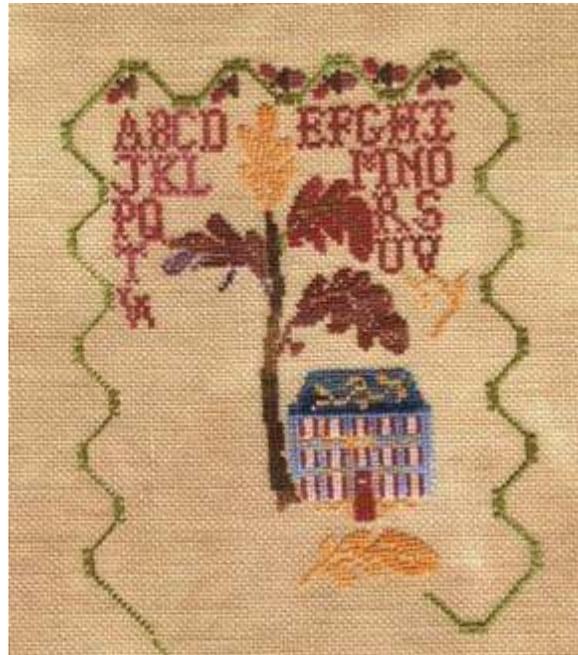


## October Sampler of the Month



Thank you, Dawn, for bringing to my attention that I omitted the name of this design in last week's e-mail. I was in such a frenzy to get it sent and on its way before flying off to a fabulous retreat with, among others, the two *Blackbird Designs* ladies, Barb and Alma, that I forgot that important detail! It's "House on Acorn Hill." I'm stitching it over 1 on *Lakeside Linen's* 28c Vintage Sand Dune with *Crescent Colours' Belle Soie* silks, and I've made a bit more progress since last week. Lots of stitching time on airplanes. During October **save 15% on your purchase of two of the three:** chart (\$8); your choice of threads, either *Gentle Art SamplerThreads* (\$33) or *Belle Soie* (\$49.50); and fabric, the cost of which varies depending on the size you need. We have other counts available in the Vintage Sand Dune so that you may choose the fabric of your choice. Because this sampler is framed close, we cut the fabric with 2-inch margins unless you tell us otherwise.

What a singular experience and distinct pleasure it is to take a class from these very talented ladies, Barb and Alma! So much creativity ~ I wish some of it could be had by osmosis. And I'm thrilled to announce preliminarily that Barb and Alma of *Blackbird Designs* have agreed to come and teach ~ their word is "entertain" ~ for us next November here in Mesa. More details to follow in forthcoming newsletters.

## Updates on a few outstanding items:

- "My Tuscany" project
  - The Shaker carriers: Our order for the beautiful Shaker carriers is "in the que," per an e-mail from the manufacturer, and the que is a bit longer than we'd like ~ delivery will not be for another several months. He is very busy, and deservedly so. But the stitching for this project should take many of us right up to delivery time anyway, so the timing, I hope, will be fine for those of you with carriers on order. I am reminded of the saying: Good things come to those who wait. And these beautiful carriers are certainly worth waiting for. There is no good alternative that I have found. There is a source in Europe but at a much higher price, with the current exchange rate. And so we wait
  - The fabric: 28c Vintage Country Grain is on back order from the manufacturer, and no one knows how long that will be. To solve that indefinite wait time, we have ordered yards of 28c Vintage Autumn Fields, from the same manufacturer and, we think, an excellent substitute, and Kris at Norden Crafts agreed! So if your order awaits the fabric and you are willing to substitute, please let us know and we will ship immediately. The substitute fabric arrives in an order expected today.
  - The threads: Most that we were waiting for are here; the few remaining back-ordered colors will be shipped as available.
  - The pins: The charming pin sets are on their way across the pond and will be here very soon as well.

- **"Seasonal Biscornu"**

- Those of you waiting for yet another shipment of the Spring/Summer set have only a few more days to wait. The charts with accessories (threads + pins) are on their way from Ohio
- The Autumn/Winter version of this VERY popular project is scheduled for shipment to us a bit later in October.

