

MERRY COX CLASSES

It's only a little over a month away now, and we are **very** excited to be hosting a weekend of wonderful workshops again with this internationally known designer. Because of the enrollment size for the workshops, **all** classes will be held at the **Dobson Ranch Inn** in Mesa. Go to www.dobsonranchinn.com for information about this Best Western hotel and conference center. Go to our Web site and click on "Merry Cox Classes" for room rates and hotel phone numbers: www.atticneedlework.com.

If you are traveling from out of town and are planning to stay at the hotel, please make your reservations as soon as possible. If you call the hotel and are told the hotel is full, ask to speak to a supervisor. The hotel is **not** full yet, nor is our block filled, but per the hotel sales manager that I'm dealing with, if all groups who have blocks need their full block, there will be "no room at the inn," to borrow a phrase. So the sooner the better, to avoid having to find an alternate hotel for any of you.

Merry Cox Stitch-In ~ Sunday afternoon, October 9, 1 - 4 p.m. ~ Free to all workshop registrants, a chance to work on your prestitching with fellow MC students. Currently we have only one registrant. We are repeating this in today's e-mail and hope to hear from more of you. If not, since we don't hold classes, even free ones, for less than two registrants, we will have to reschedule till next Sunday afternoon, October 16, to coincide with **Sampler Sunday**.

BREAST CANCER SILENT AUCTION

Our 9th Annual Silent Auction for Breast Cancer Research is just six weeks from tomorrow ~ Saturday, November 19, 6 - 8 p.m. We have been receiving some **beautiful** donations already. Today I'm including scans of some; next week I'll include scans of over 20 items, all donated by the same needleworker, a long-time auction supporter who customarily donated multiple ornaments. She is now a breast cancer survivor herself.

Ornaments pictured below in groups were donated by the same stitcher/finisher.



HOLIDAY HEIRLOOM CLUB

From the 2005 *Just CrossStitch Ornament* issue, the first ornament chosen for this monthly kit, "Holly Noel" designed by **Homespun Elegance**, has been hugely popular. We have shipped ornaments to some of you; we are waiting for more kit supplies, which should arrive today or tomorrow, and the remaining kits will go out in the mail early next week. If any of you failed to sign up but still wish to, we will accept kit orders on a first-come, first-served basis until this second run of kits is exhausted.



Kit price: \$23

WHAT'S NEW

I've not been in the shop much this week because I've been off doing things with my brother Jer and his wife Nancy, but I do know a bit of what has arrived.

From *Bent Creek*, "Let Us Be Thankful Row," "Gertie Gobbler Kit" (an adorable sheep disguised as a turkey), and "Pumpkins on the Hill Kit."



From *The Silver Lining*, a beautiful iris titled "Dream Maker"; from *Passione Ricamo*, "Dawn The Fairy Spirit of Grace"; from *Mirabilia*, "Garden Beauty," and from *Rainbow Gallery*, a Designer Collection shading palette of six colors called Splendor Porcelain Bronze Collection that was designed especially for, and approved by, Marilyn Leavitt-Imblum for her designs. I think it would work beautifully for all of these ladies, don't you think?



From *Diane Graebner*, "Tug of War" and from *Raise the Roof*, "Turkey Dressing."



There's more that's new, but it will have to wait another week. It's time to spend some very special time with brother Jer and sister-in-law Nancy. They were scheduled to leave yesterday afternoon, but we talked them into another couple days here. His birthday surprise was fabulous (and our Packers **almost** gave Jer another birthday present), as has been each day that followed. Wednesday night the **Celtic Woman** concert was unbelievable, the voices of angels for sure, and even accompanied by a beautiful harp for a few of their songs. These ladies are currently on a tour across these great United States. Go to <http://www.celticwoman.us/> to see their concert tour schedule to see when they'll be in your area. They're appearing in Tucson tonight. Nancy and I wanted to drive down, but the boys nixed that. So we'll wait till their next Phoenix appearance. A better concert I've not been to.

Below are: 1) Jer on the plane to Phoenix ~ the surprise is now over, but he's excited! And the pilot, flight attendants, and fellow passengers just finished wishing him a "Happy 6*th Birthday"! 2) Nancy & Jer at the birthday dinner; 3) Granddaughter Hannah presenting Jer with the birthday card she made for him; 4) Hannah getting ready to help Jer blow out the candles before the whipped cream frosting melts; and 5) Jer and Nancy on concert night.



Enjoy your week! Thanks for your continued interest in *The Attic*. We value your friendship as well as your patronage.

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