

THIS WEEKEND AT The Attic

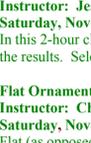
- **Tonight from 7:00-11:00 p.m., our Autumn Pizza Party**, with pizzas and chocolate and a little bit of healthy (Debra's delicious fruit salad) and a few more desserts, along with door prizes and blue-light specials. Bring a current stitching project, or start a new one ~ that's always fun, especially at a 10% discount.
- **CLASSES THIS WEEKEND:**

Angel in Disguise **One 2-Hr. Class**
Instructor: Christy **Fee: \$15**

Saturday, October 29, 10 - 12 Noon
 This Cheryl Schaeffer small canvas design features fabulous surface-design stitches using *Rainbow Gallery* threads and finishes into a wonderful ornament.

Punchneedle **One 2-Hr. Class**
Instructor: Christy **Fee: \$45 (includes all materials)**

Saturday, October 29, 2 - 4 p.m.
 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 method for some of your Holiday stitching.



LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER CLASSES

Stitching on Silk Gauze **One 2-Hr. Class**
Instructor: Jean **Fee: \$20 (includes Threads Through Time chart of your choice)**

Saturday, November 5, 10 - 12 Noon
 In this 2-hour class you will learn the special techniques for this fun, quick, and easy medium for your needleart, and you will be thrilled with the results. Select your design from our *Threads Through Time* inventory when preregistering.

Flat Ornament Finishing **One 2-Hr. Class**
Instructor: Christy **Fee: \$20 (includes finishing materials)**

Saturday, November 5, 10 - 12 Noon
 Flat (as opposed to puffy, pillow-like) ornament finishing is this class technique. Bring your stitched ornament and backing fabric, and the rest will be provided. Christy will show you how easy it is to finish your own. **This class is free to anyone finishing an auction ornament.**

Reversible Cross Stitch **One 4-Hr. Class**
Instructor: Linda **Fee: \$20**

Saturday, November 5, 1 - 5 p.m.
 In this four-hour class you will learn four reversible cross-stitch methods: the marking stitch, the Italian reversible, and two other methods. You can do this on either linen, evenweave, or aida; give us your choice when you register. Below is a scan of the front and the back. For those of you wanting to take this class as an "away" student, Linda has graciously agreed to accommodate that request. The fee is \$20, and all of the written materials will be mailed after next Saturday. Call to register.



MERRY COX WEEKEND ~ beginning Friday night through Sunday. Details are available on our Web site: www.atticneedlework.com/

Hem Stitching **One 2-Hr. Class**
Instructor: Linda **Fee: \$15**

Saturday, November 5, 10 - 12 Noon
 This is a wonderful way to finish both small and large items, everything from ornaments, napkins or placemats, as well as samplers. Learn this easy finishing technique on a doodle cloth linen that you may use as an example in the future. The linen will be provided.

OCTOBER'S SAMPLER OF THE MONTH



Only a few more days to save 15% on chart, fabric, and silk on October's Sampler of the Month from *Homespun Samplar*, "The Hunt Sampler" ~ our beautiful model is from Betsy's needle, done on 40c Vintage Light Exemplar from *Lakeside Linen* with Needlepoint, Inc. silk.

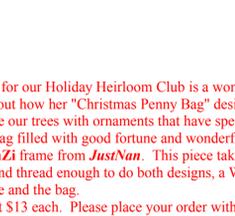
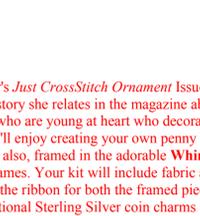
NOVEMBER'S SAMPLER OF THE MONTH

We had a different one all stitched, framed, and ready to go, but this week we received our shipment of the exquisite new design from *Nancy Boston/FourOaks Designs* ~ "A Love Song." This is so beautiful, it deserves an immediate place in the spotlight. After her release of "Rhapsody in Blue" and our newsletter write-up, Nancy very kindly sent me a working copy of this so that I could have our model ready by the time this design was published. Well, that was in hindsight too optimistic on my part, so for the first time ever, I believe, we do not have a framed, in-shop model of our Sampler of the Month, only a very small part of it stitched ~ a scan of how far I got in between the "Berlin Woolwork Sampler" and a few others is here. Nancy chose Needlepoint, Inc. 226, my very favorite red in that line (the color used in our Attic Limited Edition Kit of "Home of the Brave"), and her model is stitched on 32c *Lakeside Linens* Vintage Light Exemplar. My version also uses NPI 226 (you'll need a hank of it) on *Lakeside's* 40c Vintage Fawn.

Have you ever seen such an exquisite border, with its hearts and birds and flourishes? This well-balanced design also features a beautiful upper- and lower-case alphabet and several gorgeous floral/vase combinations, other frises (I'm practicing my French for our visitors who are coming soon), and two beautiful medallions. This design is simply irresistible, and I know your needles will be restless until you can put silk to linen on this one. You may even get it finished in time for Valentine's Day 2006. Save 15% during November on the chart, silk, and linen.