- **DOVO scissors**

- Part of our June order arrived; another part went missing in a very damaged shipment and we're still jumping through hoops with the USPS and their International Shipping Department to resolve this ~ a few of the new rose gold handled reproductions are here ~ see further on in this newsletter
- Our order for the DOVO premies that we were so excited about at the June tradeshow are supposedly on their way in yet another shipment ~ you will be the first to know when they arrive! They are the PERFECT size for all of your needlecases and other smalls
- More of our MOST favorite scissors on the planet, the 3 1/2-inch black Teflon DOVO, are also on their way. We do not like to be out of these ever, but we are temporarily.
- Lastly, more of the 3 1/2-inch "Free on Board" travel scissors that DOVO manufactures are also on their way ~ these meet current TSA regulations, and I wouldn't be without mine!

### October's LADIES NIGHT OUT

Just a reminder that it's tonight, **Friday night!** Our lock-ins used to be on Saturday night, but we changed that sometime ago, so we don't want anyone showing up tomorrow night, only to find the doors locked and no one here. We open the doors at **7:00** and close up at **11:00**. Bring your appetites and your latest project(s) ~ or, if it's time to begin a new project, we can certainly help with that! We are currently full but if something unforeseen happens and a spot opens up, we will call those of you on the Waiting List as soon as possible.

### OctoberClasses



**Design Your Own French Alphabet**

#### Sampler

**Instructor: Jean**

**Class 1 of Three 2-Hr. Classes**

**Saturday, October 13, 11:00-1:00 p.m.**

**Fee: \$30**

Here is a photo of Shelly's completed sampler. Isn't it exquisite?! It is very satisfying for me to see such beautiful samplers emerge from this journey I've taken with a number of you. As you can see from the "L" sampler pictured above, I am still on the journey and will continue holding this class until it is completed. I hope you'll join us for this very fun project and be inspired by prior students' work. Any previous students with incomplete projects are welcome to audit the class at no additional fee; simply call to register.



**Punchneedle**

**One 2-Hr. Class**

**Instructor: Christy**

**Fee: \$50 (includes all materials)**

**Saturday, October 13, 10 - 12 Noon**

Another class setting and opportunity to learn this fun, easy, centuries-old technique. In the 2-hour class you should be able to complete your pumpkin pin. Your fee includes everything you need to get started: #3

Punchneedle, special locking hoop, design printed on weaver's cloth, and a threadkit. Christy will show you the technique and several of her finished models. This is a fast completion for some of your Holiday stitching.



**Flat Fold Finishing ~ One Class ~ Saturday, October 13, 1:30 - 4:30**

**p.m.**

**Instructor: Christy**

**Fee: \$40 (includes text & finishing materials)**

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 us (I hope to finally get to take this class ~ Yikes!) this finishing technique that is especially wonderful for Holiday (including patriotic and Halloween) 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.



( Actual size: 1 3/8 x 1 7/8)

**Stitching on Silk Gauze (& 40c Linen over 1) One 2-Hr. Class**

**Instructor: Jean**

**Fee: \$25**

**Saturday, October 20, 10 - 12 Noon**

Join us for this class and see how quick, easy, fun, and rewarding it is to stitch on 40c silk gauze (or 40c linen, as shown in the scan above). Create a design in nearly half the time because you're only doing half the number of passes of the needle! Included with your class fee is a *Threads Through Time* design of your choice, a mounted piece of 40c silk gauze, needles, and threader.

**Sampler Sunday**

**Instructor: Jean**

**Sunday, October 21, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Fee: \$10**

On this, the third Sunday in October, we will get together once again to spend the afternoon sampler-making, as I imagine was done hundreds of years ago whenever ladies got together in the parlor, only we will be in our classroom, and the topic for the day will be ??? ~ TBA. Please join us for a lovely Sunday afternoon with a wonderful group of ladies and gentleman, and bring your show-and-tell pieces to share, finished or in progress, that part of the afternoon that we all look forward to. **Please call to register.**



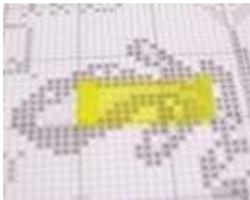
## Gingerbread Knotwork Saturday, October 27, 2 - 4 p.m.

