone again this week, including samplers, punch needle, Halloween, Christmas, scissors, accessories, and so much more:

The rest of our automatic shipment from *Kathy/Carriage House Samplings*:

- "Tiny Tombstones," (\$7), first in a series, this one is Ann Casey's ~ "Black Willow Farm," (\$9), shown two ways, framed on 40c Maritime White and as an ornament on 40c Navy Bean, both *Lakeside Linen* fabrics ~ and a very charming and very doable "Just a Little Sampler," also on *Lakeside Linens* fabric, 40c Meadow Rue, using Silk 'n Colors from *The Thread Gatherer*, design size 2.5 x 4 3/8!



Another automatic shipment, this one from *Heart in Hand*:

- "Pumpkin Hill" (\$4); "Wee Santa 2006" (\$4); and next in the Wool Whimsy Barnyard Quartet, "Cow" (Kit \$20), shown with the rest of the "quartet"



A variety of "needs" for your stitching basket:

- "Thimble Barrel" (\$6), next in the gorgeous Colonial Coverlet Series from Carolyn Standing Webb ~ I'll try to remember to show you the entire series next week, if you've forgotten or missed it from several months ago ~ beautiful set of accessories that each of us should own
- The latest in the Ginger Designer's Series, "Julia," 4 -inch embroidery scissors, \$33
- A wonderfully whacky witch playing with a mouse (Yikes!!), "Witching It Was Halloween," (\$10), new from *Glendon Place*



Another eclectic grouping:

- From *Lisa Cowell*, "Snow Family Tree" (\$8) ~ don't you just love the red birds!!! ~ and "Emily Davis," stitched 1 over 1 on 28c ~ Yes!!! No wonder it's so very lovely with its graceful swans!
- From *Passione Ricamo*, Italian style in counted cross-stitch designs, "Enchanted Fairy" (\$19)



SamSarah Design Studio's Doubles Series, "Embrace," shown both in wool applique and cross-stitch (\$6) ~ and new from *Jeannette Douglas Designs*, "Autumn Stitches," (\$10), photographed in one of the gorgeous Dowry boxes from *Oldie Colonial*



From *Brittercup Designs*, more of Michelle's wonderful animals, "Britty Kitty Christmas Stocking" (\$7.50) and ""Anarctic Penguins" (\$7.50)



Another automatic shipment from *Erica Michaels*, whose trunk show will be exhibiting at The Attic very soon, all of Linda's newest in both punchneedle and cross stitch:

- Row 1: "Ginger Cookie" and "Harvest Hearts," both \$13, which includes hand-dyed Weaver's Cloth and punchin' ~ and the very beautiful "Quiet Forest," \$13, including the buttons and charms ~ I saw these at the Charlotte tradeshow, and I couldn't wait till I could show them to you!



- Row 2: "Snow Days Roundabout" (\$7.50 ~ "Peace Stocking," (\$6.50), very beautiful shown on 18c linen, wonderful for smaller-count linens as well ~ and "Christmas" (\$5.50), shown on 40c in the framed model and on 32c in the pillow ~ gorgeous additions to your Holiday trimmings!!!!



And two of my favorites this week:

- "Random Thoughts of Winter" (\$6.50) from *Erica Michaels*, next in this series, shown on 40c framed and on 32c as a pillow. I LOVE this one! ~ and from *Blue Ribbon Designs*, "Tiny Trees and Gifts for Thee," (\$10), another series design, this one shown on 40c Exemplar from *Lakeside Linens*, our favorite! To see Brenda's entire series, with more to come, go to her Web site: <http://www.blueribbondesigns.com/> and click on "Designs" ~ this is a very charming and fun-to-stitch seasonal series ~ just ask Attic customer Evelyn, who finished her first one in this series a short time ago. She says each little motif is fun and in no time you're finished!

Also from *Blue Ribbon Designs*, each chart \$10, "Autumn Wishes" and "Christmas Sentiments, Volume 1" ~ wonderful quick-to-stitch ornaments!

New from *Long Dog Samplers*, "Foursome Reel" (\$19), four wonderful designs as a 10th Anniversary Edition ~ the only difficulty is choosing which one to start with ~ and "Autumn Blessings" (\$6), which could be stitched in parts for a smaller but just-as-charming seasonal sampler.

From our friends in England: "Bentleys Field" (\$20) and "Winter," (\$30), both kitted with the design printed on beautiful fabric and a selection of threads ~ and "Noel Sampler" by *Historical Sampler Company* (\$15)

Another automatic shipment from *Homespun Elegance*, with "Merry Cardinal" and "Blackie," each \$14, each punchneedle packet including printed fabric and all finishing instructions ~ and "2006 Snowman Ornament ~ Along For the Ride" (\$8, includes charm) ~ and "Merry To You," (\$11.70, including charms) stocking designs shown two ways: on 7-count Sand Klostern using Weeks Dye Works #5 over-dyed pearl cotton, or as a pillow stitched on hand-dyed linen. Sandra's creativity and artistry never stops, and for that we are grateful!

NEW MODEL ON LOAN

Thank you, Arvida, for allowing us to exhibit your very adorable rendition of this old favorite, "Halloween Row" from *Bent Creek*. Arvida stitched it on a green 32c linen no longer available ~ we matched it up last night with *Lakeside Linens*' Vintage River Willow, and it's great! Arvida also changed the color of the lettering to *Gentle Art Sampler Threads*' Hyacinth and added a bit of metallic to the cauldron's bubbling witch's brew. And, of course, the buttons from *Just Another Pumpkin* provided the adorable final touch!

JUST IN

~ off the Brown Truck, from *Just*Nan*, "Horarified," her Fall 2006 WhimZi Limited Edition Kit (\$20) ~ and no shipment from *Lakeside Linens*, supposed to arrive today!!!!. And the Brown Truck lets us down two Fridays in a row. What good does a tracking number do when it gives false information?

Horrified!

Oh, dear, I guess I'll just have to take the weekend off ~ run away from it all so I don't have to tell you that your favorite linen didn't arrive! Guess I'll run off to Tucson with John for his 50th year high school class reunion ~ I know, he doesn't look (or act) that old, does he? Another fun weekend to pick up my spirits after saying good-bye to brother Jer and dear sister-in-law Nancy. We always have such fun when they come to visit, and last weekend was no exception. A Saturday afternoon indoor soccer game, and Tyler's team won! And a trip to our favorite ice cream shop afterwards for treats for the winner (and the cheering section). And a moment taken for a group photo so that I can remember these very special times together.

Enjoy your beautiful Indian summer ~ while we enjoy summer! Autumn will be back soon, we hope.

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