Here, to refresh your recollection, are Nancy's predecessor designs ~ and also Rhonda Moon's beautiful version of "Rhapsody" on 40c Vintage *Lakeside* linen in a periwinkle blue thread from *The Thread Gatherer*:



NOVEMBER PSC DISCOUNTS

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

- All bags ~ Yazzi, Hug Me, etc.
- Au Ver A'Soie silks
- All Christmas designs/kits

HOLIDAY HEIRLOOM CLUB

The next ornament that we're kicking up from this year's *Just CrossStitch Ornament* Issue for our Holiday Heirloom Club is a wonderful design by Charland Garvin of *Charland Designs, Inc.* The story she relates in the magazine about how her "Christmas Penny Bag" design came to be is a charming and inspiring holiday treat for all of us who are young at heart who decorate our trees with ornaments that have special meaning. As Charland says in her article in closing, "I hope you'll enjoy creating your own penny bag filled with good fortune and wonderful memories." Charland shows her design a second way also, framed in the adorable *WhimZi* frame from *JustNan*. This piece takes literally minutes to frame in these wonderful little *WhimZi* frames. Your kit will include fabric and thread enough to do both designs, a *WhimZi* frame, one Sterling Silver Christmas coin charm, and the ribbon for both the framed piece and the bag.

Kit Price, \$33 ~ additional frames at \$12 each ~ additional Sterling Silver coin charms at \$13 each. Please place your order within the next week, by e-mail or toll-free phone call, so that we may get the necessary supplies.

The last kit was hugely popular, requiring a second shipment of pillow ornaments. We are just completing the mailing of the last of the orders for that "Holly Noel" ornament. **More *Homespun Elegance* pillow ornaments are available at \$14 each.**



BREAST CANCER SILENT AUCTION

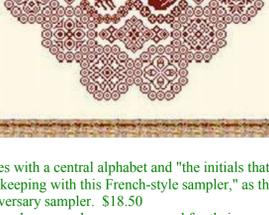
Our 8th Annual Silent Auction for Breast Cancer Research is three weeks away ~ **Saturday, November 19, 6 - 8 p.m.** We have been receiving so **beautiful** donations, including 60+ ornaments from the **Orange Coast Sampler Guild**, a group that annually contributes very generously to this project, and this year they've outdone themselves. Thank you, dear friends in OCSG and especially Nita Brock, who provides them with gentle reminders all year long about this event. I've been promising the past several weeks to include scans or photos, and because of my being gone so much these past few weeks, it hasn't happened. Next week I will try to send an Auction Newsletter, with photos of all the donations thus far. Select items will be featured to give all of you an opportunity to participate, if you wish, by bidding on these beautiful handmade creations.

NEW IN THE SHOP ~

~ since we last talked about this ~ wow! Where to begin?! It's been a sampler lover's bonanza, with more on their way.

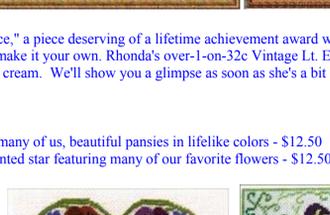
From *Abbey Lane Designs*, two wonderful new motif samplers, one monochromatic, one very colorful, both very beautiful:

- "Cantata" - \$9
- "A New Beginning" - \$10

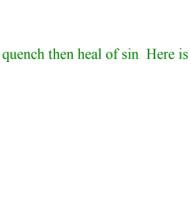
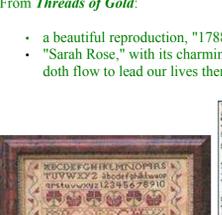


From *Papillon Creations*, several very special samplers, all of which include the thread requirements:

- For all of you history buffs, this chart contains wonderful historical highlights from the life of this most fascinating royal figure as well as motifs with historical significance and explained by the designer. The sampler concludes with the very poignant "In my end is my beginning," the saying that Mary embroidered on her cloth of estate while imprisoned in England. Go to <http://www.marie-stuart.co.uk/Marieregina.htm> to read more about this fascinating woman. "Mary Queen of Scots" - \$17
- Depicted in color on the chart, we've shown you the monochromatic version, which accentuates the Quaker influence with its eight-sided motifs. "Eightsome Reel" - \$10



- "Three Little Words" stitched in two shades with a central alphabet and "the initials that spell out the three little words which are most important to any family and "in French in keeping with this French-style sampler," as the designer explains in the chart. The design would make a wonderful wedding or anniversary sampler. \$18.50
- "Flamenco" with its inspiration from Spain where samplers are renowned for their delicate gacy progression of border bands - \$9
- "Alphabet Blue" contains a beautiful alphabet with each letter surrounded by a delicate lacey frame ~ beautiful for monograms or grouped, however you decide to use them. Choose your favorite color of silk as a stunning decorative accent for your home. \$25