**Instructor: Jean Fee: \$30**

Choose one of these very charming **Teresa Layman Designs**, or any of her other wonderful designs, and see how easy it is to make these lovely detailed designs using just two simple stitches: French Knots and Colonial Knots. Your class fee includes the chartpack of your choice (please specify when registering), the locking hoop, and the needles. You will need the floss of your choice to stitch the design: DMC, Anchor, or overdyed ~ Crescent Colours thread works beautifully! Overdyed threads add so much to the finished product, and if you're a regular reader of this e-newsletter, you already know how much I love Crescent Colours and the reasons why: fluffy, beautiful overdyed cotton with a beautiful sheen that stitches like a dream. On the day of class students may purchase the WhimZi frames as well as any other Teresa Layman Designs and threads at the 10% class discount.

## What's New in the Shop

New Tools/Accessories ~ and a book from *Anne Brown/The Goode Huswife*



- **HighlighterTape**, in 6 bold colors: Yellow, Green, Orange, Pink, Blue and Purple. I used this on my trip last weekend and even with turbulence never lost my place on my chart. It's a wonderful thing! Turning under each end provides "handles" for moving it from line to line as you stitch, and a roll of this tape should last a lifetime. I never had to take out a fresh piece the whole weekend. This is the best \$3 you'll spend in your stitching life!
- **Cell Mate**. Do you stitch in the car? Here's a new gadget to keep your scissors and other supplies at your fingertips with no more slipping or sliding! It clings to any dash, is temperature resistant, non-magnetic with no adhesives, and is washable and reusable. It obviously can hold your cell phone as well, thus its name. \$6



- **DOVO Scissors**. These are a reproduction of an over 100-year-old scissors that features beautiful rose gold handles, manufactured with the usual DOVO quality that we have come to love and expect! Engraved on the blade are the words "Victorian Treasure" ~ how very appropriate. \$69.



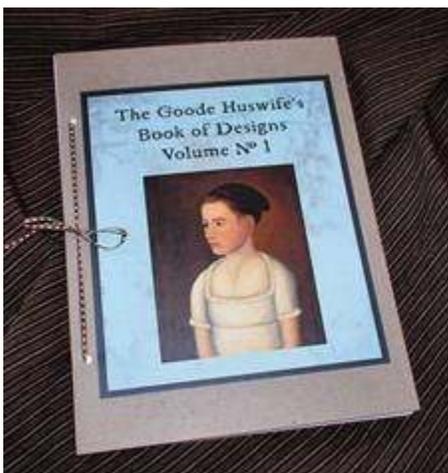
● **Special Halloween Threadpack.** Here's your chance to get a wonderful collection of very special limited edition Halloween colors from *The Thread Gatherer* in Silk 'n Colors: Corn Maze, Sleepy Hollow, Pumpkins & Black Cats, Pumpkin Pinata, Graymaulkin, and Frankenstein's Bride (great names, huh?) ~ as well as 4 mm Silk Ribbon in Frankenstein's Bride. This limited edition collection is specially priced at \$42. The scan of the collection is shown on 32c Flash *Colorscapes* linen, very Halloweeny!



Coming

● **from Kelmscott Designs:** These will be available next week at the on-line needlework show (Show dates: October 17 - 22 at <http://needleworkshow.com>) but here's a sneak preview of great things to come:

- Ackworth Coasters, in red or blue, cork-based (\$6 each) with a portion of the profits from the sale of these coasters going to the Ackworth School for their sampler conservation
- Tiny gold scissors called the Seaton scissors, 2 1/2 inches, perfect size for your huswives or needlecases, \$9.
- New needleminder, Hibiscus on black, which replaces two retiring needlemindes, the Bouquet on Black and the Hibiscus on Wedgewood, also \$9.



● From Anne

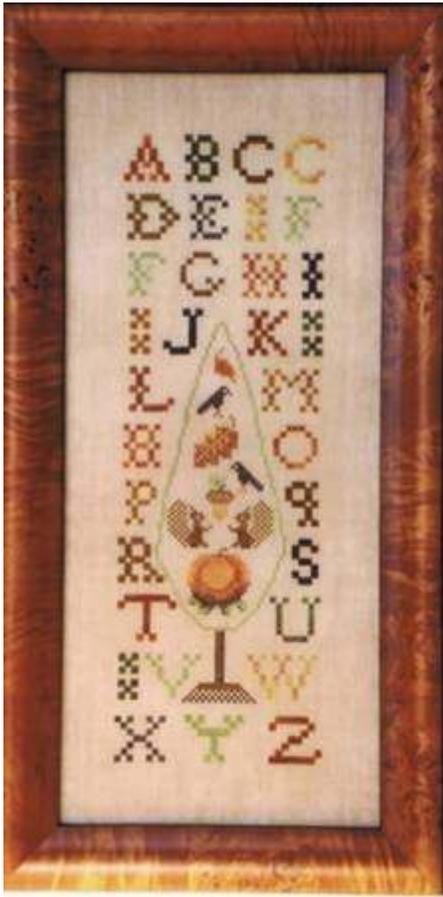
***Brown/The Good Huswife*** , a new publication that will be available at the Nashville Tradeshow! This is some of the most exciting news to come about in a long time for us sampler lovers. If you missed the opportunity to add these patterns to your collection when they were first available, here's a second chance ~ and we don't get many of those in our life. Anne has put together 10 charts, each one in a 9 x 12 envelope printed in color with the name of the design and the chart inside the envelope, a place for you to gather your linen and fibers so it's ready to stitch! The envelopes are bound together between a hard cover front and back, tied together with ribbon. Very nice presentation. The patterns included are: "With My Needle" (one of my favorites) ~ "Live Simply" (a motto that becomes more meaningful the older I get and the more complicated life becomes) ~ "A Primitive Bird" (I've always loved this one as well) ~ "Ellen Birdseye" (my all-time favorite because I love its verse, "All of my scattering moments are taken up with my needle ~ that's me!") ~ "Nine Patch" ~ the very popular "1798 Quaker Sampler" ~ "June Morning" (one of the most beautiful designs done on black ~ this will look great on Lakeside's Black Forest ~ I'm glad I waited for the perfect fabric) ~ "The Birth Sampler" (one of the best in this category as well, because of its verse: "One night as old St. Peter slept He left the door of heaven ajar When through a little angel crept And came down with a falling star." We loved this one so much that, for the first time in the history of the world, we made TWO shop models of the same design ~ soon we can get our models up again!) ~ "Mattie Graves' Quilt" ~ and, last but not least, "Elizabeth Easton" (a wonderful design based on several antique sampler styles that will look familiar to you). So, as you can see, this is quite a bargain at \$79 for all of these designs, some of which have sold on Ebay for over \$140! You may reserve your copy now, available in February, by making a deposit of \$40. We have a copy in the shop for anyone to see. [New Publications](#)

From [Midsummer Night Designs](#):

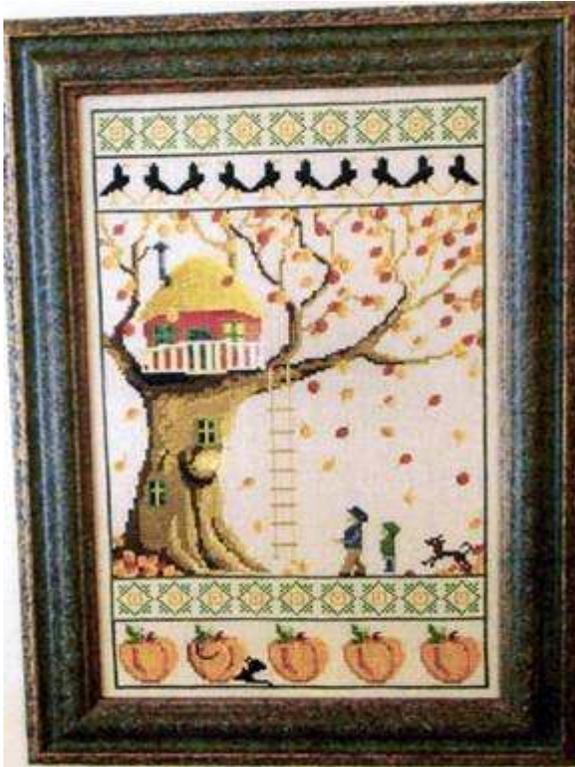


Deborah has just published yet another wonderful design for our stitching baskets, "Worlds Above" (\$9) ~ stitched on 40c Vintage Tundra, one of our favorites!