- From *Anagram*, "Sampler Renaissance," a piece deserving of a lifetime achievement award when it is finished, shown in red and white ~ but if red's not your favorite color, make it your own. Rhonda's over-1-on-32c Vintage Lt. Exemplar is stunningly beautiful in a *Thread Gatherer* dark green silk with cream. We'll show you a glimpse as soon as she's a bit further along. \$28

From Der feine Faden:

- "Lovely Little Pansies," a favorite of many of us, beautiful pansies in lifelike colors - \$12.50
- "Eight Flowers," a beautiful eight-pointed star featuring many of our favorite flowers - \$12.50



From *Homespun Samplar*, "Nellie's Garden Revisited" - \$10

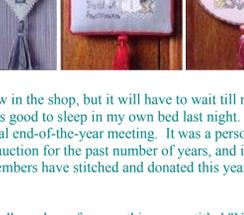
From *Threads of Gold*:

- a beautiful reproduction, "1788 Scottish" - \$13
- "Sarah Rose," with its charming verse: "Here is the spring where waters flow to quench then heal of sin Here is the tree where truth doth flow to lead our lives therein" - \$13



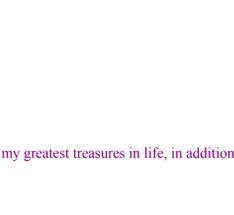
From two of our "own" Tucson designers:

- Calling all cat and dog lovers, *Little House Needleworks* has two charming new designs in their *Piece of Cake!* line, "Dog House Sampler" and "Kitty Cottage Sampler" \$5 each
- And from *Midsummer Night Designs*, "Deflity Wrought," with charming tiny samplers above this sampler's wonderful verse that each one of us can relate to



And from our resident designer of nearby Paradise Valley, Sandie Vanosdall at *The Sweetheart Tree*, LOTS of new designs. To see the details about these designs and view enlarged photos, go to Sandie's Web site at <http://www.thesweethearttree.com/new.html> It's obvious that, in spite of the long, hot summer, our Southwest desert air continues to have a positive and prolific impact on Sandie with her beautiful inspirations:

- "Fleurs de Provence" + embellishments - \$15
- "Lavender Luminescence" Teenie Kit - \$18
- "Potpourri Heart" Teenie Kit - \$18
- "Teenie Grapes Fob" - \$8
- "Holliday Holly Fob" - \$8
- "Blue Bargello Fob" - \$8
- "In the Meadow" Knob Knocker Kit - \$17
- "Hush ... Baby Sleeps" Knob Knocker Kit - \$17



I'm sorry to say that I have run out of time for today. There's more new in the shop, but it will have to wait till next time. I'm happy to say that I'm home to stay till a short trip to Wisconsin for Thanksgiving. It was good to sleep in my own bed last night. Two weekends ago I had the pleasure of being with the Orange Coast Sampler Guild for their annual end-of-the-year meeting. It was a personal privilege for me to meet so many of the OCSG members who have so generously donated to our auction for the past number of years, and it was thrilling for all of us to view the beautiful tree decorated with the 60+ ornaments that their members have stitched and donated this year to our Breast Cancer Research Auction. Photos of these will be coming your way soon.

Then last weekend I was privileged to attend Winterthur's biennial needlework conference, this year entitled "Needles and Haystacks ~ Pastoral Imagery in American Needlework." Informative lectures in the morning each day, and workshops and tours in the afternoon. The tour to the Chester County Historical Society's Museum on Friday afternoon, where on display was Ann Marsh's original sewing roll dating from the late 1700's, was a fabulous prelude to the class taught by Joanne Harvey the next evening, her beautiful reproduction of this exquisite piece of needlework. I felt privileged to be in attendance, and it was grand seeing many other sampler lovers and friends there as well.

And then on Monday after getting back from Delaware I went off to Surprise, a suburb northeast of Phoenix where Grandma Jean relieved Grandma Billie, who had been baby-sitting our grandchildren since Ralph and Amy left for Costa Rica several days before. While the children were in school, I headed over to the shop for a few hours and then back to pick them up after school, and then it was homework, dinner, baths, reading, prayers, and good-night! I'm not sure who was happier to see Ralph and Amy come back, me or Tyler and Hannah. I was exhausted! Here's a photo of them on the phone to Costa Rica yesterday morning. You can tell that they're very happy it's time for Mommy and Daddy to come back. Tyler made his mother promise they wouldn't go away again until he and Hannah are in college!

Have a great week! Thank you for your patronage and your friendship. It is one of my greatest treasures in life, in addition to those two smiling faces.

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