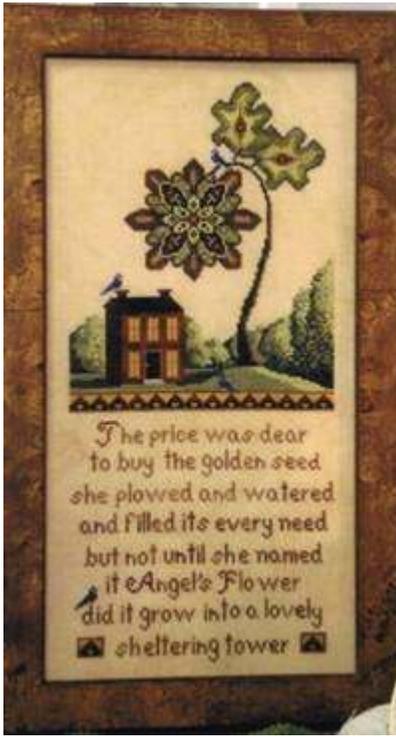
Four new ones from [The Gathering Place](#) ~ and two that are new to us, several new seasonal designs, some whimsical, some elegant: "Tree of Plenty" (\$10) with its alphabet stitched with a variety of stitches ~ "Night Creatures" (\$10) stitched with another of our favorites, hand-dyed [Crescent Colours](#) floss ~



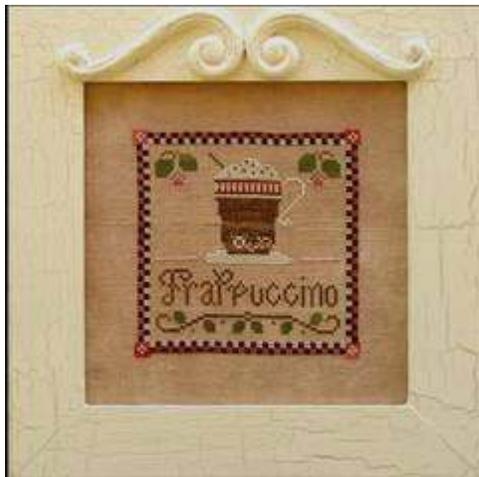
~and "Michael's Tree House" (\$10) ~ and "Noel" (\$9) stitched with a variety of hand-dyed cottons: Weeks, GA Sampler Threads, Crescent, and Valdani threads. If you haven't tried these, you should ~ we have them if you need them.



~and "Angel's Flower" (\$9) featuring a pastoral scene above a charming verse ~ and an ornament, "My Christmas Peacock" (\$6) ~ we've shown the NPI silks called for scanned on 40c Vintage Seastorm from *Lakeside Linens*.



New threadpacks from *Crescent Colours* in collaboration with:



*Little House*

*Needleworks*, "Frappuccino" (\$13/silk), next in the Coffee & Tea series ~ we show the threads scanned on 40c Vintage Exemplar from *Lakeside*



*Country Cottage*

*Needleworks*, "Rose" (\$12) in the Cottage Garden series ~ we show the threads scanned on our exclusive hand-dyed 29c Glenshee that we've named Croissant ~ over 1 this will fit sweetly in the Itty Bitty Tin Frame. I LOVE this one ~ I love roses, my favorite flower, as they were my mother's, so this will be stitched in her memory!



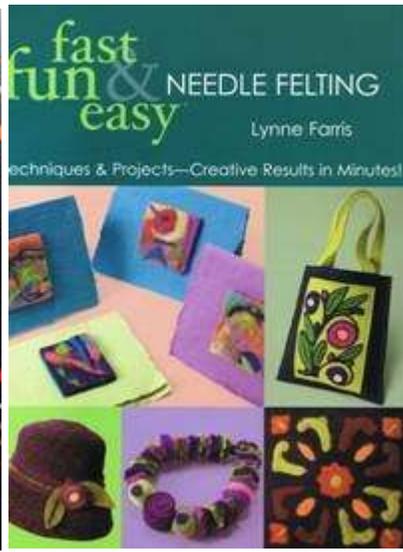
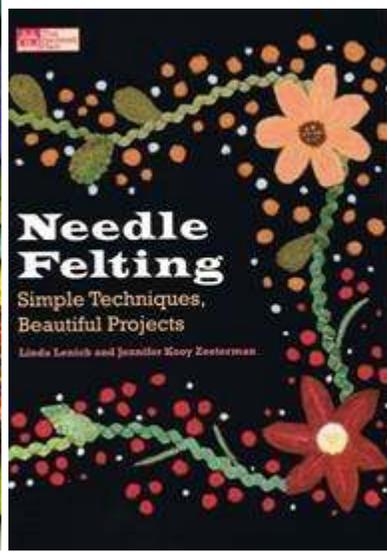
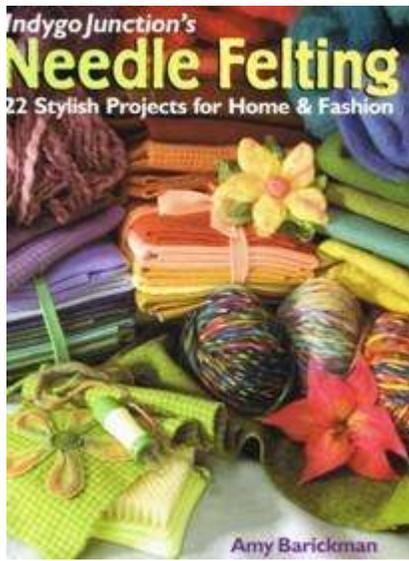
*Praiseworthy Stitches* , "Harvest Birds" (\$12) in their whimsical birds series ~ we show the threads scanned on 40c Vintage Sand Dune from *Lakeside Linens*.

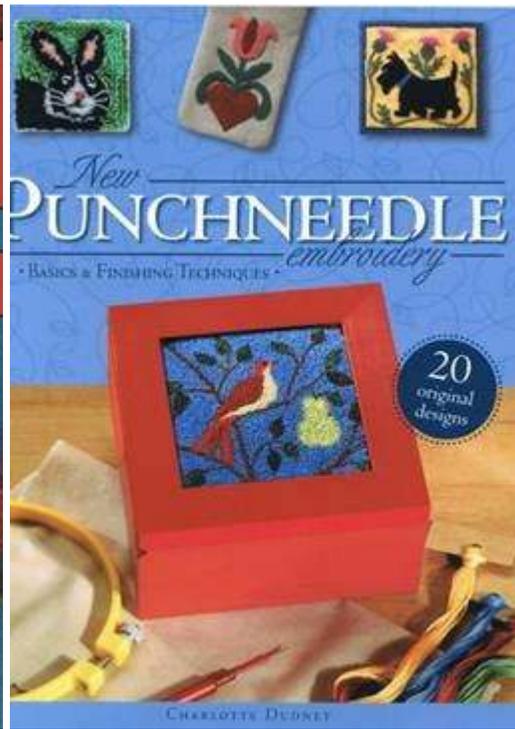
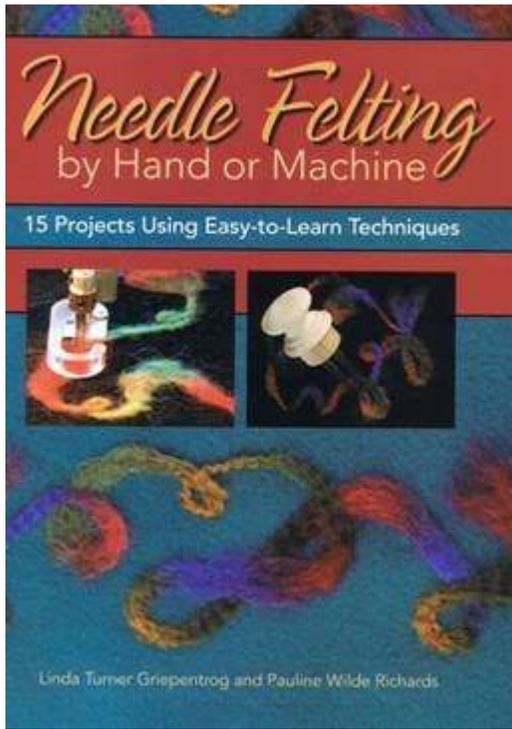


From *Ink Circles* and *Needlemania*: "Cottage Garden" (\$12) stitched with a beautiful shade of NPI ~ "Hawaiian Mandala Sampler" (\$12), very reminiscent of Hawaii's gorgeous quilts ~

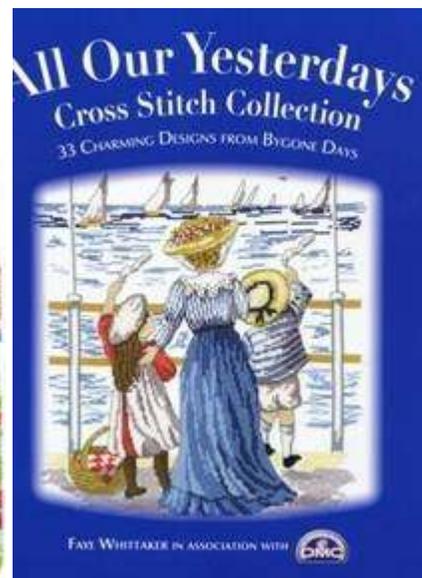
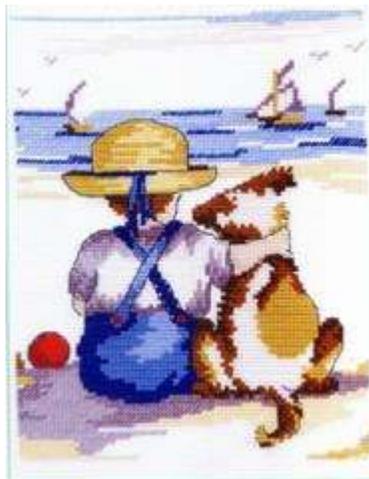


~ and, finally, someone with a sense of humor about our Quaker madness, "Quackworth 2007" (\$8), both versions stitched on beautiful Lakeside linens ~ and "Hanky Pysanky" (\$16) with a special bonus included in the chart: instructions for the 8-sided Biscornu and the matching scissors keeper!





Four new soft-cover books on needle felting - in order of appearance, \$24.95, \$14.95, \$14.95 and \$22.99 ~ and a new soft-cover book from Charlotte Dudney, "Punchneedle Embroidery" (\$21.95) ~ Charlotte is singularly responsible for the resurgence in this country of this centuries-old technique, and she has written a comprehensive guide to this exciting dimensional needleart. Included is everything you need to know about tools, threads, fabrics, and techniques as well as patterns and step-by-step instructions and finishing techniques.



A soft-cover DMC publication, "All Our Yesterdays" (\$19.99) features 33 charming designs from bygone days ~ I've shown just two that caught my attention as I paged through the book.

That's all for today. It promises to be a busy Friday with the pizza party this evening, salad and dessert yet to make, a Costco trip for some fresh fruit, off to the airport to pick up Sandy, and then time to get ready for tonight's festivities! So much for the lingering relaxed, laid-back feeling from last weekend's retreat that I was trying to keep in place in my life. It was a very special moment in time for me spent in beautiful Virginia ~ it wasn't yet Autumn, but still very lovely, the gorgeous Shenandoah Valley, which has to be one of the most beautiful places on God's earth. Friday's trip to the Waterford Folk Art Fair was most memorable, and Saturday and Sunday spent stitching and learning from Maggie, Alma, Barb, and Kathy was a real treat for me. Thank you, Tracy, for your Southern hospitality! And another special treat was meeting some needleworkers who I've only previously known in name only, as e-mail customers ~ it's always great to put

faces with names. Wonderful memories!



Enjoy your week.

Jean Lea

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